



# Newsletter No. 14

16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge thanks to the PTA for the Present Palace on Friday - it is always a hit with the children, who are so excited about buying their gifts. Also, for the fantastic raffle - the prizes were amazing this year!

I am sure everyone who joined us for the EYFS and KS1 performances last week will agree that they were a complete joy to watch. Your children, spurred on by our amazing staff, did a wonderful job and showed us the true meaning of Christmas. A huge thanks to staff and you for providing the children with such super costumes.

On Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.15am, our KS2 children will be entertaining us on the front playground with carols - I hope you can join us and sing along!

Wednesday is our Christmas dinner, when children can wear their Christmas jumpers over their uniform/PE kit and on Thursday, we have our Charities sale where Years 5 and 6 will be selling items they have made and the rest of the school will be shopping.

On a very much more sombre note, I watched Swiped - the school that banned smart phones at the weekend and am still reeling. If your child is getting a phone for Christmas or already has a phone, I would recommend watching it. A very serious message for us all.

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/s-wiped-the-school-that-banned-smartphones>

Thank you to everyone who gave to our collections last week at the performances. There will be a collection after the carols this week. The money will be split between T11 North which is the Paediatric Oncology Inpatients Ward at University College London Hospital, the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity and Young Lives vs Cancer - all three charities very dear to our hearts at the moment. If you haven't given and would

like to opportunity to, please just pop an envelope into the office.

Have a super week - we are nearly there!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024, there was one class who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who achieved 98.0%.

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:-

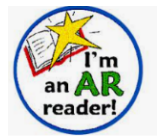
Class	Week
Chipmunks	95.7%
Dragonflies	96.6%
Butterflies	88.0%
Rabbits	91.0%
Ladybirds	91.9%
Robins	98.0%
Fireflies	94.8%
Owls	91.5%
Bears	91.7%
Sparrows	96.1%
Ants	96.7%
Kestrels	95.3%
Badgers	90.7%
Otters	94.7%
Squirrels	90.9%
Whole School	93.6%
Target	97.0%

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

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for  
2024 - 2025 is:  
**97%**

### KS2 Accelerated Reader

This week:-



#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 780,652  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels - 338,647  
3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 276,193

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 82  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 20  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 18

Overall:-

#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 6,513,633  
2<sup>nd</sup> Badgers - 4,218,096  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 4,024,525

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 715  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 377  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 281

### Christmas Parties - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024



The classes will be holding their Christmas parties on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and therefore the children may wear their party clothes all day.





### Multi-School Council Meeting

On Tuesday, we welcomed three other schools to a Multi School Council meeting. Our Years 4 and 5 School Councillors were chosen to represent Thundersley. During the meeting, the children discussed Children's Rights and whether they felt these were met at their schools. They agreed that all of their rights were met. Following on from this, they were given the opportunity to share ideas for a Multi Schools Council day that would raise awareness and celebrate differences. All the children had brilliant ideas. Finally, they discussed crime and what children are worried about. Immediately, Thundersley and Kingston children began to mingle and join forces to discuss the stolen minibus. Our School Councillors represented us beautifully - greeting the other schools, sharing their ideas confidently and offering drinks and refreshments to their peers. Ella Abbott gives her account of the meeting below:-

"I thought the meeting was really fun. There were lots of schools that came and it was really nice to be social and was really fun. I liked that there were different situations which we could talk about with our teacher and the different schools. I found it really nice with one of the situations. We were talking about crime and we share a minibus with Kingston and we were talking about it being stolen last week. Thundersley and Kingston were saying that we should have more CCTV and maybe we should put an air tag on it. We also had another idea where we would have a whole day with another school. We came up with a couple of ideas and Thundersley came up with the idea of having lunch together, maybe a picnic on the field. We also thought we could have a water fight when it is hot in the summer. We also thought that maybe having another Winter Solstice but with the other schools. When we were discussing the minibus we actually went over to the Kingston group and had a good discussion about the air tag idea. This was my first meeting with other schools as a School Councillor and I thought it was absolutely amazing because I liked that

we could discuss with other schools and that there was someone writing down our ideas. I think that they will put appropriate ideas together and we will have a whole day of different activities."

### EYFS Christmas Production - A Wriggly Nativity



On Tuesday and Thursday, it was the turn of our youngest children to perform their Christmas production of A Wriggly Nativity. The children have been practising over the last few weeks and gave two brilliant performances to their families. Henry Underdown (Dragonflies) gives his account of A Wriggly Nativity below:-

"I was singing loudly. It was about Mary and Joseph. In the nativity there were angels. There were also some lovely stars. I was a cow. At the beginning the song was 'A wriggly nativity'. I liked the song. My favourite bit was when the angels wanted to show the shepherds baby Jesus. My mummy and my daddy came to watch me. My mummy was trying to join in with the

songs but I was trying to stop her. They enjoyed it so much."

### KS1 Christmas Production - The Angel who nearly missed it all

On Wednesday and Thursday, the KS1 children performed The Angel who missed it all to their families.



*'The angel chorus have been tasked with an important mission - it is their job to spread the news of the birth of a very special baby. But despite her best efforts, one angel is always late. Will she make it in time to meet Mary and Joseph and to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus?'*

Aurora Curnock (Robins) gives her account of the production below:-

"When the angel who missed everything was late, it turns out she wasn't. I was Mary and I had to act like I couldn't wait much longer to get a house. Me and Joseph went to a hotel and we knocked at the door and the people said they were full so we couldn't go to the hotel. Then one of the people said that I looked exhausted so they let us have a stable. Then we sang a song on the stage and then we had lots of visitors like shepherds, the three wise men and the angels. Luckily, the late angel was just in time to see baby Jesus. I am really proud that I was Mary as this is the last play because I am going up to Year 3 so we will just sing Carols on the playground."

### Unwanted Toys/Games



Our Breakfast and Treetops Clubs would be grateful for any toys/games that are unwanted, either new or

old, for the children who attend the clubs to play with. If you have anything you wish to donate, please kindly drop them to the main school office. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.





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## House Point Scores

The weekly house point scores are:-

Red Arrows	2316
Blue Dolphins	2152
Golden Eagles	1838
Green Dragons	1770



Well done Red Arrows!

## Stars of the Week



**Year 6:-** Lois Oke, Thomas Harvey and Lina Pur

**Year 5:-** Henry Hogsdon and Willow Leer

**Year 4:-** George Dulieu and Ruby Moorcraft

**Year 3:-** Annie-Jean Potter and Ferne Bradley

**Year 2:-** Aurora Curnock and Ladybirds' Class

**Year 1:-** Lily Burrill and Ioanna Mortis  
**EYFS:-** George Wise Bell and Mason Evans Dani

## Playground Stars of the Week

Ryder Harringley, Sophie Nix, Sharia Miah, Kody Hearne, Isla Reeves, Charlie Baker, Reggie Collins, Ollie Whitaker, Archie Whitaker, Sophia Jarvis, Rosie Spears, Emily Bennett, Monty Adkins, Leo Flint and Ronni Morris

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Elijah Hyet - Butterflies  
Teddie Jarrard - Owls  
Oliver Weeden - Fireflies

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## 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

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

## PTA News

### Next Meeting

The PTA's next meeting is being held at 7pm on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at The White Hart. All are welcome!

### Christmas Raffle Winners!

Please find below the list of winners for this year's PTA Christmas Raffle drawn on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Nicolas Ellis - Hotel Stay at the Hilton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tilly Bolden - Cocktail & Champagne at The Shard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Albert O'Connell - Tablet
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Leo Flint - Echo Dot
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Henry Ford - Mission Ticket Roller City
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Child in Rabbits - Cinema Ticket
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Archie Whitaker - Indian Voucher
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Bailey Paton - Shaver
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Daisy Avison - Shaver
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Emily Duggan - Electric Tooth Brush
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Yusra Biyiklioglu - Hamper
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Grace Grocott - Hamper
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Annabelle Duggan - Virgin Active Voucher
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Charlotte Onsloe - Morrison's Voucher
- 15<sup>th</sup> Isobel Hawkins - Adventure Island Ticket

## Community News

### Thundersley Christmas Fair - Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The Thundersley Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 between 2.30pm and 5.30pm at the White Hart, Millie's Eatery, Lord's Barbers and the Charity Shop in the village. There will be various stalls, Santa's Sleigh and the Grinch will be making an appearance. It would be amazing if you could support this event.

### The Deanes Sports Centre

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.





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## Fostering with Thurrock Council

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## BTSA Recruitment Events

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## BTSA Internship

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Lady McAdden's Kids' Christmas Party

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Barracudas Activity Camps 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Activate

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

23/12/24 to 03/01/25 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

18/07/25 - Last day of Term

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

14/02/25

21/07/25

22/07/25

