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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a relaxing half term!

What a super time the children had who attended the Monster Bash - they looked fantastic and they really seemed full of joy! Thank you so much to all the PTA members and parents who helped. You made the children very happy.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Football Team whose prowess has now gained them entry to a national final! Well done each and every one of you. I know Mr Wilson had a tear in his eye, he was so proud!

We are delighted to have Kerry Williams, our wonderful Family Support Worker/Counsellor coming to do a drop in at Thundersley on Thursday morning between 9am and 12noon. If you are concerned that your child may be anxious, or you are having problems with things like debt or housing, Kerry, who has a wealth of knowledge and connections, is a listening ear who can point you in the right direction. If you would like to make an appointment to see Kerry, please drop in to the office or email to let us know what time that morning suits you. A problem shared is a problem halved.

On Wednesday, 180 Year 6 children from across ROBUS will be attending the Lyceum Theatre in the West End to watch the Lion King! I know everyone is very excited and, hot off the press, we have just booked for Wednesday, 5th March 2025 for our Year 5 children to see the show too! From then on, it will be ROBUS Year 5 children who attend this trip.

Have a fruitful week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 25th October 2024, there were 5 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 99%. 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	99.0%
Dragonflies	92.5%
Butterflies	96.0%
Rabbits	91.7%
Ladybirds	96.9%
Robins	96.0%
Fireflies	98.8%
Owls	94.9%
Bears	97.7%
Sparrows	95.5%
Ants	97.3%
Kestrels	98.7%
Badgers	92.9%
Otters	94.0%
Squirrels	84.5%
Whole School	95.1%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

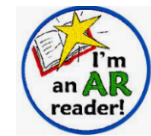
CHIPMUNKS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2024 - 2025 is:

97%

KS2 Accelerated Reader



This week:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 886,770
 2nd Ants - 330,536
 3rd Badgers - 266,030

Quizzes

1st Bears - 71
 2nd Owls - 44
 3rd Fireflies - 24

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 2,936,835
 2nd Sparrows - 2,670,516
 3rd Badgers - 1,888,957

Quizzes

1st Bears - 358
 2nd Owls - 222
 3rd Sparrows - 172

School Council Elections

Our children have been looking at the British Value of Democracy this week by exercising their right to vote for their class representatives - exciting times! The speeches throughout the campaign period were well thought-out and every child who participated did themselves proud. The following children were chosen by their classmates and will join the current School Councillors who will 'show them the ropes' before they move on in the Spring Term. They have accomplished so much already this year, raising money for Eva's wheelchair and getting Dust, our school pet. We all look forward to seeing what will be next.



Butterflies - Amelia Betts
 Rabbits - Florence Deal and Lenny Little
 Ladybirds - Rosie Spears and Hollie Dulieu





Robins - Isla Lake and Aiden White
Fireflies - Layla-Star Wright-Martin and Poppy Steyne
Owls - Elliot Hardwicke and Bobby Fillary
Bears - Eva-Mei Redmond and Nellie Gaskin
Sparrows - Charlie Elliott and Daniel Arram
Ants - Saskia Lawledge-Scott and Ethan Fitzmaurice
Kestrels - Rosie Mann and Ella Abbott
Badgers - Gautam Sandeep and Alice English
Otters - Thomas Harvey and Freddy Peryer
Squirrels - Chase Goodwin and Lincoln Bellinger

KS2 Lloyd Burton Multi Skills Festival

30 Year 6 children attended the Lloyd Burton Festival at The Deanes School on Monday in memory of Lloyd. The children had the chance to take part in multi-skilled activities that Lloyd used to love and enjoy. The children showed fantastic determination and team work when taking part in a range of activities including, tennis, basketball, putting and chipping in golf, an obstacle course, use of a diabolo and a class dance battle. We had a great afternoon and once again the children demonstrated what fantastic role models they are! Chase Gray-Harman (Badgers) gives his account of the afternoon below:-

"We walked to Deanes. We had to go into the hall and our first sport was golf. We had to do a chip and then we had to see how far we could hit the ball. If we got it to the first cone it was one point and if we got it to the next one it was two points. I liked doing this and I scored three points. Then we did basketball. We were put into teams. I was in Team 1 and we had to bounce the ball and hopefully not get tackled and the ball taken off of us by the Year 7/8 Deanes' kids. We also had to do an obstacle course which had a parachute that we had to go under and some tyres which we had to hop into. When we had done that, we had to run across and try and not to get hit by the dodgeballs. After that we did tennis. Firstly we had to balance the ball on the

racquet and then we had to bounce it. Then if we could do that easily, we had to do both and switch hands every time it went into the air. Then we did diabolo. Then we did dancing. Near the end some people could go into the middle and do a dance. I went into the middle but I don't really like dancing but I just did it for fun. I really liked the obstacle course the best because it was really fun. I actually really enjoyed all of it as they were all sports I like."

Gymnastics Congratulations



It has been a busy couple of weeks for Eva Mandizha (Owls) who has competed in the Essex Zinc competition at the Colchester School of Gymnastics. Eva was the beam champion and also got bronze in vault. Before half term, Eva participated in the Quatro Cup 2024 in the Zinc at the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics. At this competition, Eva was the beam champion, floor champion and silver all round. Eva continues to work hard and has now been selected to be part of the Essex Team and will be competing on 10th November 2024.

Well done Eva, what an amazing achievement - you should be very proud of yourself. We wish you all the best for your competition on 10th November 2024!

Karate Championships in Poland



We would like to congratulate Lewis Grigson (Badgers) who recently visited Poland to represent England at the WUKF European Championships and achieved 2nd place in the Kata category. Lewis gives an insight into the competition below:-

"I have been training in karate for 5 years. I attend lessons at least 4 times a week and I will be grading for my black belt in April. I was selected for the squad to represent England at the Poland WUKF European Championships this year. My club chose me because of my attitude, dedication and previous competition results including 4th place in the World championships last year, held in Scotland. This year I was delighted to achieve 2nd place in my Kata category and visit a country that I have never been to before."

Well done Lewis, what a fantastic achievement - you should be very proud of yourself.

Year 6 Boys' Football - Southend United Tournament

On Thursday, a group of boys from Year 6 went to Garons Park in Southend to represent Thundersley in a local football





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tournament. This tournament had over 20 schools from all over the South of Essex taking part. A strong start from our boys saw them win all of their group games and progress to the quarter-finals finishing 1st place in their group. In the quarter final Thundersley faced a tough Glebe team who were tough to break down. With time running out in the dying embers of the game Theo Preston managed to tuck away the winner to send Thundersley into the semi-finals! In the semi-finals we faced Rayleigh Primary who we had already beaten in our group 1-0 so the boys were feeling confident. As the game progressed on, both teams failed to hit the back of the net. After the game going into extra-time and the game being goalless, it headed to penalties! After a thrilling shoot out, Thundersley scoring all their penalties and Rayleigh missing one it was down to Isaac Swaby to put Thundersley into the final... he stepped up and slammed it into the left corner which sent Thundersley into the finals!!

In the final Thundersley faced Sunnymede Primary School, who a lot of schools were tipping to win the tournament. Our Thundersley boys had a lot of teams talking about their quick and exciting football. The game kicked off... an end-to-end final which both teams looked like scoring plenty of goals, but Lincoln Bellinger, in the Thundersley goal, was on hand to deny the Sunnymede attackers. Midway through the game Sunnymede managed to find the back of the net from a well-worked goal. Thundersley 0-1 Sunnymede. A tense end to the game saw Thundersley's waves of attacks be denied by a strong Sunnymede defence. In the final minute of the game Thundersley were awarded a penalty for handball! Freddy Peryer stepped up and smashed it in! Thundersley 1-1 Sunnymede. Game on! The game then went into extra-time and Thundersley managed to take the lead from a Chase Goodwin strike from outside the box. Thundersley 2-1 Sunnymede. Yet again in the final moments of the game Jaxon Grange won the ball in the midfield and broke out sprinting forwards, he carried the ball to the edge of the box, then

kicked the ball into the top right corner!!!! Full-time Thundersley 3-1 Sunnymede.

A great day for the Thundersley boys who will go on to represent Southend United at the next level. An unbelievable achievement for the boys and the first tournament win for Boys' football in over 20 years at the school! Well done boys and good luck in the next round! Dexter White (Otters) gives his account of the tournament below:-

"On Thursday, we went to a Southend United tournament at Garons and there were 20 other schools there. Our group was a very competitive group and we won all of our games and topped the group and we moved straight on to the quarter finals. We played Glebe and at the last minute we won 1-0. Then in the semi-finals, we had to play Rayleigh Primary which ended in a 0-0 draw which went to penalties. We won 5-3. In the final we had to play Sunnymede. Sunnymede scored an early goal but luckily, we had a penalty which we scored. Then we scored another goal from a long way out and at the dying embers of the game, we scored another one to seal the victory. We lifted up the trophy and took lots of pictures. I played centre back most of the time which I like because I feel like I really help the team to not concede goals. I really wanted to win it as we had got so far and we did!"



Girls' Football vs. Downhall Primary School

On Tuesday after school, our Girls' Football Team played their 2nd round game against Downhall Primary. It was a brilliant game where Thundersley scored some

super goals. Downhall also scored some wonderful goals from distance! The game was a super close contest between the two schools, which finished Thundersley 3-3 Downhall. This meant that the game went to a penalty shootout... Downhall went on to win the penalty shootout and came out as the winners of this tie and will progress to the next round.

Our girls are really proud of what they've achieved and they look forward to competing in their league matches and trying to retain our league title for another season! Well done girls!!! Quinn Godfrey (Ants) tells of her game below:-

"At school Mr. Wilson came and collected us and we got all our stuff and went onto the KS1 field and started practicing for the game. Then we did some shoots. The other team arrived and we started the game. In the first half, we scored 1 and then in the second half, they scored 3 and we scored 2. It was 3-3 so we went onto penalties. Then we lost by 2. They were a very good team so it was good that we went on to penalties. The match was very good and we left all celebrating. I was the goal keeper and all the parents, even though they had their own children, waited for me to say how well I had done. I'm really looking forward to the next match."

EYFS Sponsored Number Hunt

As part of the EYFS Parent/Carer Involvement session last term, the children and their adults participated in a sponsored Number Hunt to raise money for the EYFS area. Thank you to everyone for your support. The total sum raised was a magnificent **£1,662.00**.



Show Racism the Red Card



We would like to thank everyone who supported the above day by wearing red and donating. We raised **£242.65** for this worthy cause. We have received the following email:-





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Wear **Red** Day 2024 was a huge success- all thanks to you!

2024 saw us celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Wear Red Day event, and to say that we were flabbergasted by the turnout of our amazing supporters would be a huge understatement.

In 2023 when 615,000 people registered to take part, we thought we'd never top that figure, but this year when we hit 710,000 registrations, we realised that our amazing base of supporters just keeps on growing.

All across the UK from the Isle of Mull in Scotland, the Isle of Barry in Wales, the Isle of Wight in England, and Belfast and County Antrim in Northern Ireland, we can definitely say that we had literally achieved coast to coast support.

We've never seen anything like it before.

Almost 400 businesses nationwide signed up to wear **red**, show their support and fundraise on our behalf. 1,300 schools and educational settings joined the throng to state that as proud anti-racists, they simply had to be involved in the UK's greatest celebration of the anti-racism movement.

Lighting up red for us once again were our incredible friends at The London Eye, Warwick Castle, London Heathrow and Sunderland City Council, all of them beacons of inspiration and positivity. It was a monumental day, and our heartfelt thanks go out to every single person that stood with us.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in Year 1 and Year 2 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!

Year 1 - Evie Crompton (Rabbits)
Year 2 - Arthur Barclay (Ladybirds)

Well done to you both!

House Point Scores

The half term total scores for the House Point groups are:-

Golden Eagles	18,825
Green Dragons	17,488
Red Arrows	17,438
Blue Dolphins	17,379



Well done Golden Eagles!

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Albert Longmore, Ayah Pounds and Charlie Macdonald
- Year 5:-** Ella Abbott and Quinn Godfrey
- Year 4:-** Kitty McCombe and Mason Major
- Year 3:-** Kadey Laver and Ava Macdonald
- Year 2:-** Emmy-Rose Thompson and Lilly Hawker
- Year 1:-** Arthur Lloyd and Eleanor Page
- EYFS:-** Poppy Hawker and Eli Waiwaiuku



Playground Stars of the Week

Lois Oke, Teddy Little, Harry Cecil, Poppy Ferdinand-Hemmings, Taylor Dwyer-St-Pier, Dior Sellick, Toby Keeler, Emily Parmenter, Nusrat Miah, Keziah Playle, Phoebe Burns, Izzy Barker and George Wise Bell

Honesty is the best policy!

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

- Ayah Pounds (Otters)
- Henry Walters (Ants)
- Patrick Ridgwell (Ants)
- Isaac Wood (Ants)
- Edward Payne (Ants)
- Joshua Sandford (Kestrels)
- Charlie Baker (Sparrows)

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.



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Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA News

AGM

The PTA's Annual General Meeting is being held at 7pm on Monday, 11th November 2024 at The White Hart. All are welcome!

Community News

ACL - Setting Boundaries

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****

25/11/24
14/02/25
21/07/25
22/07/25

