



# All Things Thurlby

Newsletter 11  
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Dear Parents

## 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** - Tyler and Isla  
**Year 1** - Isabella and Adam  
**Year 2** - Ada and Lili  
**Year 3** - Derin and Freya  
**Year 4** - Stefan and Nancy  
**Year 5** - Francesca and Isla  
**Year 6** - Ryan and Lili

## Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 24th November 2025, was 95.9%.

## Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 3	98.9%
2nd	Year 6	96.6%
3rd	Reception	96.4%



## Lawrance Park Playground.

Three pieces of sensory equipment are to be both delivered and installed in the Playground Area on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Traffic dependent, the contractors will arrive on site around 8.00am, they will be accessing the site from Chapel Lane.

We look forward to the children enjoying the new sensory equipment as well as the other enhancements made to the Playground this year.

The Trustees apologise for any inconvenience that might be caused on the day: members of the community are asked to be extra vigilant when using the Park and Playground on the day.

## Roots to Food

We were delighted to welcome Darren Tinkler, once again, to Thurlby on Tuesday. Darren helped our Year 3, 4 and 6 children prepare, cook and serve a fabulous thai meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Darren expressed his thanks to our school, saying:

*Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 demonstrated terrific cooking practices, nutritional value and food techniques. The children displayed energy, enthusiasm, passion and had a huge appetite for the food theme. Staff support was wonderful and very much appreciated.*

The recipe can be found at the bottom of the newsletter, should you wish to recreate this at home with your family.



**ROOTS**  
— TO FOOD —

*Active Education in Health & Wellbeing*

**Food and nutrition education for schools**



## Year 2 - Forest School

This week, Year 2 had their first forest school session of the year. They amazed Miss Titman with their knowledge of trees and then tried to identify some of the trees in our garden by looking at the buds, seeds and leaves.

Next, they used wax crayons to make rubbings of the tree bark and other wooden items such as the log seats, gate and fence. Their final challenge was to create the tallest freestanding structure, which they have been learning about in DT. This structure was tested by placing an egg on top to see if it could hold it and stay standing up. They created some fantastic structures, all of which managed to hold the egg without falling down. Well Done Year 2.



## Year 2 - Florence Nightingale

In year 2, for English, we became Florence Nightingale and acted out being this heroine, using Now, Press Play. We followed the instructions and acted out looking after Jim the soldier, cleaning the floors and telling the chief what needs to be done to improve hospitals. We then created a word bank of what we saw and how we felt to help support us in writing our diary entry.



This week, we have also taken part in Parliament week, we found out what Parliament is and focused on the House of Commons. We used a virtual tour to explore the House of Commons and to find out about The government, The opposition and The Speaker. We then created the House of Commons in the classroom, where we acted out a new law being made by the Prime Minister and The Speaker did a great job at controlling the MPs.



#### Dentists Visit Year 4

As part of their science learning relating to the digestive system, Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Mr and Mrs Ogden (qualified dentists). The class learnt about how a tooth is constructed, the different types of teeth and the importance of caring for your teeth.

The children were excited to receive a new toothbrush and a small tube of toothpaste to take home.



Did you know that  
enamel (the white outer  
layer of your teeth) is  
the hardest material in

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Ogden for the interesting and informative talk.

#### Attention EYFS and KS1 parents

At the upcoming 'A Sparkly Christmas Concert' (Reception) and 'The Pop-tivity' (Year 1 & 2), we will be selling individual photographs of the children in their costumes. These will be available to order on the morning for £2.50 each or 5 for £10 (6 x 4 in size).



The order form will be available at the Christmas performances; all you will need to do is write the number photo that you want and the number of copies that you would like on the order form provided. It will be a **cash payment** on the day, so please bring this with you (preferably the correct change!).

You can still order and send payment in later that day or the next day. Photos will be sent home just before the end of term with your child/children. **All money raised will be used to enhance the outdoor provision for EYFS and KS1 which we have such wonderful plans for but need help to raise money for resources and storage! We would really appreciate any support with this; donations would also be gratefully received if you do not want to order any photos.**

Thank you in advance - The EYFS & KS1 Teams.



#### Year 4 - TTRS Champ!

Congratulations, this week, go to Teddy for being our champion on Times Tables Rock Stars. Well done on your award! 😊



#### PTFA

Raffle tickets have been sent home with your child/ren this week. If you would like to purchase these, please return cash in an envelope to the School Office, clearly named, or place in the PTFA letter box in the school foyer. Please return any unwanted tickets to school or a PTFA member as soon as possible, so we can sell on. The draw will take place on Saturday 13th December at 1.45pm at the Christmas Fayre. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the day too!

Please ensure tickets are purchased by an adult, tickets cannot be bought by children under 16 years of age.

Thank you for your continued support! Thurlby PTFA



#### Christmas Choir - Bourne Lights Switch On Tomorrow

Just a reminder that this event is tomorrow. The choir are performing approx. a 20 min slot at 2.30pm. Please meet Mrs Finch and Mrs Pengelly in front of the Burghley Arms, **at 2pm.**

School uniform is **not** required for this event. Children are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers and any Christmas themed decorative accessories they wish. They will be performing a repertoire of Christmas songs, along with children from other local primary and secondary schools. Mrs Finch will dismiss your child to you after the children perform.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Christmas Film After School Event

Please see the films that have been chosen (based on age) for the Christmas films. If your child/ren would like to attend, the payment for this will go live, through MCAS, next week.

EYFS/KS1 - Stick Man - Julia Donaldson followed by Shaun the Sheep - Flight Before Christmas

KS2 - That Christmas



## Year 6 Residential

Thank you to parents for contributions so far for the Aylmerton trip in February. The next instalment due (£43.00) on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 via MCAS. Many thanks.

*K Finch*

Mrs K Finch  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November -  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December -  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December -  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December -  
  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December -  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December -  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December -  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December -  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December -  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December -

Bourne Light Switch On - Choir to meet at 2.00pm  
EYFS Christmas Performance - School Hall @ 9.30am  
Presents under the tree for our Christmas Tree Appeal this week  
Year 5/6 Christmas Performance - Thurlby Methodist Chapel, 9:30am  
Year 3/4 Christmas Performance - School Hall, 10:45am  
Christmas Jumper Day  
PTFA Christmas Fayre 12.00-2.00pm (choir performing at 12pm)  
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance, School Hall @ 9.30am  
Christmas Film - 3:20-4:30pm for EYFS/KS1 and 3.20-5.15pm for KS2  
Rocksteady Concert for participating pupils @ 2.15pm  
End of Term 2

## Pad Thai with Fresh Basil

### Ingredients

4 chicken breasts, cut into 1cm dice or diced Quorn  
12 sugar snap peas  
25g fresh ginger peeled and grated  
2 cloves garlic crushed and peeled  
4 spring onion sliced thinly  
1 small red onion  
1 small red pepper  
1 small yellow pepper  
150ml/5½fl oz low fat coconut milk  
A pinch of chilli flakes(optional)  
4 tbsp light soy sauce  
35g ripped fresh basil leaves  
½ tsp turmeric  
150g dried medium noodles soaked in hot water with half teaspoon turmeric

### Method

1. Place the chicken breast pieces, 2 tbs soy sauce, ginger, half of the coconut milk, garlic clove and chilli flakes into a large bowl. Stir, mix, fold and marinade the ingredients together. Leave to stand for 10 minutes.
2. Heat 2 tbsp water in a large deep frying pan or wok over a high heat and wait for the steam. Add the marinaded chicken pieces and stir-fry on a low heat for 4-5 minutes.
3. Add the remaining coconut milk, 2tbs soy sauce, red onions and stir for a further one minute on a lower heat, until the chicken is cooked through.
4. Add the spring onion, yellow pepper, red pepper, sugar snap peas and cook for a further one minute. Add the fresh basil and stir through the soaked noodles.
5. Serve into the centre of a large plate or bowl. Enjoy