



Dear Parent/Carer,

Great to see everyone back to school for what I know will be a packed half term - it always goes past in a flash! We have Sports Day, assemblies, PTA Fair, fundraising events, Swimming Gala and Parent/Carer Consultations to name but a few. The best way to keep up with all of these is to download the eschools lite app which is easy to do and saves any confusion as Mrs Waumsley keeps this updated.



Our Year 6 children had a wonderful time either on their residential trip on the Isle of Wight or taking part in a project at school. In both cases, they were, as always, great ambassadors for our school. The children on the Isle of Wight took part in a super set of activities and were kept very busy - I have heard from many of them who just seem to have had a ball! Mr Mackay organises all of our residential experiences so that they build on each other - a one night Forest Schools trip in Year 4, a two night adventure trip in Year 5 and the 5 night trip to the Isle of Wight in Year 6. He does a great job of each of those, assisted beautifully by the teams in each of those year groups - and I am so grateful to he and everyone else involved who give up their family time to make these events so enjoyable for the children.

On Friday, we look forward to welcoming the parents/carers of Year 4 to watch their children in their year group assembly at 9.00am.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

### Year 6 visit to the Isle of Wight & Restaurant Project



Before half term, some of the Year 6 children went on the School Journey to the Isle of Wight and those children who stayed at TPS, had lots of fun working on their Restaurant Project and enjoyed different fun activities. Lucas Rowland (Squirrels) gives his account of his visit to the Isle of Wight and Kitty Brazier (Squirrels) describes her week at TPS.

"On Sunday I was a little nervous but very excited about going to the Isle of Wight. We arrived at school at 10.30am and Alan, our coach driver, loaded in all the suitcases and then we went to the Yellow Hall to get ready to leave. We got on the coach and it took around 2 hours to get to Portsmouth.

We stopped and had lunch and then we got on the ferry and it took about half an hour. I haven't been on a ferry before or to an English island so it was quite a shock. We got back on the coach to drive to the hotel and it took around half an hour again to get there. We settled into the hotel and my room was very nice. We had a key card. We then had dinner which was nice. It was roast chicken or a jacket potato. Then we went to bed and in the morning we had to be downstairs to have breakfast at 7.45am. Breakfast each day was a selection of cereals, a full English or a couple of pieces of toast. We left for Osborne House. There were two main groups, The Smugglers and The Pirates. I was a Pirate. The Pirates had a tour of the house first and then had a workshop experience being a Royal servant. The lady was very strict! We had lunch outside and then we went back to the hotel, had half an hour in our room and then went downstairs for dinner. Then we went on a Smuggler's walk down to the beach. The path was very overgrown and we all took our torches. The next day, we visited the Isle of Wight Steam Railway Station and had a one hour ride on one of their steam trains. I loved watching the steam go over us! When we got off the train we went straight to have lunch and to watch a falconry show. It was really good and one of the birds flew about 5cm from my head. We went back to the hotel to have dinner and then we visited Shanklin Chine which was absolutely beautiful. My friend thought it should be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. After that we visited the beach nearby and had a play for around half an hour. On Wednesday, we visited the Brading Roman Villa and we saw the ruins of it. We also made our own mini







mosaic and sorted artefacts. After, we visited Ventnor and had an ice cream but unfortunately mine fell off the cone. We were supposed to go on a miniature version of the Isle of Wight and have a paddle but it was raining so we couldn't. After Ventnor, we went to play crazy golf which was really fun. On Thursday, we visited the Dinosaur Isle, a museum about dinosaurs and had a talk with a man called Sam who worked there. He talked to us about different bones and fossils. I found it really interesting and my favourite was holding an elephant tooth and it was gigantic! After that we had lunch on the beach and we visited an Aqua Park for an hour which was really good and had lots of different challenges so you could find your own challenge either easy or hard. After that we went back to the

hotel and had a disco. Half way through everyone got into a giant Conga line and it wasn't even a Conga song. After that, everyone was exhausted so we went to bed. On Friday, Alan loaded our suitcases back onto the coach and it took around 30 minutes to get to the ferry. The ferry took around half an hour again and the coach took around two and a half hours to get home. We arrived back in Thundersley and got off and saw our parents, collected our suitcases and went home. I really loved going to the Isle of Wight for the week. I especially loved visiting the Brading Roman Villa and the Aqua Park. I'm very thankful to the teachers for taking me." (Lucas Rowland)

"On Monday, we had a fun swim and after that we finished making the book about our restaurant. On Tuesday, we went to a restaurant called 'La Quinta'. We had a tour around the whole of the restaurant and were able to set up a table for people going to eat there and then we had a look at the bathroom for the girls and they had chairs in there and big mirrors. It was really nice. We ate our lunch and they gave us little notebooks each. They made us really welcome. They have to be really careful about which chopping boards they use for different foods. They have to make sure that the guests don't have any allergies and after we had the tour we went into the bar area and we got to make our own drink of choice. I made a coke with ice. I thought the visit was really fun and entertaining. On Wednesday, we added some more things to our book. Then on Thursday we made scones and had an Afternoon Tea with Miss Dawson. She thought it was very lovely and she enjoyed the scones. She brought her own cup of tea though! On Friday, we played dodgeball and we picked our teams and then in the afternoon we watched Minions and sat down and ate the rest of the scones and snacks which we had brought in. We had lots of fun during the week and although we didn't go to the Isle of Wight the teachers made it as much fun as the children were having there." (Kitty Brazier)

## EYFS visit to Barleylands



EYFS visited Barleylands for a 'Hungry Caterpillar' experience as part of their growing topic just before half term.

"We are used to hungry animals on the Farm, but none as hungry as the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Eric Carl's classic story comes to life at Barleylands, where children have the opportunity to follow the



caterpillar trail, learn about the different foods grown on the farm, and find evidence in our polytunnel that he was DEFINITELY there! Explore the importance of a healthy balanced diet and eating a rainbow of food (that caterpillar knew what he was doing).'

Whilst at the farm, the children made a layered rainbow salad of fruit and vegetables to take home, enjoyed a bumpy tractor ride and visited some of the animals on the farm.

Kyah Hollington (Dragonflies) tells of her exciting visit below:-

"I went on a big coach. I went on a tractor ride. I thought it was bumpy. I liked it. I made a salad. We used sweetcorn. I used a knife to cut carrots, tomatoes and cucumber. My favourite was the sweetcorn. We saw some goats, sheep, cows, guinea pigs, rabbits and some ducks. I fed the goats and sheep. I stroked a guinea pig. My favourite thing was stroking the guinea pig."

Mason Buckley (Chipmunks) gives his account of the day below:-

"I went on the bumpy tractor. It was good. I saw the cows, geese, goats and we fed the goats and the sheep. It was tickly. We made a salad. We had tomatoes, sweetcorn, carrots and cucumber. I liked everything. We went on a Hungry Caterpillar trail and there was some food. There was one apple, two pears, three plums, four strawberries and five oranges. I liked doing everything the best."



### Stars of the Week

**Year 5:-** Zara Higgins, Tyerie Mlambo

**Year 4:-** Finley Barber

**Year 3:-** Oliver Giles and Evie Betts

**EYFS:-** Royce Su and Chipmunks' Class



### Playground Stars of the Week

Fireflies' Class, Remi Laver-Young, Ioanna Mortis and Carter Broad

### This week's 'Thanks'

What is important about parents or carers?



### Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the EYFS and Year 1 children that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates will be given during Celebration Assembly. The following children are our NumBot superstars this week!



EYFS - Harriet Brown (Chipmunks)

Year 1 - Stanley Beckford (Rabbits)

Well done to you both!

### eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the



eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (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 speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.

### 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](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.  
Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellleshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellleshop.co.uk)

### Community News

### Castle Museum - Mountfitchet

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.







# Newsletter No. 29

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

## SEND Roadshow

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## SEND Drop In

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Hadleigh Youth U10 Girls Wanted

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

## Fitzwimarc Open Evening - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Fitzwimarc Admissions Aptitude Testing

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Fitzwimarc Admissions Tours

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Westcliff High School for Girls Open Evening - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## ADHD

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## ACL Family Learning - June & July 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

## Future Term Dates

19/07/24 - Last day of Term

03/09/24 - Start of the Autumn Term  
28/10/24 to 01/11/24 - Half Term  
21/12/24 to 05/01/25 Christmas Break  
06/01/25 - Start of the Spring Term  
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 - Half Term  
07/04/25 to 21/04/25 - Easter Break  
22/04/25 - Start of the Summer Term  
05/05/25 - Bank Holiday  
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 - Half Term  
22/07/25 - Last day of Term

## \*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\*

22/07/24  
23/07/24

02/09/24  
25/11/24  
14/02/25  
21/07/25  
22/07/25

