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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have another busy and exciting week ahead at Thundersley, with lots of opportunities for the children to get involved in school life.

This week, we are holding our School Council elections, and we will even have polling booths set up in the hall so that the children can cast their votes! It is always exciting to see democracy in action, and our School Council plays such an important role in ensuring that children have a voice and are actively involved in decisions about school life. Good luck to everyone standing for election!

This Friday, 13th November 2026, we are inviting everyone to wear blue to raise awareness of diabetes and show our support for those living with the condition.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we will be starting on Monday, 16th November 2026 with Odd Socks Day. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate what makes us all different and unique, and to remind the children of the importance of kindness, respect and accepting one another for who we are.

During Anti-Bullying Week, we will also be holding elections for our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, giving children the opportunity to take an active role in helping to make Thundersley a happy, safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Today I begin showing prospective parents/carers around the school as they consider where to send their children for Reception next September. This is always one of my favourite things to do, as it makes me feel incredibly proud to show off our wonderful school. Of course, it is the children who really sell it! Their enthusiasm, confidence, friendliness and obvious enjoyment of school speak for themselves, and I couldn't ask for better ambassadors for Thundersley.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

EYFS School Admissions September 2027

Please note that if you wish to register your child for a place in EYFS for September 2027, you will need to apply online (applications open today) by 15th January 2027. To register your choice please visit:-

https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2027

Attendance

For the week ended 6th November 2026 there were four classes who achieved 97% attendance or above.

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:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	97.7%
Dragonflies	93.0%
Butterflies	97.0%
Rabbits	94.7%
Ladybirds	94.2%
Robins	95.2%
Fireflies	95.3%
Owls	94.3%
Bears	98.1%
Sparrows	99.3%
Ants	93.9%
Kestrels	88.4%
Badgers	95.7%
Squirrels	94.0%
Whole School	95.0%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

SPARROWS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2026 – 2027 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader results for the week ended 6th November 2026 are:-

Quizzes

Fireflies 36
Owls 34
Bears 29

Word Count

Bears 473,693
Ants 408,438
Kestrels 282,389

Boccia and Kurling Competition



On Wednesday, two teams represented Thundersley at the district Boccia and Kurling competition, hosted by Cornelius Vermuyden Secondary School. It was an absolutely cracking event – with 9 schools competing to get as close to the jack as possible in Boccia, or smash the opponents stones away to get closest to the centre of the target in Kurling. Both games are the perfect mix of skill, coordination and team work as the children discussed their

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tactics before each throw. They all played superbly and when the scores were in, the Kurling team finished 7th and the Boccia team 3rd! They represented the school superbly and displayed exemplary sportsmanship – well done indeed! Alfie Carrington (Badgers) tells of his experience below:-

"When we got there we had a chat about what we had to do. After that, we started. We won the first match, won the other three matches, lost two and then we did two more matches and lost one more time. At the end we got 3rd place. I felt happy when I heard that I was 3rd place in the competition and felt proud when I was given my medal. In the end I enjoyed when I played Boccia because I had a really fun time and won the 3rd place medal."





Netball Friendly vs. Kingston Primary School

There's a real enthusiasm for netball at Thundersley at the moment, with fantastic numbers at our early morning Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 clubs. Year 6 have also been learning the rules of the game in P.E. so it was great to host Kingston for a friendly game on Monday as it gave another group of girls a chance to play a competitive game. It was brilliant to see their confidence growing as the game went on and they competed enthusiastically all the way through. Although they didn't win, they seemed to enjoy themselves and are all keen to play again! Player of the match went to Nellie, who scored a good goal too! Olivia Cable (Squirrels) tells of the game below:-

"This was my first game and I really enjoyed it. I played goal attack, centre, time keeper and goal defence. My favourite position was centre because I got to start off with the ball a few times. I think we all did really good as a team and I think it was quite a hard match but we all did really great at intercepting the ball. At the end we all wrapped our arms around each other's' shoulders and 'Hip, hipped hoorayed' for Kingston and they did the same for us. I really enjoyed it and I wish to play another match."



Thunks and Oracy for Every Communicator



Would you rather talk to animals or speak every human language fluently?

Stars of the Week



Year 6:- Dior Sellick
Year 5:- Perla Puckey and Sophia Jarvis
Year 4:- Olivia-Grace Nevill and Freddie Wilkes
Year 3:- Harriet Brown and Nancy Walters
Year 2:- George Wise-Bell and Ali Kemal Dogan
Year 1:- Margaux Parker and Charlotte Potter
EYFS:- Amy Bartrup and Jacob Moore

Playground Stars of the Week



Reggie Collins, Charlie Elliott, Elliot Hardwick, Luna Galley, Emily Parmenter, Harper Hooper, Nancy Walters, Lenna Prainer, George Grigson, Stanley Hunt, Dexter Newman and Thanya Konereddy

Treetops Stars of the Week



Harrison Hooper (Dragonflies)

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	7122
Red Arrows	6523
Blue Dolphins	3917
Green Dragons	3599



Well done again Golden Eagles!

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.

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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

Earlybirds & Treetops this week:-

We are still trying to get outside when we can, weather and dark evenings permitting! Arts and crafts are very popular when we have to stay indoors and our games cupboard is being well utilised. As always, if you are getting rid of anything that you think we could use, please drop it in to the office or the Yellow Hall after school – thank you.

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

To be advised.

Community News

Uechi Karate Club

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

WHSB Production of Elf the Musical

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above. WHSB are delighted to offer Primary School families an exclusive discount code: **ELF26** when booking through WHSB Ticketsource:-

https://www.tickesource.com/whsb/

School Calendar – Dates

Academic Year 2026-2027

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

Academic Year 2027-2028

01/09/27 – Start of the Autumn Term
25/10/27 to 29/10/27 - Half Term
17/12/27 – Last Day of the Autumn Term
20/12/27 to 03/01/28 Christmas Break
04/01/28 – Start of the Spring Term
14/02/28 to 18/02/28 – Half Term
31/03/28 – Last Day of the Spring Term
03/04/28 to 17/04/28 – Easter Break
18/04/28 – Start of the Summer Term
01/05/28 – Bank Holiday
29/05/28 to 02/06/28 – Half Term
21/07/28 – Last Day of the Summer Term

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

22/02/27

01/09/27
21/10/27
22/10/27
22/11/27
21/02/28

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