



# All Things

# Thurlby

Newsletter 15  
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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** - Edison and Robin
- Year 1** - Briah and Leo
- Year 2** - Roman and Arthur
- Year 3** - Kaleb and Toby
- Year 4** - Oliver and Daisy
- Year 5** - Rowan and Amelia D-V
- Year 6** - Maddie and Elijah

### Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 16th December, was 93.4%

### Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 5	96.1%
2nd	Year 4	95.6%
3rd	Year 3	94.5%

### Message from Mrs Finch

Thank you to all our families who have supported us over the first couple of terms this academic year. It has been a tiring last term for the children and adults but we have thoroughly enjoyed putting on our wonderful Christmas performances and had fun with different festive activities in the lead up to the Christmas break. It was wonderful to see so many family members at the recent Christmas performances and at our Christmas Fayre.

Thank you so much to our PTFA for their hard work and commitment, not only in organising and running the fayre but also in creating our 2025 calendar, running competitions and the very popular Christmas Craft Club.

The Christmas Fayre raised a fantastic **£1311.30**, thank you so much for your support on this.

Well done to the EYFS children who have completed their first full term at 'big school' and a bitter-sweet moment for our year 6s who have spent their final Christmas with us.

I'm sure that you'll join me in thanking all our staff for the dedication they have shown over this term, we hope they have a restful break.

To the children, parents, volunteers and governors, I wish you a merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

**Year 6 - International Bomber Command Centre Visit - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

What a way to bring our learning about WWII to an end! On Friday, Year 6 visited the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln. We learnt about the significance of Lincolnshire being bomber county. Artefacts were explored by children and they were able to wear uniforms that were worn by real pilots! The children even ventured into an Anderson shelter. Finally, to top off an already brilliant day, the Spitfires came out over Waddington, giving us front row seats. As always, the children did an excellent job of showing those Thurlby Values to all they met.



## Year 6 'Make do and mend'

Our Year 6 children have had a busy term practising their sewing and creating their make-do-and-mend project. Using old pillowcases and duvet covers, the children have made a tool belt with the purpose of carrying objects hands-free. A sewing machine was used for the belt whilst the children used different hand stitches for the pockets. There were some great results!



## VE Day

Another wonderful way to celebrate our WWII unit...VE Day. The children had a fabulous day. We worked on our codebreaking skills at Bletchley Park and then went into the hall to do our best version of the Lindy bop - we definitely have some dancers in our midst! Once we were back in the classroom, we played games, inspired by WWII, and finished the day by enjoying some delicious nibbles. A big thank you to everyone who sent food in. It is hugely appreciated!





## KS2 Christmas Performances

Congratulations to our KS2 classes who all gave wonderful performances earlier this week. Years 3 and 4 performed an array of songs and poems together in the school hall whilst Years 5 and 6 collaborated at the Methodist Chapel to spread important messages about the real gifts of Christmas. All of the children's singing and speaking was beautiful and there were also a few laughs thrown in too!



## Thurlby's Choir

Our choir performed last weekend at the Christmas Fayre. They sang loudly and proudly and bopped away with their many actions to the songs. It was a lovely way to open the fayre.



Our choir were also invited to sing at the beginning of the Thurlby Lunch Club, at the Methodist Church, on Tuesday. The children sang beautifully and were very expressive with their actions. The Lunch Club were so appreciative, some joined in with the songs they knew and some even got emotional. We have already been invited back next year!

## St Firmin's Church Festival of Kings

St Firmin's Church invited our children to create artwork to form part of their festival of Kings Celebration. The children enjoyed painting, writing poems, sketching, sewing and sculpting. Their work was displayed within the church last weekend and visitors were very impressed by the detail and care that had gone into every creation.





### Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a fantastic £118.60 for the Save the Children charity.

### Christmas Tree Appeal

The Stamford Rotary Club collected our tree presents this week and we counted 46 presents under the tree. Thank you so much to our families for their generosity. The Stamford Rotary Club are extremely grateful for your support. Please see their adjacent letter expressing their thanks.



Rotary Club of  
Stamford St Martins

Geoffrey Collett  
Club Member

### Christmas Tree Presents Appeal

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Mrs. Finch and all members of staff, on behalf of the Stamford St Martin's Rotary Club I would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Tree present appeal for under privileged children again this year. Despite the very difficult economic situation that we all have to endure, so far at the last count 1068 presents have been collected from all our hosts. 46 of those presents have been donated by the staff and parents of children attending Thurlby Community Primary Academy. This is an amazing achievement and we are extremely grateful to you all. I am sure all the children who will receive the presents will have a much better Christmas thanks to you all. Our Q.R. code linked to our 'Just Giving Page' has been very successful as well with one individual donation of £1294 and many others as well. Throughout the year Stamford St Martin's Rotary Club will be continuing our fund-raising efforts so that we can support many other good causes.

Happy Christmas

Geoff Collett (Stamford St Martin's Rotary Club)

### PTFA Christmas Bauble Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the PTFA Christmas Bauble competition, we had some super entries! Congratulations to the winners:

#### EYFS/KS1

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Pippa (Year 1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Eden (Year 1)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Edison (Reception)

#### KS2

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Francesca (Year 4)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Emmie (Year 5)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Oliver (Year 4)



K. Finch

Mrs K Finch  
Headteacher

**Upcoming Calendar Dates**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December -

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January -

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January -

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January -

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January -

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January -

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February -

End of Term 2 - **Happy Christmas**

Training Day

Start of Term 3

Shakespeare for Schools Club starts today from 3.30-4.45pm

**Forest School starts today for Year 4**

Year 5 Bikeability starts today until Thursday

Roots to Food in school for Years 2, 3 4 and 6

Year 1 Class Assembly @ 9.45am

PTFA Valentine's Dress Down Day (details to follow)

Shakespeare Workshop at Thurlby @ 1.30-4.15pm

End of Term 3

