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26th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was all about performing arts at Thundersley last week with nearly 100 children performing at the Palace Theatre!

Our Year 4 dance troupe loved their venture into the Dance Festival. They performed beautifully and loved all the extras that came with being part of the show.

Our choir and Dance club were a great hit at BATICs got Talent our annual event celebrating dance, music and drama across Benfleet, Thundersley and Hadleigh and raising money to support our children. We were all extremely proud of every single child on that stage!

Each year, we choose to send as many children as we can to these events as part of our Robus promise to enable children who want to experience the joy of performing on a stage. In Year 6, the children also have the opportunity to perform at The Deanes Theatre for their leavers show.

We could not do this if it wasn't for the dedication and good will of our wonderful staff. Mrs West and Mrs Pavitt with the choir and the wonderful Miss Lane who teaches dance to all our children each year. She is the most wonderful teachers and choreographer who we are so lucky to have. Thanks also to Mr Jetten, Mrs Watts and Mrs Farmer for giving the children the opportunity.

Everyone has a talent and at Thundersley, we aim to help our children find theirs through our enrichment activities.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 23rd January 2026 there were four classes who achieved

97% attendance or above. Well done to Kestrels who achieved 99.7%.

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.

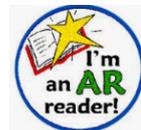
Attendance figures:-

	Week
Chipmunks	94.4%
Dragonflies	95.5%
Butterflies	89.0%
Rabbits	90.3%
Ladybirds	97.0%
Robins	95.9%
Fireflies	94.7%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	90.7%
Sparrows	92.1%
Ants	94.5%
Kestrels	99.7%
Badgers	98.4%
Squirrels	88.7%
Whole School	94.1%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
KESTRELS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2025 - 2026 is:
97%

Accelerated Reader



For the week ended 23rd January 2026:-

Quizzes

Bears 27
Fireflies 31
Kestrels 16

Word Count

Kestrels 755,936
Bears 276,515
Owls 219,408

Charities Sale Final Total

Wow! As you know, before the Christmas break the Years 5 and 6 children held a Charities Sale in aid of different charities and we are very pleased to say, after a lot of counting of coins, the total raised was a huge **£1,860.08**. Well done to everyone involved and for everyone's support providing change for the children to be able to purchase the goods. Please see the list below of who raised the money and where it will go!

Cancer Research

- Harley Punt £62.08
- Maison Alsela
- Jude White
- George Mataj £27.46
- Alex Muir
- Mason Major
- Harry Hills
- Ruby Moorcraft £21.67
- Olivia Cable
- Kitty McCombe £20.38
- Arbie Beswick £108.01
- Tyler Lynch
- Harry Burns
- Eleanor Henry £33.67
- Millie smith
- Lily Crawford





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Elsie May £34.12
Darcey Gayler

Joshua Sandford £71.10
Ethan Fitzmaurice
Cooper Kenrick
Patrick Ridgwell

Shelter

Trisha Patel £40.39
Ella Abbott

Eva-Mei Redmond £87.70

Taylor Dwyer-St-Pier £31.99
Isabelle Hawkins
Bella-Nicole Arscott

Scarlett-Grace Cater £75.83
Rosie Mann
Esme Murphy
Isla Bedford
Melis Balci

RNLI

Evie Barber £ 6.26
Ricky Van Der Fransen

Briar Bilkey £73.28
Dior Sellick
Ruby Betts

Henry Hogsden £42.50
Kody Hearne
Oscar Wooden
Finley Barber
Stanley Evers
Jacob Nevill

Stanley Evers £16.13
Henry Walters

MacMillan Cancer Support

Penny Lawrence £99.80
Saskia Lawledge-Scott

Gold Geese

Isla Reeves £78.15
Lola Tucker
Olivia Oswald

Daisy Avison £57.18
Darcey Rowland
Olivia Dean

Shark Trust

Albie Clark £20.47
Teddy Richards
Oliver Rees

Salvation Army

Harry Robinson £61.65
Harry Molloy
Leo Jackson
Albert O'Connell
Reggie Collins

Dogs' Trust

Louis Seymour £39.12
Mason Wheeler
Harry South

Lacey-Belle Fenemore £29.16
Esme Campbell
James Painter

Lucas Bartrup £10.96
Norman Wheeler
Alfie Seymour

Hermione Delf £33.39
Emily Duggan
Evelyn Deal

Ella McGeown £74.15

Evelina Hospital & Dogs' Trust

Sophia England-Cowen £89.94
Quinn Godfrey

RSPCA & Dogs' Trust

Jenson Main £114.69
Henry Grover
Henry Walters
Toby Sutherland
Zachariah Sanders-Mackey Couch

RSPCA

Elsie Thompson £34.28

Great Ormond Street Hospital

Mia Birch £17.83
Nellie Gaskin
Felicity Warren

Down Syndrome Association

Charlie Elliott £58.49
George Elliott
Ollie Smith

Renley Baker £ 3.44

Jeremy D'Aleo £15.64
Ronny Reid
Alfie Carrington
Aiden Clarke

Daniel Arram £48.75
Charlie Baker
Oliver Giles

Children in Need

Lacey-Belle Fenemore £15.90
Esme Campbell
James Painter

Emily Clayton £22.86

Mind Mental Health Association

£ 8.75

The Hub at TPS

Florence Rawles £98.29

Charity to be decided

Lucy Sutherland £74.62
Isobel Hawkins
Emily Harvey

Christmas Charity Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our charity collections at the EYFS Nativity, the KS1 Christmas Production and the KS2 Carols on the Playground. The following amounts were raised:-

EYFS Nativity £301.17





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KS1 Christmas Production £268.61
KS2 Carols £328.67

A grand total of **£898.45** which is just amazing!

Brilliant Boccia!

After winning the district competition, Thundersley's top Boccia team had a grand day out to Harlow last week, to compete in the County Finals! Thundersley lined up against 17 other winning schools from all over the county and played with pride, positivity and considerable skill! As the rounds progressed the groups were



shuffled and re-shuffled many times, and although Team TPS didn't make the final group of four schools playing for gold, they won many games over the course of the morning and stayed determined and focussed throughout. They represented the school and our sport partnership superbly and Mr Yorston and Mr Wilson were incredibly proud of them. Zachariah Sanders-Mackey Couch (Squirrels) gives details of the event below:-

"It was very exciting but I was thinking am I going to win or not. We started practicing and it went well for us. After that, it was the start of the finals. We had a white ball called a jack and then some red balls and some blue balls. Someone has to throw the jack down the green and then we chose a colour by doing Rock, Paper, Scissors. Then we decided how we would send the ball down the green. If the jack was far away, we rolled the ball, if it was nearer, we flicked the ball up from under our arm and it dropped instead of rolled. The winner was the person who gets the ball closest to the

jack. The distance was measured by feet. If it was one foot the team gets 1 point and if it was 2 feet it is half a point. We won lots of matches but we had to wait for the final results. I thought the whole event was brilliant and I enjoyed it lots. I'd like to carry on playing it."



Dance Festival

On Thursday a group of children visited the Palace Theatre for the annual Dance Festival with other local schools. Our Dance Troupe had been practicing their dance routine for a few weeks with Miss Lane and had a wonderful time showcasing their talent. Rey Higgs (Sparrows) tells of her exciting experience below:-

"We have been practicing for around 6 weeks every Wednesday and when we went to the Theatre on Thursday we had to sit in these really long rows of chairs waiting for our performance to start. When it was us, we had to go through the exit door and went round to the back stage and we came on and did our dance. I had a bit of nerves and butterflies but when we had finished I felt much better and happier. When we watched the other schools it was fascinating how they had worked so hard on their performances. At the end we had a special guest which was a girl band and they did two songs - Pop and APT. They did a really good dance, it was so good! It was one of my favourites. I thought it was quite astonishing at first but as it got on to our turn it was a bit scarier but it was really, really good and there was a lot of

excitement, cheering and clapping from the audience."

Life Space Tent

On Wednesday and Thursday, some of our children had the chance to visit the Life Space Tent where they were given different scenarios and they had to make their own decisions as to what they would do. Emmy-Rose Thompson (Fireflies) had a great time and shares her experience below:-



"The lady in the Life Space Tent sorted the rooms into 'accept' and 'not accept' and if we didn't accept it we would go to the left and if we did we went to the right. We were asked lots of questions and we had to decide what we would answer. One of the questions was 'If you were to save a tree' - would you accept it or not accept it? I decided not to accept it as you couldn't just push it back up. Another question was 'Harold's two friends were ill so we had to help him for the singing assembly.' We accepted it because we couldn't just leave Harold on his own. I thought the whole experience was really fun because we answered lots of questions and did games."





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BATIC's Got Talent

Mrs. West was privileged to take the Thundersley School Choir to BATIC's Got Talent last Thursday and oh my goodness they did themselves proud! They sang I'm a believer, Downtown and when it got to their last song - Proud Mary- the children raised the roof and sang their hearts out with the audience in full participation. A great evening and a great performance. Eli Swaby (Owls) tells of his exciting experience below:-

"At the BATIC's Got Talent, the Choir sat on the top row and we sung our songs which were I'm a believer, Downtown and Proud Mary. We got to bring snacks and watched all the other performances. I really enjoyed watching a single person sing 'Soon I'll be 60 years old' and it nearly made me cry. I just loved it, it was my favourite one! I liked I'm a believer the best out of the songs we sang because I just loved the actions. My mum, dad and brother went to watch me and they said "It was great!" I would definitely love to do it again as I love singing and dancing."

We also had another Dance Troupe participate in this event and Millie Smith (Badgers) gives her account below:-

"We've been practicing with Miss Lane every two weeks or so and we kept running over the dance until everyone knew what they were doing. After school we had a snack before going to the Theatre and we all met up in the foyer. We ran over half of the dance before the parents came in and then we went up to the very top row

and watched other children. When the parents started coming in, we started having our packed lunches which we brought. Then the lights went down and the show started. We watched The Deanes and some other schools and then the Choir went on. They were good. Then there were a couple more dances and an interval and then it was our turn. I was a bit scared when we were about to go on but once we were on I felt a bit more confident. The dance was good and when we finished the audience clapped and we then went back stage and back to our seats. There was a drummer at the end who was really good. My mum, nan, grandad and my brother came to watch me and they said I was excellent and it was one of the best dances out of the whole night! It was really fun because I watched other people and I watched other dancers and we were clapping and singing to all the other songs. I have done it before and I wish I could do it again but this was my last year as I'm in Year 6."

Book Sale

Before Christmas, children from our Sustainability Crew held a Book Sale to raise money for our school fund and also recycle lots of unused and donated books. Phoebe Barron (Squirrels) tells below about what the Sustainability Crew did:-

"Before Christmas, the Sustainability Crew decided to hold a book sale so that we could sell some books we had in school which aren't used anymore. We also asked for donations of books which we could sell. After school we had to go to Miss Dawson's office to get the books and we had to get tables and set up a stall on the front playground. Loads of people came to buy the books and we made £75.55. I enjoyed doing the book sale because we made lots of money whilst recycling the books."

The Sustainability Crew will decide what to spend the money on at their next meeting.

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Louella Church and Florence Rawles

Year 5:- Leo Jackson and Tyler Lynch

Year 4:- Scarlett-Rose O'Dell and David Cater

Year 3:- Harley Rush and Jack Muir

Year 2:- Rey Froud and Max Potter

Year 1:- Devon Brown and Amelie D'Aleo

EYFS:- Arthur Wilden and Lavender Treffen



Playground Stars of the Week

Phoebe Barron, Trisha Patel, Felicity Warren, Charlie Baker, Perla Puckey, Toby Keeler, Rebecca Major, Oliver Smith, Carter Su, Poppy Hawker, Honey Hampson and Jemima Adkins

Treetops Stars of the Week

Emily Clayton

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Aiden White - Fireflies
Samuel Grover - Fireflies
Wyatt Beachcroft - Fireflies
Jack - Owls
Alfie Seymour - Ants
Lola Duffield - Ants
Susie Pellett - Ladybirds
Evie Barfoot - Ladybirds
Evie Barber - Badgers
Trisha Patel - Badgers
Eleanor Henry - Badgers
Mr. Berry - Site Manager

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-





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Red Arrows	3439
Green Dragons	2856
Blue Dolphins	2783
Golden Eagles	2609



Well done Red Arrows!

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Can being sad make you happy?

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 this week:-

This week at Treetops the children will have the opportunity to learn and play some old fashioned games with a deck of cards or just a pen and paper. Jeremy, from Year 5, can't wait to try to beat Mrs. Watts at ultimate Noughts and Crosses. We are also pleased to say that, following a visit from Environmental Health, Early Birds and Treetops have maintained their 5 Star hygiene rating.

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.danielllesshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

The PTA will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, 24th February 2026 at 7pm in the White Hart. If you would like to join the PTA, they would love to see you there.

Everyone will be welcome!

Community News

SEND School Age Drop In

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Girls 4 Football - 17th February 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Registering for Girl Guiding

We have spaces that need filling:-

Rainbows start from 5 years old
Brownies are 7 years old
Guides from 10 years old

Did you know that having been in Girl Guiding is a great asset to have on your C.V.?

Girl Guiding involves fun craft events, activities, singing, laughter, cooking, sleepovers, campfires, freedom learning skills, friendships, confidence, family, future, badges, exploring, adventure, chaos and belonging...

Units in your area would love to introduce you to a new world so register now, they may be a part of the rest of their life sooner than you think!

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/infor.../register-a-child/...>

Essex Fire Museum

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-2026

16/02/26 to 20/02/26 - Half Term





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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)

Academic Year 2026-2027

01/09/26 - Start of the Autumn Term
26/10/26 to 30/10/26 - Half Term
21/12/2026 to 01/01/27 - Christmas
Break
04/01/27 - Start of the Spring Term
15/02/27 to 19/02/27 - Half Term
26/03/27 to 09/04/27 - Easter Break
12/04/27 - Start of the Summer Term
03/05/27 - Bank Holiday
31/05/27 to 04/06/27 - Half Term
21/07/27 - Last Day of Summer Term

****NON PUPIL DAYS****

23/02/26
20/07/26

5 days for 26/27 to be confirmed

