



Newsletter No. 1

7th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

A great start to the academic year! A huge welcome to our new SENCo, Miss Harper and to Miss Smith and Mrs Walters who have joined our LSA team.

This morning, Mr Smith and I have talked to the children about our OPAL plans to make lunchtimes much more engaging and fun for all of our children and we really do want to push ahead with these. However, it can only happen with your help! I have attached a poster of the types of things we need to make it happen. If you are having a clear out - please think of us first. Think of us as your recycling centre and ask family and friends to do the same! At its simplest, we need a never ending supply of boxes! You will be amazed at what children can do with them!

If you collect anything, please bring it to your child's class or to the front office and we can deal with it from there.



Have a super week and happy collecting!

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place (applications open from 12th September 2026) by 31st October 2026. To register your choice please visit:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

School Gate Opening/Closing Times



Please note that the school gate will be opened at 8.40am. Children must be in class for an 8.45am start. Gates will be

closed at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time must be signed in late at the main office. The gate will be opened again at 3.05pm ready for EYFS/KS1 children to be collected at 3.10pm and KS2 children to be collected at 3.15pm. For the safety of all our children we ask that everyone leave the school site promptly. Thank you.

School Office Hours

Open at 7.15am - Monday to Thursday

Open at 7.30am - Friday

Closes at:-

5.00pm Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

4.30pm Wednesdays

4.15pm Fridays

Polite Reminders

Absence

If your child is unwell or not in school for any reason, please contact the main School Office on 01268 793251 before 9.15am to advise staff or email admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk - thank you.

Leave of Absence

All 'Leave of Absence' requests in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of Miss Dawson. Please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form which you can obtain from the main School Office. Please give as much notice as possible. Thank you.

Visitors

Please note that all visitors must sign in at the main School Office. Please do not enter the buildings without signing in first and receiving a 'visitor's sticker'. Thank you.

Peanut Butter/Nutella/Nut Products

We would like to remind you that your child must not bring peanut butter, Nutella or any nut products into school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school at all times in order to keep hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.

Asthma Pumps

If your child requires an asthma pump, please ensure that we have a copy of your child's asthma plan and we have their pump and chamber in their class. If you are able to secure a second pump and chamber, we will keep this in the main School Office. Thank you.

Coats

Please note that children will go out to play at break and lunch times each day whatever the weather unless it is torrential rain. Therefore, please ensure your child has a named coat with them every day to wear if necessary.





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Labels

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name in order that they can be returned if found. Thank you.

Bikes/Scooters

Please note that bikes/scooters must not be ridden in the playground. Please ensure your child dismounts and walks their bike/scooter on the school premises to avoid any accidents. Thank you.

Medication

Please note that staff are not able to administer medication unless your child has a Care Plan for an ongoing medical condition. Thank you.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Reggie Collins (Squirrels)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Charity Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Isla Jacobs (Ants) for raising the incredible sum of £369.76 for Hopefield Animal Sanctuary.

During the holidays, Isla held her annual charity bracelet stall, making and purchasing bracelets to sell in aid of a charity close to her heart. This year, she chose Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, reflecting her huge love of animals and her desire to help support them. Isla absolutely smashed her previous fundraising totals, raising the fantastic sum of £369.76. Friends from school also stopped by her stall to show their support and make donations.

A huge well done to Isla for her amazing fundraising efforts and for making such a wonderful difference to animals in need!



eSchools App

We kindly ask that you 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 called Early Birds (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 by calling 01268 793251 or email her directly on:-



Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk

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

Time Out for Parents - 4 Week NVR Parenting Workshop

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Benfleet Yacht Club - Open Day





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Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Benfleet Card & Collectible Show - 1st November 2026

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

Academic Year 2026-2027

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******

22/10/26
23/10/26
22/02/27

