



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 6 children have shown the most amazing courage and resilience this week during the SATs. Their approach all year has been one of calm determination and this has been absolutely evident this week - we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. They took the last Maths test yesterday and celebrated with a disco and the Macarena! A round of applause to staff and children in Year 6.



On Tuesday, I popped down to the pool to see our EYFS

children swimming - what joy! There they were happily swimming on their backs, noodles firmly held. This is their second week in the pool and we couldn't be more proud of their courage. Swimming is such an important part of our curriculum, especially post COVID. Not only are the children learning a vital life skill, but they are developing social and emotional skills which COVID restrictions took away so many opportunities to develop. There is also research which indicates that children who take regular swimming lessons find benefits in the classroom through increased memory and focus. <https://www.swimschoolaustin.com/swimming-makes-you-smarter>

At TPS we believe that all children should have the chance to take part in intra school and inter school competitions. Children have the opportunity to do this within their year groups during PE lessons and in KS2, children have the opportunity to take part in an event against another school through the School Sports Partnership. This morning, our KS2 children took part in Finals Day. Those who qualified for the finals by securing a place in the class sprint heats ran against others in their year group and then all children who wanted to take part in the long distance event. Children loved taking part and cheering their classmates on.



Have a happy weekend!

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

### Attendance



For the week ended 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 there were 6 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Kestrels who

achieved 100%. They will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class and will look after Attendance Ted next 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	88.8%
Dragonflies	88.8%
Butterflies	91.3%
Rabbits	90.8%
Ladybirds	95.8%
Robins	95.0%
Doves	97.8%
Owls	96.7%
Fireflies	95.6%
Bears	98.7%
Foxes	97.0%
Ants	93.5%
Sparrows	97.8%
Badgers	99.0%
Kestrels	100%
Squirrels	96.0%
Whole School	95.0%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**KESTRELS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for  
  
2021 - 2022 is:  
  
**97%**

### Census Day Fun Lunch - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We would like to advise that on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 it is our 'School Census Day' when the Government requires us to send them information, which will determine our funding for the next academic year. On this day, the number of children taking school dinners is registered and our funding for school dinners for the future is calculated. In light of recent funding issues, it is imperative that as many children as possible in EYFS/KS1 have a dinner on this day and we thank you in advance for booking your child in. The menu will be:-

- Hot Dog/Veggie Hot Dog
- Potato Puffs
- Baked Beans
- Sweetcorn



- Mini Doughnuts with Chocolate Sauce

The meal is free for children in EYFS/KS1 and costs £2.30 for KS2 children payable via ePay from the day after.

### Polite Reminders

### Healthy Snacks



Just a reminder that children can bring a **healthy** snack for break time. In EYFS/KS1, children have free fruit and vegetables each day provided by the Government and often we have enough for some classes in KS2. We would prefer all children to have fruit or vegetables, however, we recognise that this is not always practical or the cheapest option, so another healthy snack can be brought in.



Children cannot eat the following:- chocolate, crisps or sweets and should only bring water in their drinking bottles. We also ask that, due to allergies, children do not have anything with nuts either as a break time snack or in their packed lunch. If children bring chocolate, crisps or sweets for break, we will ask them to put them away and give them a piece of fruit as an alternative. Thank you.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a named bottle of water to school each day in order to stay hydrated. Thank you.



### Hot Weather

As the weather is turning hotter/sunnier, please ensure that your child has a smothering of sun cream applied before school and they bring a named sun hat in with them to wear when they are outside. Thank you.



### Nuts

Just a polite reminder that children must not bring anything into school containing nuts as we have children with severe nut allergies in school. Thank you.



### Football Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Harry Thompson (Ants) on reaching the final in

one of the UK's biggest football festivals - ESF. Harry represented his local U10s grassroots team during a two day festival recently. There were 3 groups of 8 teams in each age group. After the first day, Harry's team was in second place in their group, knowing that to reach the semi-final playoffs the next day, the boys would have to give it their all and they did, managing to top their group. The semi-final ended in a 2-0 win and the team successfully qualified for the final. The final was exciting and nerve wracking. The team managed to go 1-0 up within minutes but just before half time, the other team equalised. In the second half, sadly the team went 2-1 down and with only minutes to play the team gave it their all and the final finished. 2-2. A penalty shoot out unfortunately saw the team loose on sudden death penalties. It was an amazing experience and achievement to come runners up for their age group. The festival ended with a spectacular presentation and the players were presented with their trophies by Paul Merson, Arsenal/England football legend. Harry gives his account of the event below:-

"First of all I play for Hadleigh Youth FC and I've played for them for 4 years. The tournament we went to was the biggest tournament of the year at Butlins, Bognor. It lasted 2 days and most of the time it was football but we did go to the arcades, swimming pool and the theme park. We had to play 24 teams and out of the 24, we came first in our group. We made it to the final but sadly, we lost on penalties. The trip was one of the best trips I've ever been on. It was exciting to be with my friends as well. Also, after the football tournament on the last night, we had a presentation and at the presentation, Paul Merson from Arsenal and England gave us our trophies. The whole event was amazing!"

Well done Harry - such a great achievement! It sounds like you had a fun time too.

### Trampolining Success



We would like to congratulate Daisy Burgess (Ants) on winning a bronze trophy in the Advanced U12's Trampolining competition on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Daisy's family are super proud of her and Daisy tells of her experience below:-

"I go to a trampolining club in Wickford with my friend Hazel. We learn flips and that's why I went into the competition at my club. I had to do a routine I have been working on which included a full turn, a straddle, a half turn seat drop, a half turn and a half turn, a pike, a back drop half turn and a tuck, tuck front. When I started doing it, I felt really nervous but once I got on the trampoline, I felt really happy and it all went well. At the end, we sat in a line and they called my name for the bronze medal. It was really fun because I got to do it with my friends. I felt really happy and powerful that I got the bronze medal as it means I can do anything!"

Well done Daisy, what a fantastic achievement.

### eSchools App

As you are aware, our main form of parent/carer communication is via the eSchools platform. Please download the





app (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school. We thank you for your support.

### Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley\_P\_S

### Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club (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. Bezdell in the Green Building Offices.

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Jaidon Kaufman (Badgers)
- Etta-Mae Duke (Foxes)
- Sydney Greig (Bears)
- Casper Saban (Ants)
- Ava Lake (Owls)
- Louise Martin (Owls)
- Jack Allen (Badgers)
- Mrs. Evans

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

### Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Buhlebethu Hlongwa

**Year 5:-** Michael Baldock

**Year 4:-** Esmee Emin-

Wyatt and Sydney Greig

**Year 3:-** Lucas Gillett,

Harry Cecil, Rosie Anstis

and Lucas Jackson

**Year 2:-** Daisy Avison and Quinn

Godfrey

**Year 1:-** Bella-Nicole Arscott and Nellie

Gaskin

**EYFS:-** Toby Keeler and Annie Vine



### Playground Stars of the Week

Preston Hooper, Tommy Pellett, Leo Smith, Olivia Dean, Rosie Mann, Olivia Oswald, Olivia Hindley, Evie Chapman, Harper McEvoy, George Ridgewell, Nathan Cirin and Callum Axford

### House Point Scores

The weekly scores for the House Point groups are:-

1<sup>st</sup> with 2,981 points - Red Arrows

2<sup>nd</sup> with 2,921 points - Blue Dolphins

3<sup>rd</sup> with 3,358 points - Golden Eagles

4<sup>th</sup> with 2,284 points - Green Dragons



Well done again Red Arrows!

Please note that the Stars of the Week, Playground Stars of the Week and House Point Scores run a week in arrears.

### 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)

### Community News

#### Essex Police Update April 2022

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

#### Mega Centre Rayleigh - Early Years Foundation Stage New Intake Gatherings

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above. The date for Thundersley Primary School is Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### Future Term Dates

30/05/22 to 03/06/22 - Whitsun Break  
21/07/22 - Last day of Term

05/09/22 - Start of Autumn Term  
24/10/22 to 28/10/22 - Half Term  
21/12/22 to 04/01/23 - Christmas Break  
05/01/23 - Start of Spring Term  
13/02/23 to 17/02/23 - Half Term  
03/04/23 to 14/04/23 - Easter Break  
17/04/23 - Start of the Summer Term  
01/05/23 - Bank Holiday  
29/05/23 to 02/06/23 - Whitsun Break  
21/07/23 - Last day of Term

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

06/06/22  
07/06/22

01/09/22  
02/09/22  
31/10/22  
20/02/23  
05/06/23

