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Dear Parent/Carer,



Thank you so much for your generosity at Harvest time this year. As you know,

your donations will go to the Trussell Trust Food Bank. This is a UK-wide anti-poverty charity whose mission is to ensure that no one has to rely on a food bank to survive. Until that happens, Trussell provides emergency food and practical support to people in their hardest moments. 1 in 4 children under 5 face hunger in the UK, which seems unbelievable. Your donations will make a real difference.

Wednesday is a busy day for two of our year groups - Year 3 are off to Chelmsford Museum for the day, which I am sure they will enjoy and our Year 5 children are getting very excited for their residential trip to Grafham - two nights away with three days of fun activities, including water sports - we can't wait to hear all about it!

On Thursday, we wished a fond farewell to one of our wonderful swimming teachers, Miss Rose. She has been terrific, but is off to a new challenge and a full time role teaching swimming. We wish her all the best!

Have a super week!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Online Gaming

We seem to be having more and more issues when online gaming at home which is then causing friendship problems in school. Whilst we can talk to children about online safety, we are in a tricky position when it comes to talking to them about specific issues which have happened at home as we cannot investigate these.

Included with the newsletter is a fact sheet from the National College on setting boundaries for gaming. This is one of many facts sheets and training videos available through this platform. You can access this by clicking on this link:-

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/thundersley-primary-school>

Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place by 31st October 2025. To register your choice please visit:-

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Attendance

For the week ended 10th October 2025 there were eight classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 98.7%.

We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	92.0%
Dragonflies	93.1%
Butterflies	98.1%
Rabbits	97.2%
Ladybirds	98.7%
Robins	93.7%
Fireflies	97.2%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	93.6%
Sparrows	92.1%
Ants	96.9%
Kestrels	97.7%
Badgers	97.4%
Squirrels	98.4%
Whole School	95.9%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

LADYBIRDS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

97%

Boys' Football Tournament



On Thursday, our Year 5/6 Football Team travelled to Waterside for our annual SSP Football Tournament. It was a cracking day of

football as the boys were super competitive with lots of brilliant football at the event! The boys won 1, drew 2 and lost 1 in the group which saw them exit in the group stage. The team played an additional friendly against Jotmans Hall, who they beat 2-1. Goals throughout the day came from: Mason Wheeler x2 and Ed Payne x1. Well done to all the boys who went, they are improving every game they play together! Ethan Fitzmaurice (Squirrels) describes the tournament below:-

"I thought it was really fun. We scored in the first match and we went on to win the game. Unluckily we got kicked out in the third group stage. I played goalie for most of the tournament and defence in one match. I prefer playing goalie because I used to play in goal when I played football outside of school. I think we played pretty well as a team after a few training sessions. I'm looking forward to playing in the next match if I can."





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EYFS Sponsored Number Hunt – Parent/Carer Involvement Session



On Tuesday, it was the turn of our very youngest children to share an afternoon with their parents/carers looking for

numbers around the school as part of a sponsored event. Luckily the weather was kind and everyone had a lovely time outside. Omaris Blackman (Dragonflies) and Ruby Eldridge (Chipmunks) give their respective accounts of their afternoon below:-

"I played in the playground in the garden at school. I went onto the field and saw two daddy long legs matching together and I went on the gym train and I went bug hunting. I found some numbers. I liked my mumma coming in." (Omaris Blackman)

"I looked for acorns and natural things for Miss Bridge with my daddy. Then I came back to the teacher and I put the natural stuff in the tray and then she gave me something else to do on my clipboard. We looked for lots of numbers. Then



we went to class and had a bit of a snack. I was really happy for daddy to come in. Daddy said "Oh, so this is our classroom." (Ruby Eldridge)

Netball Season Starts



Thundersley played their first game in the Girls' Netball League on Friday, beginning their campaign with a solid 9-1 win against Canvey Junior School. The Year 6 girls involved were all so excited to compete and for many it was their first taste of competitive netball, having completed a unit in Year 6 PE lessons. They played the game with pleasing confidence - passing and moving quickly and creating lots of shooting opportunities. Hi 5 rules meant that they all rotated through different roles, gaining valuable experience across the court. All in - a super start - well done girls! Many thanks to the parents/carers who came and supported so positively. Olivia Oswald gives her account of the first game of the season below:-

"At the start, I went in defence and we were defending loads of shots and then some of us swapped to goal shooter and goal attack and we scored 2 goals all together. Then it went onto the second quarter and there were 2 goals and they scored 1 in the second quarter. Then in the third quarter, we were defending it very well but we missed quite a lot of shots. Then in the fourth quarter, another two of us scored another 4 goals and then at the last bit, Rosie scored 1 and then the whistle blew and it ended 9-1 to us. I enjoyed the game a lot as it was the first game I have played in for the school and at the end, after the match, we all went into a room and there were cookies and drinks.

I'm looking forward to the mixed match in a couple of weeks."

Charity Kindness

Isla Jacobs in Sparrows loves gifting and raising money for charity. Isla recently decided she would like to raise money for Little Havens which is a



charity close to her family and ran a bracelet stall selling a variety of snap bands, clay beads and loom bands. Isla also made cupcakes with her Nan for the visitors. A family friend volunteers at Little Havens so Isla and her mum approached them to get a collection pot and a banner. Isla managed to raise the magnificent sum of £261.49 on the day and a few children and their parents from school visited the stall or donated. Isla is now awaiting her certificate from Little Havens. Isla said "I'm very proud to be able to help children who need it and thank you to everyone who donated."

Well done Isla, what a lovely thing to do for this worthwhile cause. No wonder you are very proud!



Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Henry Wise Bell (Bears)
Tommy Pellett (Bears)





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Olivia Oswald (Squirrels)
Lola Tucker (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Isobel Hawkins

Year 5:- Olivia Cable and Arbie Beswick

Year 4:- Ava Macdonald and Rex Bilkey

Year 3:- Kyla O'Malley and Stanley Leer

Year 2:- Arthur Lloyd and Mason Wright

Year 1:- Henry Underdown and Finley Ashwell

EYFS:- Arthur Connor and Rosie Richards

Playground Stars of the Week

Oscar Wooden, Harry Robinson, Taylor Dwyer-St-Pier, Ava Macdonald, Felicity Bowman, Luna Galley, Ava Moorcraft, Olivia Lopes, Hudson Barber, Eli Waiwaiku, Rosie Selby, Zach Jackson and Eijah Dove

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	6405
Red Arrows	5649
Green Dragons	5207
Blue Dolphin	5148



Well done Golden Eagles!

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the



eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.

Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club



We offer a Breakfast Club (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to

6.00pm) each day.

If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please either speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office or email her directly on:-



Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk

Treetops:-

The weather is looking good again this week so the children will be able to enjoy the outside area but, should they wish to stay indoors, there will be activities relating to Global Handwashing Day (15th) and World Food Day (16th).

Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,
15-17 Kents Hill Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.
Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting (AGM) is on Monday, 10th November 2025 in the White Hart at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the PTA and making a real difference to our school, please just pop along! Everyone is welcome.

Community News

Castle Point Girl Guiding

The Leaders of Castle Point Girl Guiding would like to advise that they have spaces in many of their units and would like to invite anyone interested in joining them (girls aged 5 to 10 years) for skill learning, challenge busting fun, crafting, adventures, making new friends and lots more activities. Girl Guiding is known to shape many of our members into confident young women and can even make a difference on a job C.V. and other channels. Girls in Guiding are up to 23% more confident in the UK on average, and 3 times more likely to have done something good for their local community or environment. To sign up please register at:-

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/

Barracudas - October Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

CSC Gymnastics Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.





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Camp Epic October Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Essex Fire Museum - Halloween Open Days

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

27/10/25 to 31/10/25 - Half Term
22/12/25 to 02/01/26 - Christmas Break
05/01/26 - Start of the Spring Term
16/02/26 to 20/02/26 - Half Term
30/03/26 to 10/04/26 - Easter Break
13/04/26 - Start of the Summer Term
04/05/26 - Bank Holiday
25/05/26 to 29/05/26 - Half Term
17/07/26 - Last Day of the Summer Term
(due to non-pupil day on 20/07/26)

*******NON PUPIL DAYS*******

24/10/25
24/11/25
23/02/26
20/07/26

