



Parent/Carer,



A lovely sunny start to the week!

Last week, the children loved being on the school field, enjoying the space and freedom. Watching the younger children rolling down the hill at the top of their field, squealing with joy, made me realise just how lucky we are to have such fantastic grounds and facilities. The children have come back with a super attitude to learning and raring to go. As a whole Trust, we are working on being a strong learner - reflective, ready, responsible, resilient, self-motivated and engaged. Please do talk to your child about this and help them to think about what they can do, based on the report you received at the end of the Spring Term, to 'Be the best they can be'.

As a school, we are part of the PIXL partnership, an organisation committed to supporting schools so that they can improve life chances and outcomes for all children. I have attached their 'Reading for pleasure' Parent newsletter for this term, which includes useful hints and book recommendations. I hope you find it useful.

This summer term is frenetic, so please do keep an eye on the calendar on the website, which is updated on a regular basis. You can do this really easily by downloading the eSchools lite app or for more information and all school emails sent straight to your app, with notifications, use the eSchools app.

Thank you to those who have returned your survey. If you have not yet returned this, please do so by tomorrow, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.

Have a super week.

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

**Attendance**

For the four days ended 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024, there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Sparrows who achieved 99.2%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week.

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.

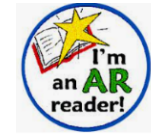
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.1%
Dragonflies	93.3%
Butterflies	79.7%
Rabbits	90.8%
Ladybirds	94.6%
Robins	96.7%
Fireflies	98.3%
Owls	92.2%
Bears	98.3%
Sparrows	99.2%
Ants	98.0%
Bees	99.1%
Kestrels	89.2%
Badgers	93.5%
Squirrels	96.8%
Whole School	94.4%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**SPARROWS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for  
2023 - 2024 is:  
**97%**

**KS2 Accelerated Reader**



This week:-

**Word Count**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 214,792
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 194,095
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bees - 134,259

**Quizzes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ladybirds - 19
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 11

Overall:-

**Word Count**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 11,586,067
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bees - 8,756,684
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ants 8,464,921

**Quizzes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Owls - 869
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireflies - 623
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bears - 555

**We would like to congratulate Rosie Anstis in Ants for becoming a millionaire reader - well done Rose!**

**Cross Country County Finals**



Before Easter, two of our fantastic Cross Country runners competed at the County Finals. This in itself is an incredible achievement as it puts them in the top 100 runners in the entire county. The first runner to take off was Hermione Delf from Owls who





qualified by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District event. She ran incredibly bravely at her first ever county finals and did herself and the school proud. Grace Crawford from Squirrels, was our second runner to compete and her previous experience running at a county final came in useful and all of that experience paid off when she finished in an amazing 13<sup>th</sup> place out of the entire county! A huge well done to both girls, we are so very proud of them. This is another example of the Thundersley children 'being the best they can be'.

### Football match vs. Jotmans

On Tuesday, after school, our Years 5/6 football team played their final game of the season against Jotmans Hall, at home. It was a comprehensive performance from the Thundersley team who played some excellent passes and some fast, exciting attacking football. Thundersley played their best football of the season in their final match and beat the Jotmans team 15-0. Goals were scored by Louie Tucker x4, Harrison Punt x4, Carter Broad x3, Chase Goodwin x3 and Finley Fitzmaurice x1. The boys are looking forward to finding out where they'll finish in the league... A great effort from everyone this season! Finley Fitzmaurice (Badgers) gives his account of the game below:-



"We played really well against Jotmans, made some good passes and kept attacking forwards. My favourite part was where I scored my free kick and won the match. I'm excited to find out where we come in the league!"

### Thanks at Thundersley Primary School



A Thank is a simple question about everyday things designed to stop you in your tracks and to help you to look at the world in a completely different way. Thanks help individuals to develop philosophical thinking, confidence in their own opinions and the ability to listen to others,

through open-ended questions where there are no right or wrong answers.

Thunks are great to ponder individually but also benefit hugely from group input. In school they offer a great way to get learners thinking and enable teachers to understand HOW students are thinking and what knowledge they have. All learners are able to contribute to a class discussion and teachers are able to facilitate this discussion by building on one person's answer and including all members of the class.

Along with huge curriculum benefits there are many generic skills being developed, including: thinking, listening, talking, team work, decision making, presenting, changing your mind, self-control, discussion, debate, thinking quickly and under pressure, realising there are sometimes no answers at all, realising that different people look at the world in different ways, learning that it's ok to not think what everyone else thinks, learning to be confident in your own thoughts and it can positively raise self-esteem.

At home, please share the weekly 'Think' and discuss as a family, whether this is sitting around the dinner table, driving from club to club in the car or waiting for the school gates to open. The weekly 'Think' will be shared with class teachers so discussions can take place within school on the same topic.

If children want to record their ideas at home with you, then please share them with us at school.

Enjoy the brain ache!

### This week's 'Think'

What makes you, you?



### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Jack Wigington (Owls)

Millie Anderson (Rabbits)  
Lily Crawford (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

### Numbots Certificates

Well done to all of the EVFS 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!



Elliott Harris (Dragonflies)  
Ethan Gillett (Butterflies)

Well done!

### House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	5068
Blue Dolphins	4159
Golden Eagles	3936
Green Dragons	3610



Well done Red Arrows!

### 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.





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22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

## 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.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

## PTA

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

### Mothers' Day Present Palace

We would like to thank everyone who supported this event. We made **£634.27** profit.

## Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the

following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00

## Community News

### ACL - Family Support Sessions

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Arena Creative Arts

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Parent's Guide to Safety Settings

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

### After School Sessions Summer Term 2024 - Layer Marney

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

### Tennis Open Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### School Calendar - Dates

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

or eSchools app Lite

### Future Term Dates

06/05/24 - Bank Holiday  
27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break  
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

Four dates for 2024/2025 have yet to be decided.

