



Parent/Carer,

We rounded off last week celebrating Earth Day. Children learned all about how we can help our planet by reducing our use of plastics and trying to cut down on our waste by reducing, reusing and recycling. They also heard from a former pupil, about her masters in sustainability and about planet vs plastics. If your children were nagging you about what to put in the recycling bin this weekend - you can blame us!

Today sees the start of STEM week - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This is an exciting event in our calendar and Miss Budden, our Science lead and teachers have organised and resourced a week filled with engaging STEM activities. Throughout the week, each year group will take part in a range of activities such as hands on experiments, enquiry discussions and reflections on careers within a scientific field. This year, we have two exciting visitors to deliver workshops - a volunteer engineer who is working with Years 5 and 6 and 'Sublime Science' who will deliver an exciting day of Science assemblies for each year group.

We are excited to see what children will dress up as on Friday! The idea is to come dressed inspired by a STEM career - perhaps a sound engineer, a zoologist, a conservationist, welder, electrician, neuroscientist or pharmacist - the possibilities really are endless and hopefully involve reusing and recycling!

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, there were 3 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Rabbits who achieved 99.7%. 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.

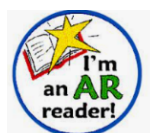
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	87.9%
Dragonflies	94.3%
Butterflies	95.0%
Rabbits	99.7%
Ladybirds	89.0%
Robins	92.7%
Fireflies	95.7%
Owls	96.5%
Bears	94.0%
Sparrows	97.7%
Ants	92.3%
Bees	95.9%
Kestrels	85.2%
Badgers	97.6%
Squirrels	86.5%
Whole School	93.3%
Target	97.0%

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

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

### KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

#### **Word Count**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ants - 246,523
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Squirrels - 204,043
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladybirds - 197,039

### **Quizzes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ladybirds - 32
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ants - 16
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Owls - 13

Overall:-

### **Word Count**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 11,904,568
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bees - 9,081,553
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ants 8,732,360

### **Quizzes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Owls - 883
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireflies - 633
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bears - 558

### **Polite Reminders**

#### Dogs



Please note that dogs of any size are not allowed onto the school site. This does not include service dogs. Thank you.

#### Drinking Water Bottles



Please ensure your child has a bottle of water with them every day in order to keep hydrated. Thank you.

#### Years 5 & 6 Tennis Competition



On Monday, 8 children from Year 6 went to The Deanes School to represent Thundersley. It was a very busy day with Thundersley having two teams participating in the tennis competition. TPS '1' & TPS '2' were put into two separate groups and played a series of





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games to try to qualify for the semi-finals! TPS '1' came runners up in their group and qualified for the semi-finals as the best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team. TPS '2' won their group by winning all of their matches. In the semi-finals TPS '1' played against Grovewood in some very tense matches. After a narrow contest, Thundersley just missed out on the final and qualified for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off. TPS '2' competed really well against a good Edward Francis side, with us winning and losing some matches. We again narrowly missed out in the other semi-final against Edward Francis, which meant both our teams would play each other for a bronze medal! A fantastic and fair game between the two Thundersley teams saw 'TPS 1' victorious and clinch the bronze medal! Overall, a super competitive day and some great tennis on show. Well done to Ethan Abas, Sam Beasley, Finley Fitzmaurice, Tom Clayton, Ayda Pudney, Olivia Collins, Arlo Puckey and Pippa Hawkins. Ayda Pudney (Squirrels) gives her account of the competition below:-

"We took two teams and I was in the first team. We had three group stage matches and I won two of them and lost one of them. Both Thundersley teams got through to the semi-finals. The first team played Grove and I won my game but we didn't make it through to the finals. In the play offs, both Thundersley teams had to play each other. The first team came 3<sup>rd</sup> and the second team came 4<sup>th</sup>. The play offs were exciting and scary. Even though we had to play against each other, both teams supported each other either way. I really enjoyed the event because I've never played a competitive game of tennis before and it was good fun! It has inspired me to take up the sport."

## Year 4 Tennis Competition

On Wednesday some of our Year 4's went to The Deanes School to represent Thundersley in a tennis tournament. Our team played against every school there and played extremely well in every game. The children were learning some rules and different techniques as they started to play the game more. Our team won some

matches and lost some matches. Overall, the team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> position! A great effort from the children who picked up their tennis skills from their recent P.E. lessons. Well done to Edward Payne, Teddy Thompson, Poppy Ferdinando-Hemmings and Isla Bedford who all did fantastically well and represented the school brilliantly! Isla Bedford (Sparrows) tells of her experience below:-

"We walked to Deanes and when we got there we went upstairs and put all our stuff down. Then we watched a game and then went down and listened to someone tell us some instructions. Then we started playing. My games were good but very challenging. There were six games altogether and we competed against lots of schools. After each match we had to shake hands. I won three of my games and I was super happy! At the end, we found out where we came and we came 6<sup>th</sup>. It was amazing and we had lots of fun and I will probably play tennis outside of school. I've never played tennis before but Mr. Wilson said I was really good and that I had improved lots and I was a tennis legend. This made me really happy that someone said I'm really good at tennis when I haven't played before."



## Year 4 Football match vs. Jotmans



On Monday, after school, our Year 4 Thundersley team travelled to Jotmans Hall in their final fixture of the season. The game kicked off to a fast start with Thundersley scoring two quick goals early into the game. Thundersley played some fantastic football and scored some really good goals. The game finished 7-2 to Thundersley, which saw the team get 3 points. We have to wait to see where the boys will finish in their league, but a great improvement in performance after each of their games. Goal scorers; George Oswald x2, Oscar Wooden x2, Cooper Kenrick x1, Teddy Thompson x1 and Harley Punt x1. Finley Barber gives his account of the game below:-

"It was a really close game and we scored 7 goals to 2. We scored some really good goals and did some really good passing. I played centre back and I played right in front of our keeper to try and stop them from scoring. I like this position but I do prefer mid field sometimes. I managed to stop quite a lot of players getting into our box. We all played really well as a team and I really enjoyed playing. At the end, we all shook hands and said "Hip, hip, hooray" and Mr. Wilson gave us a team talk and then we went home."

## Football Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Alice English (Kestrels), Ava Nery (Kestrels), Amelie Mara (Bees), Harper McEvoy (Bees) and Ella Sewell (Bees) who play for Thundersley Rovers U10 Tigresses and are in their first football season. They played





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in the President Cup Semi Finals yesterday against Chelmsford City U10 girls and won 5-0. This now means that they are in the finals on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Well done girls - what a fabulous achievement!

### This week's 'Thank'

What makes a good friend?



### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Rex Bilkey (Ladybirds)  
Freddie Burr (Ladybirds)  
Kadey Laver (Robins)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

### 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 - Keziah Playle (Dragonflies)  
Year 1 - Maddox McKinlay (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.daniellessshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellessshop.co.uk)

### Community News

#### Cycle King - Let's Ride

Please find attached vouchers in respect of the above.

#### Girls 4 Football - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### The Deanes School Holiday Camps - May 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Mega Camps - May Half Term and Summer Camps 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Barracudas Holiday Camp

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service - SEND Drop In Sessions

Please find attached flyers 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





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

