



# Newsletter No. 10

18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Are you free for twenty minutes after drop off? Would you like to make a real difference to children in Year 6? We are looking for volunteers to come in from 8.40am to 9.00am to hear children read in Year 6. By the end of Year 6, children are expected to be reading at an extremely high standard and we know this makes such a difference to their transition to Senior School if they achieve it. I know the Year 6 team would be very grateful of as much support as they can get to help our children achieve this goal. I know lots of our volunteer readers really value the time they spend in school and if you are interested in joining our merry band, we'd love to have you!

I was delighted to hear just how many accelerated reader quizzes children in KS2 had completed last week and we know that it spurs children on when they learn after the quiz just how many words they have read. Please encourage your child to do a quiz regularly at home or at school.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents to their Parental Involvement tomorrow afternoon.

Just a reminder that next Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 is a staff training day.

Have a super week,

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024, there were 8 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Otters 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	98.7%
Dragonflies	98.6%
Butterflies	98.7%
Rabbits	92.8%
Ladybirds	94.1%
Robins	97.0%
Fireflies	89.1%
Owls	97.6%
Bears	98.0%
Sparrows	96.6%
Ants	95.3%
Kestrels	97.3%
Badgers	95.6%
Otters	99.0%
Squirrels	95.5%
Whole School	96.2%
Target	97.0%

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

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

### KS2 Accelerated Reader

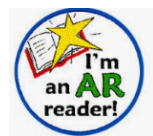
This week:-

#### Word Count

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 345,485
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels - 211,359
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ants - 150,535

#### Quizzes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 33



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireflies - 22
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladybirds & Kestrels - 13

Overall:-

#### Word Count

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 3,965,497
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 3,015,220
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 2,334,511

#### Quizzes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 445
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 256
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 204

### Christmas Charity Kindness



Rebecca White, mum of Aiden (Robins), recently organised for the children in his class to fill boxes with items for the charity 'Operation Christmas Child' via the local church. The support was incredible and a total of 24 boxes (including two from Eli Swaby in Ladybirds) were donated. Rebecca would like to thank everyone for their selflessness in donating to this worthwhile cause - the children receiving the boxes will be thrilled!

### Animal Charity Sale

Isla Jacobs (Owls) recently held a charity sale with her best friend and has raised over £200 (with money still coming in) for Frocks for Freedom, a charity that raises money for animals in need. Isla has been making bracelets for weeks in preparation for the stall and the girls set up a shop outside Isla's Nan's home where they sold the bracelets plus some homemade





cupcakes. Isla said "I wanted to make bracelets and rings because I enjoy making them. I chose to give the money to an animal charity because I love all animals and wanted to help the animals in need."

Well done Isla - what a brilliant cause to raise money for. You should be very proud!



### Gymnastic Success

We would like to congratulate Keziah Playle (Rabbits), who attends the South Essex Gymnastics Club, on being awarded Gold for all her events which were floor, bars and vault in the SEGC competition on Saturday. Keziah also came 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of around 60 girls. Keziah said "I was so happy to win 5<sup>th</sup> place. The bars were the hardest but I still loved doing it. In January I'm moving to the advanced class and I'm super excited."



Well done Keziah, a fantastic achievement. You should be very proud.

### Essex Cup

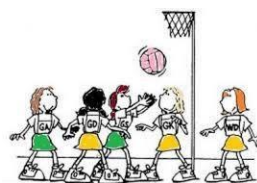
On Wednesday, the boys had their Essex Cup Group Stage games hosted here at Thundersley. It was a brilliant afternoon but was very competitive and Thundersley won one, drew two and lost two. Unfortunately, this saw Thundersley exit the Essex Cup. It was a great effort from all the boys and they look forward to their upcoming fixtures. Carter Broad (Squirrels) gives his account of the tournament below:-



"Before the matches, we did some training to warm up and had a group talk. For the first three matches we played on pitch 2 and then on the second two we played on pitch 1. Unfortunately, we didn't go through to the next round but we scored a few goals and enjoyed the matches. I played centre back which I like because it is a really important position as I have to be the last man in front of the keeper. We drew two matches, lost two matches and won one. The matches were quite difficult but we stayed strong and pushed through to the end. At the end, Mr. Jetten thanked the staff of the other teams and for everyone coming. He then announced the positions. Lee Chapel came first and we came in fourth. We really enjoyed playing as a team and were grateful we were able to play."

### Netball

What a great start our girls have had to the netball season! It was a quiet first quarter with our experienced players reminding our less experienced of the (many) rules of the game and at half time, neither team had scored any goals...Then, the opposition



scored first but as usual the TPS girls didn't get down hearted, in fact quite the opposite, they stepped up their game and by the final whistle they had not only equalised the score but in fact scored four goals in total to Woodham Ley's one. Mrs Hoeb couldn't be any more proud of her team this week and is looking forward to the boys stepping in for the mixed game next week. Hollie Agass gives her account of the match below:-

"We played against Woodham Ley. We were all a bit nervous as it was our first game of the season. In the first quarter I was off but in the second quarter I played goal shooter. At the end of the second quarter neither teams had scored so it was 0-0. In the next quarter Woodham Ley scored and it was a really good goal from quite far away. Not long after that Thundersley scored and it was Lois who scored a really good goal as well. In the next quarter I played goal keeper and I was marking the goal shooter and she was really springy and hard to keep up with but I managed to keep up. Ayah scored 3 goals which meant that we won 4-1. I really enjoyed the game. It was my first netball game and at the end we did a really nice thing where we were all chanting well done and hip, hip hooray. I'm really looking forward to the next match because I think we have a really good chance of winning. The next is a mixed game but after that we'll be playing an all-girls game."

### Polite Reminders

#### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day in order to keep hydrated - thank you.



#### Dogs

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site apart from assistance dogs - thank you.



No dogs except assistance dogs





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## 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 - Charlotte Morris (Rabbits)

Year 2 - Sienna Dixon (Ladybirds)

Well done to you both!

## House Point Scores

The weekly house point scores are:-

Blue Dolphins	3865
Red Arrows	3559
Golden Eagles	3368
Green Dragons	3165



Well done again Blue Dolphins!

## Stars of the Week



**Year 6:-** Chase Goodwin, Bella Blackshaw and Sharia Miah

**Year 5:-** Ella Abbott and Cooper Kenrick

**Year 4:-** Taylor Dwyer-St-Pier and Mason Wheeler

**Year 3:-** Brady Harringley and Marlee Morris

**Year 2:-** Hollie Dulieu and Kyla O'Malley

**Year 1:-** Charlotte Morris and Harper Hooper

**EYFS:-** Sylvia Nicoara and Lily Roberts

## Playground Stars of the Week

Liam Seymour, Ellen Weeden, Jasmine Steyne, Millie Smith, Ethan Fitzmaurice,

Oliver Giles, Felicity Warren, Rex Bilkey, Oliver Browning, Elsie Phillips, Rosie Spears, Florence Deal, Royce Su, Nowen Davis and Eloise Bennett

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Tyler Lynch (Sparrows)  
Alfie Seymour (Sparrows)  
Ava Lake (Badgers)  
Ava Macdonald (Owls)  
Maddison Wilson (Owls)  
Mrs. Hawkins (Midday Assistant)

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.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.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!

## Community News

### Mega Camps - Christmas 2024

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Essex Fire Museum - Open Days

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

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





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

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

