



Dear Parent/Carer,



What a result for England and what a game!

We had several super results last week at

Thundersley! Our Cricket and Quad Kids teams excelled themselves at their County Finals and our Swimming team pulled off a bronze in their Gala on Wednesday. In all the events, the children were great ambassadors for the school, showing determination and resilience. Whether they received a medal or not, we are extremely proud of them.

Swimming lessons have now finished for the season and we would like to thank Debra Allen for all her hard work in helping our children to learn such an important life skill. In the past fortnight, she has also supported Hadleigh Juniors and Kingston with their swimming trials and facilitated the Year 6 children in having a fantastic structured fun swim! We are so lucky to have our swimming pool - and would dearly love to keep it running. We need as many children as possible to swim each year to do this.

This week, due to the heat, if you wish them to, children can wear PE kit. Please ensure that they have a named hat, a named water bottle and have applied all day sun screen prior to coming to school. We will adapt our curriculum and outdoor breaks, where necessary, so that the children do not spend too much time in the sunshine.

Tomorrow, you have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher for next year. Just pop in at the end of the day and say "Hello". Our current Rabbits' class will have their 'meet the new teacher' pop in on Friday.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 3rd July 2026, there were six classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies who achieved 99.4%.

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	94.2%
Butterflies	99.4%
Rabbits	99.0%
Ladybirds	97.4%
Robins	95.5%
Fireflies	99.3%
Owls	98.7%
Bears	94.7%
Sparrows	91.8%
Ants	98.3%
Kestrels	95.2%
Badgers	96.5%
Squirrels	88.1%
Whole School	95.9%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

BUTTERFLIES

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

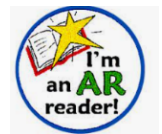
For the week ended 3rd July 2026:-

Quizzes

Owls 25
Bears 19
Fireflies & Ladybirds 18

Word Count

Owls 381,380
Sparrows 366,698
Bears 342,390



We would also like to congratulate Jared Nyama (Owls) who has become a double word millionaire with 2,001,375 words. Well done Jared, that's an amazing achievement.

Swimming Gala



On Wednesday, some of our KS2 children participated in the Swimming Gala at

Runnymede Swimming Pool together with other schools from the local area. It was a really exciting event which the children loved, especially when they returned to school with bronze medals having secured 3rd place overall. Jacob Crompton and Joshua Arram (both in Sparrows) tell of their morning below:-

"We had to do cannon. One person did one length and then the next person did another length. I swam front crawl. The other children swam very well. I liked it a lot. I like swimming and I think I would like to do it again as it was very fun against the other schools. At the end I got a bronze medal. I felt very, very happy!" (Jacob Crompton)

"It was early in the morning and we went to the swimming gala. We went into the swimming pool area and we had a little swim. Then it was time for the swimming races. I did breast stroke and it was a bit easy and I got a bronze medal at the end. After school on a Thursday I do swimming.





I like swimming 100%! I want to get into the swimming gala next time because it's really fun." (Joshua Arram)

Cricket



On Monday, the District Cricket champions of Thundersley made their way to the Billericay Cricket Club for the county finals. As we expected it was an incredibly high standard of competition with some tremendous cricketers showing off their skills. The team came up against some very stiff opposition and played fantastically throughout with some excellent batting, excellent bowling and excellent teamwork in the field. The boys progressed to the division 3 semi-final where they won and qualified for the division 3 final. Unfortunately, they were beaten in this final but this did not detract from a truly wonderful performance on the day and the boys really did themselves and the school proud. This is another example of the children of Thundersley 'being the best they can be'. Henry Walters (Squirrels) gives his account of the event below:-

"We got dropped off by our parents at Billericay Cricket Club. When we got there we went and got set up and waited for Mr. Jetten to be called and get told what the games were. When we did that, one school had dropped out so we automatically qualified for the group. Our first game was an hour and a half's wait. When we started playing our first game they were a really challenging team to beat and we tried our best but sadly lost our first game. Then we were straight on to play our second game and they were another really challenging team and we played really well once again but sadly again we lost it. Then we were straight on for our third game and yet another challenging team. We lost this game too.

Then we were through to the knock out rounds and when we started playing we played really well and some really good bowling, catching and batting and we won that game so we were through to the final of the third division. Then in the final we probably played the hardest team we played in the competition and it was a really close game but sadly we lost it so we came 2nd in the third division. It was really fun as it was the first time I had played cricket and I would really like to play it in the team at Senior School."

Quad Kids



On Tuesday, it was the turn of our Quad Kids District champions to make their way across Chelmsford for the county finals. The children had been training hard and were ready and raring to go for their first events. The boys and girls were split to participate in their events but showed excellent support for each other throughout the competition. After some wonderful individual bests from all of the children, it was time to find out the results and incredibly, from a field of 12 teams, we finished 6th overall. A truly remarkable achievement and one the children should be very proud of. Ava Macdonald and Bobby Fillary (both in Sparrows) tell of their exciting event below:

"When we arrived we sat in our tent and got ready to do the first event. The boys and the girls split up to do different events. The girls did the 400m and the boys did the throwing. After running I felt really tired as it was a long distance but after a while I felt much better. After that we did the sprinting which was 50m. I felt a bit scared before it but once I did it I felt like it was really fun. We went to the throwing after that. We had to throw it as far and as high as we could.

I felt like I did really well at it as it looked like it went a long way. For our final event we did the long distance jumping. We had to do a standing long jump as far as we could. We had three goes and I felt like my second jump was the best. At the end they announced the results and we came 6th in the whole county. I felt really proud of myself that we had come so far. I really enjoyed it but felt a bit nervous at the start but once it had all finished I was really proud." Ava Macdonald

"When we got there we put the gazebo up and put our bags in and then went for a jog around the track. Then after that we practiced some throwing. After that we found out what we were doing first. I was doing the sprint. I was nervous but then when I did it I was fine. Then after, the Year 4 girls did it and I did throwing. I got around 20m. After that we had a snack then we got ready for our long distance and I came 2nd. Then we went to the jumping. We were in groups of four and I jumped 1.94mtrs. I think I got the best jump out of everyone. I was really proud of myself. Then we had to get onto the track and line up in rows to find out where we came.

Overall, we came 6th! I enjoyed it really well and my favourite event was the standing long jump because I did really good in it."



Karate Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Quinn Godfrey (Squirrels) on her recent visit to Croatia to represent her club and country in Karate. Quinn has been doing karate since she was 6 years old and is now a brown belt. She has done competitions at club level since the age of 7 and is currently at the top of the medal table for this year's tournament. Quinn got selected



to go and represent her club and country in Croatia in the Karate One Youth league. This included 3 days of training and then the competition. Quinn was training with girls from all over the world which took massive confidence as she didn't know anyone she was training with. Quinn was very nervous on competition day, the venue was huge and nothing like any of her other competitions. Unfortunately Quinn lost her fight, but she tried her best. She had one goal going out to Croatia which was to get out onto the mat and try her hardest and she smashed that goal! Now she knows the feeling and what to expect she wants to train harder to get even better. Quinn is hopeful to be selected for another major competition in the near future. Quinn tells of her exciting experience below:-



"I went to Croatia for my first international Karate tournament against people from all over the world. This was my first big competition and I was quite nervous. The first three days were a training camp where I was coached by World and Olympic champions. The training was very good I learned a lot on new techniques and skills. Then on the fourth day it was competition day. I was very nervous and unfortunately lost my fight but my goal for this trip was getting on the mat and trying my best which I achieved."

Well done Quinn – how fantastic that you were able to train with World and Olympic

champions. It sounds like you are a champion in the making too!

OPAL

Please find below a link to our new exciting OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme. Please take a look to see what our children have been up to at break and lunchtimes.



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/hAmF6ba5G14Ffnem?ref=Link>

Stars of the Week

- Year 5:-** Jake Clapton and Alfie Carrington
- Year 4:-** Layla-Star Wright-Martin and Teddie Jarrard
- Year 3:-** Archie Stuart and Jake Williams
- Year 2:-** Robins' Class and Teddy Ife
- Year 1:-** Ayla Hussein and Charlie Robinson Boot
- EYFS:-** Patrick Boswell and Elsie-Grace Jenkins



Playground Stars of the Week

- Archie Rawles, Izzy Barker, Ronny Reid, Rey Higgs, Annie Vine, Emmy-Rose Thompson, Elsie Phillips, Max Potter, Dior Sellick, Connor Hill and Honey Hamson



Treetops Star of the Week

-  Rosie Jenkinson-Flynn

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Would you rather have a beach in your garden or a swimming pool?

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	2049
Golden Eagles	1754
Green Dragons	1455
Blue Dolphins	1384



Well done Red Arrows!

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.robustmat.co.uk





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Treetops this week:-

It looks like another fabulous week of sun so we will be playing outside. Lego is proving to be a very popular indoor activity at the moment and some of the children are becoming masters at the old-fashioned 'boxes' game.

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 next meeting of the PTA is to be advised.

Community News

Energy Support Available

Help Available - Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a **prepayment meter** and have **not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community** within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be

working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call **01482 420836**, Monday to Thursday, 9am - 4pm Friday 9am - 3pm - if busy, please keep trying.

ACL Fully Funded Family Learning Summer Sessions

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Free & Low Cost Activities Summer 2026 for Rochford & Castle Point

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

Girls 4 Football Summer 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps Summer 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Jump into Clarks

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mermaids & Pirates in London's West End

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above. Please note there is a 10% code displayed for your use if you decide to book.

The Mega Centre Free Activities

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above for your attention.

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

