



Newsletter No. 31

8th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 6 children and staff arrived back on Friday exhausted, but with many tales to tell. As always, the children were a credit to all and we look forward to hearing all of their stories.

Year 4 took part in a fantastic assembly on Thursday and showed us all they had learned about Roman life. They were confident, courageous and did a wonderful job - really strong Thundersley learners!

This week our Year 1 children are taking part in the Government Phonics Screen and the Year 4 children the Multiplication check. They have all been working so hard on both these areas and I am sure they will do well.

Please keep an eye on the calendar for dates and events.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Changes to Sports Premium

Thank you to all the parents who emailed our MP, Rebecca Harris, regarding the short notice loss of the Sports Premium. Please see the attached letter I have received from her.

Attendance

For the week ended 5th June 2026, there was one class who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits who achieved 100%. They will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class.

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	89.1%
Dragonflies	91.3%
Butterflies	94.5%
Rabbits	100%
Ladybirds	98.1%
Robins	92.1%
Fireflies	92.7%
Owls	94.0%
Bears	96.7%
Sparrows	90.6%
Ants	91.7%
Kestrels	91.0%
Badgers	Isle of
Squirrels	Wight
Whole School	93.5%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
RABBITS

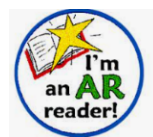
Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2025 - 2026 is:
97%

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 5th June 2026:-

Quizzes

Owls 33
Ladybirds 17
Robins 13



Word Count

Owls 534,193
Kestrels 323,567

Sparrows 256,677

We would like to congratulate the following children:-

Word Millionaires

Ollie Whitaker - Bears - 1,021,871
Evelyn Muir - Fireflies - 1,047,413

Double Word Millionaire

Felicity Warren - Kestrels - 2,532,377

Well done to you all, a fantastic achievement!

Year 6 visit to the Isle of Wight



Last week some of the Year 6 children visited the Isle of Wight for their residential. The children (and staff) had the most fabulous time, despite the weather, enjoying lots of different activities each day and learning lots about island life. Melis Balci (Badgers) and Toby Sutherland (Squirrels) tell of their respective exciting experiences below:-



"We were on the coach for about 2 hours and then we arrived at the ferry and that took about 1 hour. The ferry was really relaxing and it didn't feel like we were





moving. Once we got off the ferry we got back on the coach and we arrived at our hotel. The hotel was so nice on the inside and the rooms were really nice. Once we got into our rooms the teacher came and told us to unpack and get changed so we could go and have a look around the area. As we got out it was sunny but after a while it was rainy so we went back to the hotel. We went into the meeting room and then did some activities from our pack. Then we had to choose what we wanted for lunch and dinner the next day. The first night I had Mac n Cheese which was ok. When we went to bed we were allowed 30 minutes to chat or play games and then it was bedtime. The beds were really comfy and I slept really well. The next day we woke up and got changed and we had to be down for breakfast at 7.45am so Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Hoeb knocked on everyone's door and told us to go down for breakfast. I had toast and hash browns and apple juice. We went to Wightwaters and we had to wear a swimsuit and a wetsuit on top and a life jacket on top of that. We went into the water for a bit just to get wet and then we had to come out and the man went over the rules and then gave us a paddleboard. Some people had already done paddleboarding but I hadn't and it was really fun going over the waves. Mr. Yorston and Mrs. Hoeb were in the water too and Mr. Yorston helped by pushing me over the waves and this meant I went all

the way to the start at the beach. I would recommend for people to try it out as it was so fun! In the evening we had beach games like frisbies, howlers and some children built sandcastles. Mrs. Hoeb also brought her metal detector. When it beeped, Oscar, Florence, Daisy and I dug and Florence found a rusty coin. After that we went back to the hotel and we got changed and went into the meeting room and then we topped up our packs for the diary and then Mr. Yorston called the tables to go to dinner. I had Pesto Pasta which was ok. After dinner we had a drink and a biscuit and then we went to bed. I slept really well again and had to set an alarm for 6.30am. The next day we walked from the hotel to Ventnor. I had a paddle in the pool. In the middle was an island of the Isle of Wight and a waterfall. It was freezing but it was good fun and we had an icecream. We had our lunch on the coach



and after we finished we went to a boat place and we did a little cruise to the Needles. On the way out, half of the boat got splashed with sea water and then on the way back the other half got splashed. It was really fun because, like the ferry, you didn't know you were on the boat but near the end we went up and down on the waves. We went back to the hotel and we got changed and then we went downstairs to have dinner. I had a vegetarian burger which was actually quite nice. After, we went in our group and walked to Jurassic Bay Golf which wasn't far. We were split into groups of 3 or 4 and played crazy golf. Some of it was quite easy and some of it was quite fun because it was a bit harder. I got a hole in one! After that we went back to the hotel and had a drink and a biscuit and got



changed for bed. In the morning, we had breakfast and then went to the Dinosaur Isle. We were split into two big groups and we had a man who told us about where we came from - apparently we were fishes many

millions of years ago. We then passed around fossils which was interesting. We passed around white chalk starfishes and then some ammonites. After we lined up and went downstairs. We had to do some activity sheets in pairs around the whole dinosaur museum part. After everyone finished we were able to spend our money in the shop. I bought a chocolate dinosaur lolly and some crystals. After that we went onto a beach called Sandown and we had lunch there. After we finished we went to Tapnell Farm to the Aqua Park. We had one hour. There was one big slide and two mini slides. We had to wear 4 layers. After I went in I did some obstacles and then tried to climb up one side of the slide which was really slippery and then we went down the slide. After that I wanted to try the big massive slide but I'm not a very confident swimmer but I had a go. Some people jumped off the side or you could go down the slide. As I went down the slide I felt a bit nauseous but I really enjoyed it so went on it again! I felt quite proud as I didn't know whether I could do it or not but I did. One day we went to Osbourne House. It was really strict. We had to wear aprons and be maids. There were five activities. There was a lady called Miss Smith and if we wanted to ask her anything we had to say 'Miss Smith', then ask the question and then say 'please Miss Smith' at the end. I



had to make a bed and make sure that everything was perfect. I also had to fold a piece of paper to light the fire. On the last night we got dressed for dinner and whilst we were waiting for the disco we finished our diary and all the other

activities. After that we went for dinner and I had pizza which was the best meal out of all of them. Then it was the disco and only Mrs. Hoeb out of the teachers danced. She danced pretty well! I danced a bit and enjoyed it, it was quite fun. After it all finished Mr. Yorston told us about what was going to happen the next day. We went back to our rooms and packed up all our things and instead of having half an hour to chat we only had ten minutes as we had to get up early the next day. I was sad to leave as we had so much fun there but I was looking forward to going home too. I would recommend the trip to everyone because there's so many fun activities to do there and it was nice spending time with my friends. Another reason is because when I go on holiday I don't normally go as far into the sea as I'm scared but I did because the life guard told me that there was nothing dangerous in there." (Melis Balci)

"The coach was delayed but another one came in about two hours. I sat next to Henry and we chatted on the way to the ferry. We walked to the top of the ferry. It was quite windy but I managed to hide behind the benches to keep warm. We then got back on the coach and drove off the ferry at Fishbourne to the hotel at Shanklyn. The hotel was ok but I couldn't get the shower perfectly right. We had dinner and then unpacked and went to sleep. The next day we went down for breakfast and then we got on the coach to

Osbourne House. We looked around the house and after we took part in a reenactment of when the Queen was coming. We had to polish the silverware, make a bed, set the table, get the fire ready and set the tea tray. It was strict! After that we went to Wightwaters. We did body boarding which was fun. I liked doing it and it was my first time. After, we headed back to Shanklyn Beach Hotel. For dinner I had chicken nuggets which were nice. Then we went to the beach. We made a sandcastle with a moat at the front. To stop it from collapsing we built a tall pyramid at the front. It was fun. After we went back to the hotel and went to bed. I slept really well. On Wednesday, we went for a walk to Ventnor but it was raining really heavily. We got an icecream and I had a white chocolate Magnum. Then we went on a cruise around Yarmouth. I enjoyed it as there were lots of waves on



the way out there but on the way back it felt like it was calm but there were still waves. For dinner I had chicken nuggets again and then we went to play golf. I have been there before with my family. After this we went back to the hotel and went to bed. On

Thursday we went to the Dinosaur Isle which I enjoyed. We were able to handle the fossils as an experience. I loved this because I have my own fossils and I'm going to buy some more - I hope! I liked walking around seeing all the dinosaurs too. After the Dinosaur Isle we went to the Aqua Park which was my favourite. I liked the big slide because even though it was fast we didn't go under the water that much as we had life jackets on. On the smaller slides, they were really fast and



sometimes you ended up on your side. After that we went back to the hotel and got ready for the disco. It was really loud! I then finished my packing ready to go home the next day. On the way back we went to HMS Victory at the Historic Dockyard at Portsmouth. I learned lots but they are doing maintenance work on it so it was hard to hear. I enjoyed the Aqua Park most of all but I enjoyed all of it especially spending time with my friends." (Toby Sutherland)

Year 4 Assembly



On Thursday, the Year 4 children performed an assembly for their parents/carers on the topic they have been learning about - the Romans. Sophia Hawkins (Bears) gives details of the assembly below:-

"First we did the Roman Numeral song. Then we all said our lines. Then we had the Roman Gods and Goddesses. Then someone said about calling the army. Then the army had a big fight. Then we had the workers and they said a little poem. Then Boudicca said "I decline to pay your taxes" and the army said "Boo". Then we had the Boudicca song and Alion played the xylophone. Then



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we had the mosaic song and everyone was playing an instrument. Then Annie said "We have reached a verdict" then Layla said "We hope you have enjoyed our play". I liked the Boudicca song the best as I learnt the words every single day. I liked learning about the Romans it was really interesting."

Stars of the Week

Year 5:- Renley Baker and Jake Clapton



Year 4:- David Stan, Jude Marnham and Saul Mhembere

Year 3:- Dylan Gates and Ava Rothern

Year 2:- Harriet Brown

Year 1:- Arthur Ainsworth and Louis Clapton

EYFS:- Ava-Lily Isted, Ivy Phillips and Ava Barclay Boundy

Playground Stars of the Week

Emily Bennett, Reggie Morris, Rosie Martin, Ava Clifford, Oscar Giles, Wyatt Beachcroft, Teddy Smith, Jaxon Bellinger, Vanesa Lukoseviciute, Leo Smith and Isabelle Hawkins



Treetops Stars of the Week

Ayla Hussein and Amelie D'Aleo



House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	5292
Red Arrows	4634
Blue Dolphins	4165
Green Dragons	3796



Well done Golden Eagles!

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:-

Looks like another wet weather week so hopefully we will get outside at some point but there will be fun activities going on inside 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

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

King George's Community Fayre - 12th July 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SEN Parents Support Group

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Summer Netball Camp at Fitzwimarc School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Celebrate Gymnastics Club

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





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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

