



Thursfield News

Friday 10th January Edition



Our Weekly Affirmation: 'I can do anything that I set my mind to!'

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break, filled with special moments with your loved ones. It is with great excitement that we welcome you and your children back to school for the start of 2025.

As we embark on this new year, I am filled with hope and optimism for what lies ahead. Our goal is to build on the successes of the past year and continue to nurture a supportive and enriching environment where every child can thrive. We have an exciting term planned, with new learning opportunities, activities, and events that we are eager to share with you in the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in your child's educational journey, and we are grateful for the strong partnership between home and school.

As we settle back into our routines, I would like to remind you of the importance of regular reading and spelling practice at home. These activities are fundamental in building your child's English skills, and your support in this area is invaluable. Whether it's a shared story before bedtime or a fun spelling or times table game, every little bit helps in fostering a love of learning.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, filled with growth, achievement, and joy.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury

September Admissions!

Admission to primary and middle schools-

**applications close
January 15th 2025**



Year 6 Booster Sessions



YEAR 6 boosters have commenced this week!

Just a reminder that sessions run every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from **8:00 AM**.

A big thank you to everyone braving the snow and ice to attend boosters this week—we appreciate your dedication!

KEY DATES



JANUARY

Monday 13th: Year 5 Taster Day @Kings High School

Monday 13th: Year 5/6 Football League- Chesterton Community College - 4pm-5:30pm

Monday 20th: PTFA Meeting 2pm @Thursfield

Monday 20th: Times Table Workshop for Year 4 parents @3:30 and 5:30

Thursday 23rd: Year 5/6 Athletics (Newcastle Academy- 1pm-3pm)

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4th: Year 5/6 Netball League (Keele University- 12pm-3:30pm)

Wednesday 5th: KS1 Phonics Workshop @9am

Monday 10th: Parents E-Safety Workshop 5-5:30pm

Monday 10th: Year 5/6 Football League- Chesterton Community College- 4pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 12th: KS1 Great Fire of London Workshops - Information will be emailed out to parents.

Wednesday 12th: Kingsgrove Dodgeball Yrs 5 & 6 (Kings High School 1pm - 3pm)

Wednesday 12th: Mrs Bennett and Mrs Keeler's Parents Evening

Friday 14th: Book Bus Visiting

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Monday 24th: Children Return to School

Tuesday 25th: Young Voices

Well will keep you informed of any changes to the above events and further information will be emailed out to the relevant classes/children regarding certain events.

Year 4 x Tables Meeting

This June, our Year 4 pupils will take part in the Multiplication Check, designed to assess their ability to fluently recall times tables up to 12.

To help parents support their children, we're hosting an information session on:

Monday, 20th January
• 3:30 PM
• 5:30 PM



During these sessions, we will share important details about the check and practical tips for at-home practice.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Thank you for your continued support,
Mr. Reddish & Miss Williams

KS1 Phonics Workshop



We are excited to invite you to a **Year 1 Phonics Workshop** on:

Wednesday, 5th February at 9:00 AM



This workshop is a great opportunity to:

- Learn about the Phonics Screening Check your child will complete in the summer.
- Discover ways to support your child's phonics learning at home.
- See how phonics is taught in the classroom with your child.

There will also be plenty of time for any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Ronson, Miss Mott, & Miss Brooke



E-Safety Meeting



We are pleased to invite you to our **ESafety Parent Workshop** on **Monday, 10th February, from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM**.

This session will provide valuable resources and tips to help you keep your children safe online at home. We'll cover:

- Managing screen time effectively.
- Guidance on how to talk to your child about online safety.

We hope you can join us to learn more about how to support your child's digital wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents Evening

For Mrs. Bennett's and Mrs. Kleeler's classes:

Wednesday, 12th February

Appointments will be available to book via Arbor starting from 2:00 PM.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress!

THANK YOU!

CLUBS

Clubs will be available to book via Arbor during the first week back- they commence the second week back.



PARKING REMINDER



Thank you for working with the school, police and council regarding parking around the school.

We truly appreciate your support in keeping our school safe for our children, staff and families.



E-SAFETY



Did you know that we have a range of helpful E-safety resources available on our website? These resources are designed to support you in keeping your children safe online at home. From tips on managing screen time to advice on how to talk to your child about online safety, we've got you covered!

Head over to our website to explore these valuable tools and stay informed about how to navigate the digital world safely.

OPAL UPDATES



Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies or old trainers

SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child has a coat to wear during break times and lunch times.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

& HEALTHY SNACKS

As a school we promote healthy snacks and lunches. Please ensure that your child is bringing a healthy snack to school please.



All snacks and lunches are ordered via Arbor.

WATER BOTTLES



Please can all children bring a water bottle to school as we are currently providing too many of the single use plastic cups.

CLASS OF THE WEEK!



Year 6

For their amazing participation with this weeks booster sessions.



GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Art

RB - Evelyn K.
RKT - Bobby S.
Y1M- Archie M.
Y1/2R - Pagan H.
Y1/2B - Roux H.

Y3TA- Ruby L.
Y3/4R -
Y4W - Annabella P.H.
Y5P - Peyton G.
Y5/6B - Daniel J.
Y5/6O - Max P.H.

Well done!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 3/4R

100%

for achieving 100% attendance last week!

FACEBOOK PAGE



Thursfield has a Facebook page. The purpose of the page is to provide parents with a window in to the school day. To join search Thursfield Primary School.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.



Additionally, you can adjust your photo permissions through Arbor at any time.

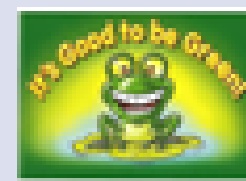
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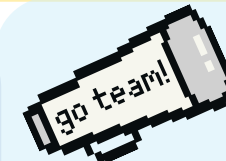
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.

GOOD TO BE GREEN WINNER

Oliver M.



HOUSE POINTS



MOORCROFT - 841

DOULTON - 825

BRIDGEWATER - 795

WEDGWOOD - 716

LET'S GO!

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

- START SMALL AND EARLY**
Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes. It is best to stick with school-day routines. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.
- REVISIT THE SCHEDULE**
Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help bring to light schedule changes that are engaging. When children understand and own their personal transitions, they feel more secure and in control.
- CREATE A SLEEP PLAN**
Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges. As children can sometimes struggle with waking up late during the holidays, limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A bedtime routine that improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing during mornings much sooner.
- ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS**
Help your child to reconnect with school friends by encouraging group activities, such as going to the park or having a picnic. Reconnecting with friends to school more exciting and less overwhelming, allowing children to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.
- GRANT RESPONSIBILITY**
Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Make it their job to lay out clothes, get ready, serve breakfast or check the radio station that lives their lives while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning routine can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.
- FOCUS ON NUTRITION**
Make sure children are receiving balanced meals with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration, putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.
- COMMUNICATE OPENLY**
Talk with your child about how they're feeling when returning to school. Whether they're excited, nervous or a mix of both, validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.
- RECONNECT WITH LEARNING**
Take children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a non-fiction book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their curiosity and prime them to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.
- PREP TOGETHER**
Turn preparations into a shared activity. To shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed, Park School begins, try out uniforms and pack lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.
- BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE**
Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently. It is important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to make routine as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way in setting a positive tone for the new school year.

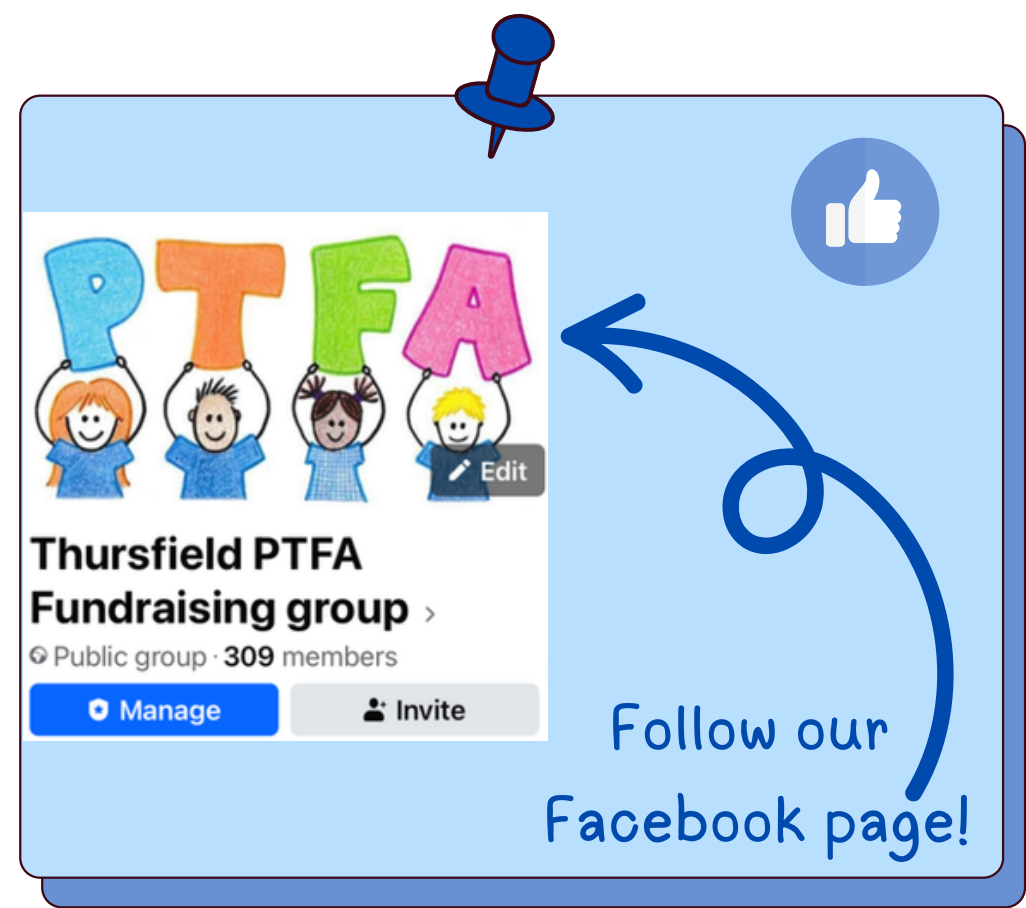
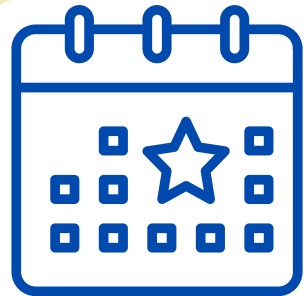
Meet Our Expert
Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



PTFA

Received duplicate presents & don't know what to do with them?

Putting those decorations down & thinking of throwing them away?

If you have any duplicate or not needed gifts this Christmas or are swapping out your decorations for new ones, then please donate them to the school.

Please note we cannot accept any food items due to the storing of our PTFA donations. All donations to be taken to the office.

PTFA

Do you want to know who the new PTFA members are?

Have a suggestion of an event?

Want to know how we decide on what to spend the money we raise on?

If the answer to any of the questions above is yes, then why not pop along to our next planning get together!

Monday 20th @ January 2pm in the School Hall

There's no commitment to come to all of the get togethers or to attend all of the events, so if this is the only one you can make then that's ok too.

IMPORTANT

Thank you for your continued support!

PTFA