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Dear Parent/Carer,



I am sure many of us were on the edge of our seats on Saturday night watching England v Norway! To celebrate the team reaching the semi-final of the Men's Football World Cup, children are welcome to wear England colours or an England kit on Wednesday if they wish.

Our sporting success continued last week with another victory at the District Sports. Winning is always exciting, but what makes us even prouder is the way our children conduct themselves. They are quick to congratulate others, regardless of where they finish, and are kind and encouraging to those who may be disappointed with their performance. There is a genuine sense of team spirit and those qualities will serve them just as well in life as any medal ever could.

The fun continues this week with our Year 6 performances at The Deanes, the Year 1 Family Picnic and Year 3's visit to Southend to celebrate the end of their project. There is certainly no slowing down as we head towards the end of another fantastic year!

Please find attached a list of the staffing in each year group for next year. Each child received a letter containing this information, but I know many families like to know who will be working with the children across the school.

Miss E. Dawson,
Headteacher

Goodbye



On Friday, we say a fond farewell to a number of our wonderful staff. Mrs Armour, our SENCO, and

Mrs Lock, one of our lovely LSAs, are both retiring after giving so much to the children and families of Thundersley over

many years. We thank them sincerely for everything they have done and wish them many happy adventures in their retirement.

We also say thank you and *au revoir* to Mrs Burton, Miss Dell and Miss Callow, who joined us in September and have made a fantastic contribution to our school this year. They have each given so much to Thundersley and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Please find attached a list of staffing in each year group for next year.

On Friday, we will also say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 children as they leave Thundersley to begin the next exciting chapter of their lives. It has been a privilege to watch them grow into such thoughtful, resilient and caring young people. They have made us laugh, made us proud and amazed us with what they have achieved. They have embraced every opportunity, supported one another through challenges and have been wonderful role models for our younger children.

Whilst we will miss them enormously, we know they are more than ready for the adventures that lie ahead. Wherever they go next, we hope they remember the values that have been at the heart of their time at Thundersley: to be kind, to work hard, to be honest and always to **be the best they can be.**

We would love Year 6 parents and carers to join us at **3.20pm on Friday** on the front playground as we give our children the send-off they deserve. We will say goodbye to Badgers first, followed by Squirrels, and would be grateful if everyone could make way for one another so that all families have the opportunity to take photographs.

Thank you

As another school year draws to a close, I would like to take



a moment to thank everyone who makes Thundersley such a special place.

To our ROBUS Trustees and Thundersley Governors, thank you for the time, challenge and support that you give so generously throughout the year. Behind the scenes you work tirelessly to ensure that every decision we make is in the best interests of our children, staff and wider community. Your commitment to our school is hugely appreciated.

To our wonderful PTA, thank you for the enthusiasm, hard work and endless hours you give to organising events and raising valuable funds for our children. The experiences and opportunities you help provide make a real difference to school life. This year we say a particular thank you to Karen Avison, Laura Piper, Sarah Makings and Samantha Mackey whose children leave us this summer. Your dedication over many years has been extraordinary and we are incredibly grateful for everything you have done.

If you have ever thought about becoming involved with the PTA, the remaining members would love to hear from you. Even giving a little of your time can make a huge difference, and it would be wonderful to have representatives from every year group.

To all of our parents, carers and grandparents, thank you for the trust you place in us every day. Educating children is always a partnership, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community. Whether it is reading at home, attending events, volunteering your time or simply encouraging your child to do their very best, your support is invaluable.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of Team Thundersley. Our school is blessed with an incredible staff who care deeply about every child. They work tirelessly—often behind the scenes and beyond the school day—to ensure that children are happy, safe, challenged and inspired. Their commitment, kindness and professionalism





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never cease to amaze me, and I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside them.

Thank you for another wonderful year. I hope that all of our families enjoy a safe, relaxing and memorable summer, filled with laughter, adventures and time together. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday, 3rd September 2026**, ready for another exciting year of learning, friendship and opportunities.

Have a safe, relaxing and happy summer holiday and, as always, thank you for being such an important part of the Thundersley family.

Attendance

For the week ended 10th July 2026, there were eight classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 98.4%.

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	98.2%
Dragonflies	95.2%
Butterflies	96.8%
Rabbits	97.2%
Ladybirds	98.4%
Robins	97.9%
Fireflies	96.0%
Owls	97.3%
Bears	98.3%
Sparrows	90.9%
Ants	97.7%
Kestrels	96.6%
Badgers	97.1%
Squirrels	92.9%
Whole School	96.4%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

LADYBIRDS

Aspirational attendance
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set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

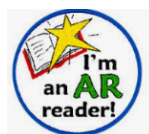
For the week ended 10th July 2026:-

Quizzes

Fireflies 48
Owls 44
Bears 22

Word Count

Owls 462,393
Fireflies 358,205
Bears 315,376



We would also like to congratulate Felicity Warren (Kestrels) who has become a triple word millionaire with 3,026,458 words. Well done Felicity, that's an amazing achievement.

The total for the whole year is:-

Quizzes

Owls 1,175
Fireflies 1,015
Bears 906

Word Count

Kestrels 20,061,226
Owls 12,025,232
Sparrows 10,988,298

Mrs. Marlow has added all the word counts for each class together for the whole year

so as a school the children have read 78,854,885 words which is really impressive.

District Sports



On Wednesday, it was the final sporting event of the school calendar which is the District Sports Athletics competition. A team of 65 athletes from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 arrived early to school with their athlete numbers attached to their tops ready for a fierce morning of competition. The children have been training hard during their PE lessons and lunchtimes for their individual events and relays. We arrived to the Basildon Sporting village and took our seats in the grandstand ready for the events to begin. The first events were for the Year 3 and 4 field events followed by the turn of the Years 5 and 6 children. Whilst the field events were underway the track was alive with sprinting heats and our sprinters and field competitors were securing personal bests all over the place! The event culminated in the relays and it was quite sensational as the Thundersley relay teams were securing gold, silver and bronze medals in every race. When the results were announced we were ecstatic to find out that we had finished 1st in the track and 1st in the field. This of course meant that Thundersley were crowned the District Sports champions for 2026. The children gave a great account of themselves and were the best they could be. Stanley Leer (Owls) gives his account of the event below:-

"First we had to get our numbers pinned on. Then we did the register. Then we went to the front playground to wait for our coach. Then when the coach came we went on it and we went all the way to the District Sports. At first we did some practicing and then when it was the time to



do it we all went on the track or the throwing field or the jumping field. I took part in the track running event. I wasn't really nervous. A girl said line up under the gazebo and then when she shouted 'Ready, set, go' we all ran to the other gazebo at the end. If we got top three we had a sticker on our hand. I got second on the qualifying. I also took part in the relay. When it was my go I was second to last so I passed it over to my friend but as he ran it came out of his hand so we came 4th. The relay was my favourite because everybody was shouting and cheering us on. We all sat in the stands and the scores were called out and we came 1st in every single event. We got 3545 points. We got a silver and gold trophy. I would like to take part in it next year because it's really fun and we get to run on a proper track and sit in proper stands."

EYFS Parent/Carer Involvement Session



Last week, it was the turn of the EYFS parent/carers to visit their children for their last Parent/Carer Involvement session and enjoy a 'Next Steps Fest!' The children and their adults enjoyed music in the EYFS garden, dancing, crafts and of course a sprinkling of glitter too. Edith Arram (Dragonflies) and Stanley Hunt (Chipmunks) give details of their special afternoons below:-

"We did a mask and tattoos and we did some glitter on our faces. We did a rabbit and we coloured in a picture. We scratched on a white thing and it made colours. I liked doing the tattoos the best because we could put it on our skin. My mum came in to help me and I loved it. (Edith Arram)

"My mummy came in to help me. I dressed up as a superhero. I got a tattoo and I got my face painted. I made a badge and

I also did some dancing. I liked doing everything the best." (Stanley Hunt)

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/hAmF6ba5G4Ffnem?ref=Link>

Stars of the Week

Year 5:- Dior Sellick and Alfie Seymour
Year 4:- Preston Hooper, Willow Horne and Stanley Beckford
Year 3:- Rosie Hogsden and Eli Swaby
Year 2:- Lenny Little and Mason Buckley
Year 1:- Max Jarvis and Lizzie Hamilton
EYFS:- Isla Laurie and Rosie Richards



Playground Stars of the Week

Jake Clapton, Ollie Smith, Ruby Trew, Jaxon-Jai Winter, Gracie Mann, Lacey Gibson, Elijah Hyet, Isabella Rees, Bobby McCombe, Brianna Shearcroft and Elijah Dove



Treetops Star of the Week



Rosie Mann

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What makes a summer memory unforgettable?

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	3339
Green Dragons	3170
Red Arrows	2754
Blue Dolphins	2322



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





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Treetops this week:-

Treetops this week will be enjoying the outside areas as usual with the indoor activities based on England's match. Come on England!

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

L.W. Coaching Football Camp - Summer 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Castle Point Astronomy Club & Science Horizons Family Space Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Omnia Community 4 All Multisports

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

SUFC HAF Summer Soccer School

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

