



# Newsletter No. 13

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Dear Parent/Carer,



Our Christmas performances started on Saturday, when children from our wonderful Choir had the opportunity to represent the school and perform three of their favourite Christmassy songs at the Music School concert. The Music School is held each Saturday morning, here at school and offers musical tuition to children from KS2 onwards. In the concert, we were treated to performances from beginners to maestros on the trumpet, saxophone, piano, guitar and drums. We even spotted three of our Thundersley pupils - Emily, Eli and Mila who were involved in a performance of 'We will rock you' playing drums, ukuleles and toots. Wonderful! Mrs West, Mrs Pavitt and all parents and grandparents who came along were very proud.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all at our EYFS and KS1 nativity performances this week. If you are yet to pick up your tickets, they are available from the school office.

Have a super week.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

## **Safeguarding - Advice for parents about Snapchat**

Spapchat is intended for children 13+, but we know there are lots of children already using this app. Snapchat has developed a family safety hub which explains how the app works and how to use it's in app protections.

<https://parents.snapchat.com/?lang=en-GB>

A leaflet with advice for parents on Snapchat is also attached to the newsletter.

## **Online Safety**

The 2 Johns will be back on Thursday, 11th December 2025 at 8.00pm with one of their popular online sessions. This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season. Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via [this link](#).

Young people do not differentiate the real world from the virtual world in the way that adults do. The resources and information on this page will provide information around staying safe online. If a child has been a victim of online exploitation - remember they are NEVER to blame. Make sure to comfort them, be supportive and help them address the issues they have encountered.

Adults can help children and young people to stay safe by creating an environment in which they feel able to speak openly about things they have seen online and about concerns they may have. This can be done by:

- creating good internet habits
- limiting screen time
- avoiding devices at dinnertime/bedtime
- talking and showing an active interest in what children are doing online - let them share what they're playing or looking at with you.

## **EYFS/Reception Admissions for September 2026**

Please note that the Primary School admissions for EYFS/Reception places for September 2026 are now open. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) and the closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Please note that even if your child has a sibling at your chosen school, you still need to apply

online by the above deadline.

## **Attendance**

For the week ended 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 there were four classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Owls who achieved 98.3%.

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:-

	Week
Chipmunks	95.7%
Dragonflies	92.6%
Butterflies	91.0%
Rabbits	94.5%
Ladybirds	98.0%
Robins	97.3%
Fireflies	95.3%
Owls	98.3%
Bears	96.1%
Sparrows	93.8%
Ants	97.2%
Kestrels	96.0%
Badgers	95.2%
Squirrels	95.0%
Whole School	95.4%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**OWLS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

**97%**





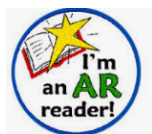
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## Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 5<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025:-

This week:-



## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Squirrels - 1,817,259  
2<sup>nd</sup> Badgers - 1,036,005  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 530,641

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Fireflies - 55  
2<sup>nd</sup> Squirrels - 42  
3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 37

We would like to congratulate Charlie Baker in Ants on becoming a word millionaire. Well done Charlie!

## Polite Reminders

### On Site Safety

It has come to our attention that children are playing on the school trim trail/tyres etc. before and after school. To comply with the risk assessments and health and safety requirements only our school staff can supervise the children. Your children must not use our play equipment without a member of staff present.

Please note that children must not scooter or cycle anywhere on the school site for the safety of others. Children should dismount at the gate and walk the cycle or scooter to the shelter unless, of course, you are taking it home with you.

Please note that children must not play football or use remote controlled cars in the playgrounds before and after school too.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the children safe.

## Netball update



The Year 6 Mixed and Girls' league campaigns are continuing to progress as we approach the Christmas break.

The Mixed team played a home fixture against Montgomerie which included a number of Year 6 children playing their first competitive game. As a team they showed fantastic passing and movement, quickly getting the ball into shooting positions. The final score was 11 - 0 to Thundersley.

The Girls' team first had a chilly visit to William Read on Canvey. Again, strong attacking interplay was the order of the day, with different girls scoring in each of the four quarters. Thundersley ran out 17 - 5 winners. The final fixture of the last few weeks was a brilliant battle with Winter Gardens who brought strong, highly competitive girls. Thundersley rose to the challenge, defending space and marking players tightly. Patient passing through the central third and fast movement in the attacking semi-circle created good scoring opportunities that Thundersley took confidently - meaning that the final score was Thundersley 7 - Winter Gardens 2. Lily Crawford's gives her experience of the game below:-

"As we started the first quarter against Winter Gardens, the whistle blew and we ran fierce and strong. It was a real battle, but every game we play we just get better and stronger, especially with passes. Our defenders were staying tight with the other team and our attackers were getting free and ready to catch the ball. After it

was over it felt like we won a big battle and the score was 7-2 to us! Go Thundersley!"

## Picture News from Antarctica

On Friday, Year 2 children enjoyed the World's first LIVE assembly from Antarctica! We listened to Rob Swan 'The Ice Man' who is currently taking part in scientific research in Antarctica. He spoke about the importance of Antarctica for science, peace and wildlife. We loved the assembly and are all going to try to help Antarctica 'The Great White Queen' to remain the coldest, driest, windiest continent on Earth. All children who were part of the assembly will receive a special certificate, showing their participation!

## Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Louella Church and Alisia Pjetra

Year 5:- Albert O'Connell and Lucas Bartrup

Year 4:- Isla Jacobs and Toby Keeler

Year 3:- Alois Pjetra and Jack Bush

Year 2:- Nancy Walters and Eleanor Page

Year 1:- Phoenix Teanby and Leo Watts

EYFS:- Ayva Taylor and Stanley Hunt



## Playground Stars of the Week

Edward Payne, Lucy Sutherland, Harry South, Ronny Reid, Preston Hooper, Henry Wise Bell, Arnie Higgs, Isla Lake, Thomas Warren, Ronni Morris, Edward Thorne, George Crawford and Harvey Ruggles

## Treetops Star of the Week

Annie-Jean Potter

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Tommy Pellett - Bears





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Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	4736
Golden Eagles	4511
Green Dragons	3888
Blue Dolphins	3849



Well done Red Arrows!

## THUNK



If you were an elf, what would your elf name be?

## 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.robustmat.co.uk](mailto:Katie.Hayward@tps.robustmat.co.uk)

Treetops this week:-

The children have been having a great time at Treetops and the next couple of weeks will be no different with the continuation of Christmas themed activities for those that wish to join in. All the usual play equipment and games will still be accessible too.

## 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](http://www.pennuk.com)

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

[www.daniellessshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellessshop.co.uk)

## PTA

## Next Meeting - AGM

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm in the White Hart. If you would like to join the PTA, they would love to see you there. Everyone will be welcomed!

## Community News

### Christmas Tree Appeal

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

### Future Term Dates

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\*\*\*\*

23/02/26

20/07/26