



Newsletter No. 30

1st June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the final half of the summer term. It will be full of learning, full of opportunities, and it will go by in a flash!

We waved our Year 6 bleary eyed adventurers off early this morning - what an exciting week they have in store on the Isle of Wight. We can't wait to hear all their stories.

This week, our Year 4 children will perform an assembly to their parents/carers. We do these assemblies in Years 3, 4 and 5 in order to build confidence when speaking in public, feel that team spirit of achieving something together and most importantly to help knowledge stick in children's memories. I look forward to seeing you at 9.15am on Thursday morning.

On Wednesday, we welcome our new intake to Thundersley for their first visit. We cannot wait to meet them and to have them start their journey with us.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 22nd May 2026 there were two classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who achieved 97.2%.

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.

Congratulations to this week's winners

ROBINS

Attendance figures:-

| | Week |
|--------------|-------|
| Chipmunks | 88.6% |
| Dragonflies | 82.9% |
| Butterflies | 93.9% |
| Rabbits | 93.1% |
| Ladybirds | 91.4% |
| Robins | 97.2% |
| Fireflies | 97.0% |
| Owls | 85.0% |
| Bears | 90.7% |
| Sparrows | 85.3% |
| Ants | 96.0% |
| Kestrels | 93.8% |
| Badgers | 87.4% |
| Squirrels | 96.5% |
| Whole School | 91.3% |
| Target | 97.0% |

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

97%

May Day Celebrations

We are sure you will agree that our May Day celebrations before half term were amazing! The event started with the May Day Court procession and the crowning of the May King and Queen by Mr. Mackay. This was then followed by the May Day Court overseeing the event from their 'Royal' platform. It was great to see our youngest children dancing to Cotton Eyed Joe and our oldest dancing around the traditional Maypole and obviously, all the year groups in between.

The May Day Court were:-

Year 6

King - Ricky Van der Fransen
Queen - Emily Harvey

Prince - Zachariah Sanders-Mackey Couch
Princess - Skylar Angerstein

Year 2

Princes - Louis Clapton & Mason Wright
Princesses - Lily Burrill & Avery-Bleu Dolan



When it was finished, we walked to the library and got changed into school uniform."

EYFS visit to Barleylands

On Friday, 22nd May 2026, our EYFS children visited Barleylands for an exciting 'Hungry Caterpillar' experience as part of their growing topic. The children had the opportunity to follow the caterpillar trail, learn about the different foods grown on the farm, and find evidence in their polytunnel that he was DEFINITELY there! The children also explored the importance of a healthy balanced diet and made a layered rainbow salad of fruit and vegetables to take home and enjoy. They also enjoyed a tractor and trailer ride around the farm, and visited some of the animals on the farm. Harry Oxley (Dragonflies) and Rosie Richards (Chipmunks) give their respective accounts of the day below:-

"We went on a coach. Then we arrived at the farm and looked at the Pokemon shop window. Then we went in the gate and we learned about the Hungry Caterpillar. We saw someone holding an eagle. They had gloves on because sometimes they have sharp feet and they can sometimes pinch your hand. Then we saw the goats. Then we went in the barn and saw the sheep and the baby pigs. Then we went on a tractor ride. It was bumpy. We looked for the missing cows. They had managed to open the gate. Then we saw the wallabies. Then we went into the reptile area. We had to be quiet. Then we had our lunch and made a salad. Then we looked at the chipmunks and went home. I love crocodiles so the reptile area was definitely my favourite." (Harry Oxley)

"We went on a coach. We fed some animals. We saw some ducks. We made a rainbow salad. We used, tomatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, celery, cucumber, blueberries and grapes. I brought it home with me. It tasted like a normal salad. We went on a tractor ride. It was really bumpy. We also saw some birds of prey. We also had a picnic outside the bird area.

We also went to see some goats and fed some little goats and we also saw some horses, guinea pigs and pigs. My favourite thing was making the rainbow salad. The whole day was really fun and I also liked the goats as they kept on licking me when I was feeding them." (Rosie Richards)



Ricky Van der Fransen (Badgers) tells of his special morning below:-

"In the morning we went to the library to get changed and I got all my clothes on and Mrs. Watts attached a flower to my shirt. After that, they taught us how to hold each other and then Miss Dawson said "We're ready to walk around the playground" so we went round and I was quite nervous but I was fine. Then we got on the stage and sat in our chairs and watched the dances. My vote for my favourite dance was Cotton Eyed Joe.





Young Writers

Some of our Year 5 children recently wrote stories which have been published in a book. Leo Jackson (Kestrels) gives details below:-

"My Story, Astro Kid, got published in a book. It got published by Young Writers. To get my book published I had to write a story by only using 100 words. After I wrote my story, my teacher submitted it to their website. I had to wait a few months until the book got delivered. When I got the book, I flicked through the pages and I saw my writing right near the end."



New Crossing Patrol



As you may have seen this morning, we have a new Crossing Patrol at the Zebra Crossing in the village. We would like to welcome Lucy Read and we're sure she would love for you to say "Hello" next

time you are using the crossing either in the morning or at the end of the school



day. For safety reasons, we kindly ask that you encourage your child to dismount from their bikes/scooters before crossing please.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Oliver Browning - Sparrows
Isabelle Hawkins - Ants
Isaac Wood - Squirrels
Alion Pjetra - Bears

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

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Do we learn more from winning or losing?

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the eSchools app (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:-

We are looking forward to enjoying as much of our time outside as possible during this half term. As always, there will be a selection of inside options available for those children who prefer playing with toys or, as many of them do, just draw/colour. If any of you have had a sort out over the holidays, we are always happy to receive donations of toys, games etc. Just pop them into the main office - thank you in advance.

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.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA is to be advised.

Community News

Time Out for Parents

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.



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Free SEND Coffee Morning

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Future Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-2026

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******

20/07/26

01/09/26

02/09/26

22/10/26

23/10/26

22/02/27

