



All Things Thurlby

Newsletter 08
01.11.2024

Dear Parents

Congratulations

Thurlby Stars Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Thurlby Stars for demonstrating one of our Thurlby Values this week. Our winners are:

- Reception** - Erin and Leo
- Year 1** - Rory and Hugo
- Year 2** - Ashley and Betsy
- Year 3** - Arlo and Maddie
- Year 4** - Kavan and Sasha
- Year 5** - Thea and Rory
- Year 6** - Johnny and Alice

Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 28th October, was 97.5%. Congratulations to our Year 2 class on achieving 100% attendance this week. Super stars!

Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 2	100%
2nd	Year 6	98.6%
3rd	Reception	97.8%

Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament

Children from Year 3 and 4 represented the school well at this week's football tournament. They showed lots of excellent football skills and came third in their group. What a great achievement! A huge congratulations to those children! 😊



Forest School - Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about space during their Forest School session this week. They started by telling each other a fact they already knew or something they would like to learn. The first activity was to create a scale model of our solar system using pictures of the planets, string and measuring rulers or tapes. They had to work out which planet was which and then measure the distances from the Sun and place them in the correct place along the string. They all did a great job and made some interesting observations.

They noticed that the solid planets were closer to the sun and the gas giants were further away. They also noticed that the planets closer to the sun were closer to each other than the ones further away. After making their scale model, they all created their own versions of a planet or the solar system using natural materials. They showed amazing creativity and there was a variety of different approaches used. Jupiter was the most popular planet recreated, with particular attention paid to the big red spot.



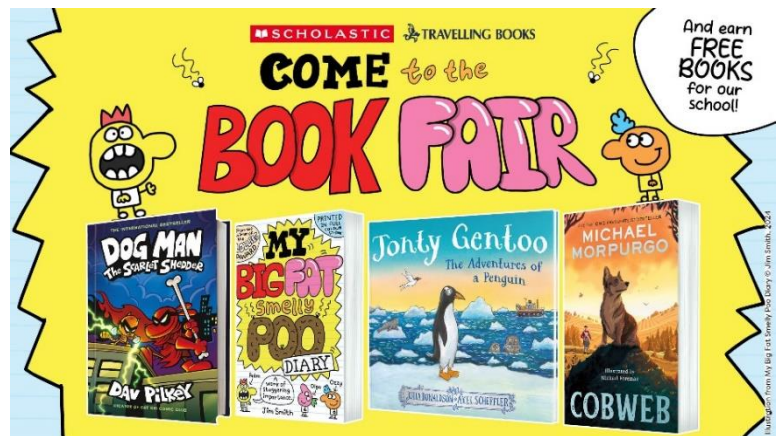
In the Summer term, Lili planted a pumpkin seed which she left to grow in our outdoor area. Over the last few months, it has grown and Lili was able to harvest her pumpkin yesterday on Halloween. Lili was surprised that it was not a circle shape.



Book Fair November 2024

We are pleased to confirm that we are holding a Book Fair in the school hall on Thursday 21st November and Friday 22nd November. Opening times will be 3.15 to 4.15pm each day.

Children are welcome to come along with you to the fair. They will also have an opportunity to view the books during school time. Your support would be greatly appreciated since the Book Fair is a practical way of promoting reading and directly benefits the school and your children by providing new books for our library.



To look at the variety of books available, in advance of the Fair, then please head to the Scholastics website [The books - Travelling Book Fairs \(scholastic.co.uk\)](https://www.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-book-fairs)

Books can be purchased on the day or, if you are unable to visit the Book Fair, you can pay using the online payment system on the website, please see the following ways to pay:

- 1) Pay with gift vouchers - Parents can purchase pre-paid gift vouchers at [Parents - Travelling Book Fairs \(scholastic.co.uk\)](https://www.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-book-fairs)
- 2) Pay online - whether attending the Fair in person or paying for books from home, parents can pay securely online via [Find school - Travelling Book Fairs \(scholastic.co.uk\)](https://www.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-book-fairs)
- 3) or use the adjacent QR code

We look forward to seeing you there!

 **TRAVELLING BOOKS**



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

PTFA - Dress Down Day - Christmas Hamper Donations - Friday 29th November

This very special non-uniform day is in exchange for donations for our themed Christmas hampers. These hampers will become raffle prizes at our Christmas Fayre. Each class will be allocated a theme as follows:

Year 6 - Christmas Party

Beer/cider/wine etc, crisps/nibbles, soft drinks, Christmas Crackers, party poppers

Year 5 - New year, New You

Toiletries - hand cream, bubble bath, shower gel, soap, body lotion etc, face masks, candles, hair accessories

Year 4 - Christmas Movie night

Christmas DVD, Netflix voucher, popcorn, crisps, chocolate, soft drinks

Year 3 - Christmas Day

Mince pies, crisps, cake, Christmas pudding, Christmas Crackers, cranberry sauce, tin vegetables, gravy, stuffing mix, napkins

Year 2 - Christmas Eve

Christmas socks, sweets/chocolate/marsh mallows/candy canes, games, hot chocolate, Christmas colouring book/reading book

Year 1 - Festive family fun

Games/charades/quizzes, baking items, gingerbread house, jigsaw puzzle

Reception - Christmas arts & crafts

Pencils/pens/crayons/felt tips, paper/card, paints, stencils, stickers, crafts

To take part, please bring in a gift(s) in the category that has been allocated to your child's class. Please ensure all gifts are new and unopened and in date for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 14th December. No perishables or refrigerated items please.

Please make sure your gift is at least to the value of £1. A cash donation of at least £1 can be made instead if you are unable to source a gift.

We look forward to receiving your donations and thank you for your continued support!



Children in Need - Friday 15th November

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Children can come to school in non-uniform. They may choose to wear something yellow or spotty to represent Pudsey or simply clothes of their choice. This year's theme is 'Challenge Yourself' so the children will be completing some physical challenges in their PE sessions during that week.

We would like to ask for contributions that we can donate to this very worthwhile charity which, of course, is entirely voluntary. Any contributions will be gratefully received. Thank you.



K Finch

Mrs K Finch
Headteacher

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Wednesday 6th November -
Wednesday 13th November -
Friday 15th November -
Monday 18th November -

Thursday 21st November -
Friday 22nd November -
Tuesday 26th November -
Friday 29th November -

Tuesday 10th December -
Wednesday 11th December -

Thursday 12th December -

Friday 13th December -

Saturday 14th December -
Monday 16th December -

Thursday 19th December -

Friday 20th December -

Details to follow

Parents' Evening - 3.30-6.30pm / SEN Sessions - 3.00-6.00pm
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Children in Need
Flu Immunisation 'Mop Up' Session
Year 6 - WWII project - old duvet/pillowcase needed by today
Book Fair - 3.15 to 4.00pm
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Open Evening for Reception 2025 Parents 6.00-7.00pm
PTFA Dress Down Day
Year 3 trip to Flag Fen
EYFS/KS1 Nativity - Lawrance Park Hall @ 9.30am
(Reception and Year 1 parents with surnames A-H)
EYFS/KS1 Nativity - Lawrance Park Hall @ 9.30am
(Year 1 parents with surnames J-W and Year 2 parents)
Year 6 trip to Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln
Christmas Jumper Day
PTFA Christmas Fayre 12-2.00pm
Year 5/6 Christmas Performance - Thurlby Methodist - 1.30pm
Year 3/4 Christmas Performance - School Hall - Time 2.30pm
Year 6 VE Day
Rocksteady Concert for participating children @ 2.15pm
End of Term 2

Please see the term dates for the 2025/2026 Academic Year below.

These dates have also been added to our website. Please click: [Term Dates | Thurlby Primary School](#)

Thurlby Community Primary Academy



Academic Year 2025-2026

TERM 1 2025

Training Day Tuesday 2nd September

Training Day Wednesday 3rd September

First day of term Thursday 4th September

Last day of term Thursday 23rd October

Training Day Friday 24th October

TERM 2 2025

First day of term Monday 3 November

Last day of term Friday 19th December

TERM 3 2026

Training Day Monday 5th January

First day of term Tuesday 6th January

Last day of term Friday 13th February

TERM 4 2026

First day of term Monday 23rd February

Last day of term Thursday 2nd April

TERM 5 2026

Training Day Monday 20th April

First day of term Tuesday 21st April

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Last day of term Friday 22nd May

TERM 6 2026

First day of term Monday 1st June

Last day of term Wednesday 22nd July

Youth Choir

- Peterborough Youth Choir is now recruiting children aged 7+ to start after half term
- Rehearsals are on Mondays from 4.30pm (term time) at the John Mansfield Campus, Western Avenue, Peterborough PE1 4HX
- No previous singing experience needed, just lots of enthusiasm!
- Get in touch TODAY to book your child in for a trial rehearsal!
- <https://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk/peterborough-youth-choir>



**READY
STEADY
SING!**

NO PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE NEEDED
JUST YOUR VOICE!

Peterborough's singing club for children aged 7+

Mondays from 4.30pm during term time

John Mansfield Campus, Western Avenue, PE1 4HX

Everyone welcome!

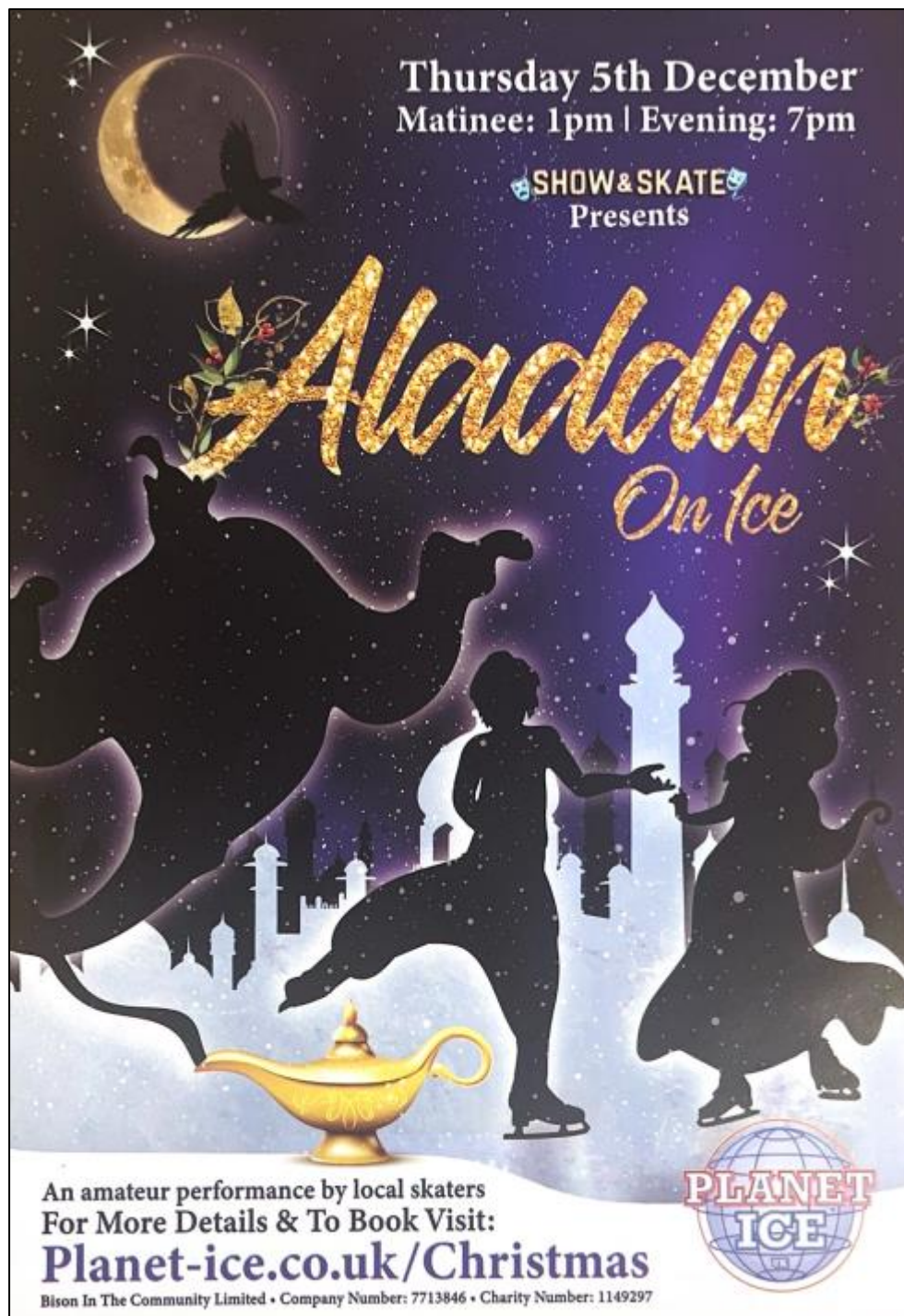
SIGN UP TODAY!

Email pysc@peterboroughsings.org.uk
or visit www.peterboroughsings.org.uk

**PETERBOROUGH
YOUTH CHOIR**

Peterborough Youth Choir (C) 2019

The poster features three circular images: a group of children singing with their arms raised, a group of four young men in blue polo shirts posing together, and a group of children performing on a stage with musical instruments.

A poster for an ice skating performance of Aladdin. The background is a dark purple night sky with a crescent moon, stars, and a silhouette of a magic carpet. In the foreground, two skaters in silhouette are performing on ice. A golden genie lamp sits on the ice. In the background, there is a silhouette of a city with domes and minarets. The title 'Aladdin' is written in a large, golden, cursive font, and 'On Ice' is written in a smaller, golden, cursive font below it. The text 'SHOW & SKATE Presents' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font above the title. The date and times 'Thursday 5th December Matinee: 1pm | Evening: 7pm' are written in a white, sans-serif font at the top. The Planet Ice logo is in the bottom right corner.

Thursday 5th December
Matinee: 1pm | Evening: 7pm

SHOW & SKATE
Presents

Aladdin

On Ice

An amateur performance by local skaters
For More Details & To Book Visit:
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