



# All Things

# Thurlby

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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** - Millen and Frankie  
**Year 1** - Jack and \*\*\*\*  
**Year 2** - Maddox and Kavan  
**Year 3** - Flynn and Thea  
**Year 4** - Finlay and Jacob  
**Year 5** - Emma and Ruben  
**Year 6** - Kai and Hattie

## Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 27th February 2023, was 93.4%

## NEW APPROACH TO SPELLINGS

We have received feedback from parents and children, over recent years, regarding spelling tests. We have taken this feedback on board and reviewed our practice. Please read below for information on our new approach to spelling from years 2-6.

Children in EYFS and Year 1, will learn to use the same strategies as the rest of the school but will continue to receive spelling lists to learn as these include the basic green and red words from Read Write Inc Phonics.

### What is this approach?

Active Spelling is an approach to teach spelling and vocabulary to primary aged children. It has been devised by L.E.A.D. Teaching School Hub, in Lincolnshire, in collaboration with schools, across the Midlands, with fantastic results for the children within our schools.

The approach is rooted in research, with extensive evidence supporting that it will have maximum impact on the children's learning and retention of their spellings and vocabulary acquisition.

### How does it work?

The sessions will be led by each class teacher, on a daily basis, for 15-20 minutes and will allow children to recall previously learnt spellings to aid retention. Children will then be taught different strategies that they can self-apply to help them to learn the new list of spellings before they experiment with the application of these words.

### Why does it work?

There is a very strong evidence base to suggest that the use of 'low stakes testing' is more beneficial in aiding the learning of spelling. low stakes testing (which is a form of retrieval practice) simply means any activity that gets pupils to recall what they have learnt from memory. By removing the high stake spelling tests, it removes the fear of spelling and instead helps them to see it as problem solving.

Due to the rapid pace of low stakes testing, more time is dedicated to the teaching of the spellings and strategies to learn them. The teacher can gain a better understanding of what the children can and cannot do, allowing the teacher to clearly measure academic achievement, identify learning misconceptions and ensure that children have life-long spelling strategies.



It is feasible that children who are confident spellers are creating a **schema** in their minds: new learning is assimilated and stored within the appropriate section.



### Netball Competition

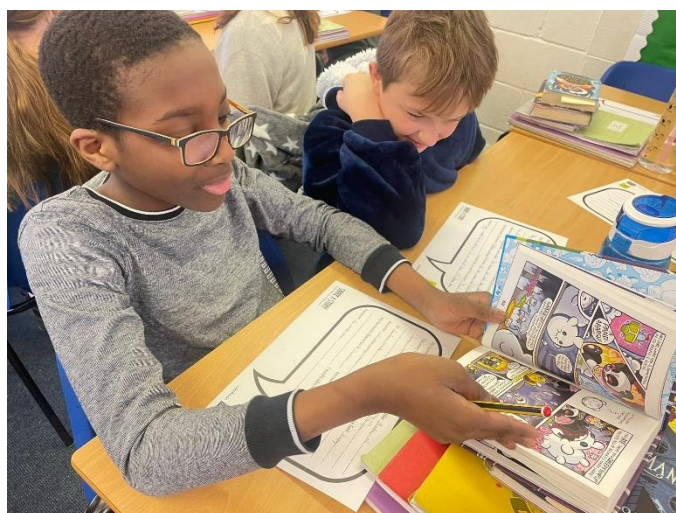
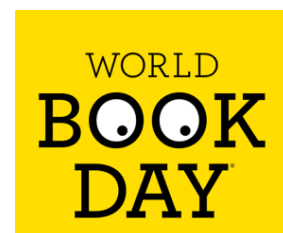
Two teams travelled to Spalding High on Wednesday to take part in an all day netball competition. The team below enjoyed an hour training with a student coach before playing some friendly matches which resulted in a draw across all the teams! Their coach for the day was impressed with their teamwork and the children all felt they had developed their netball skills and knowledge.



Our second team played five competitive games against other local schools and achieved a well-earned fourth place out of six. It was wonderful to see their confidence and skills significantly improve throughout the games. Despite the cold and, at times, rainy weather, the children stayed positive and were supportive of each other. Thank you to Miss Titman and Dr Jagger for volunteering to help at this event.

### World Book Day

The children all enjoyed a reading/book themed day at school today with our KS1 and KS2 children joining together in the afternoon to share their chosen books.



Our children all looked very cosy and warm in their pyjamas and dressing gowns.

Thank you to our families for supporting us with this event.

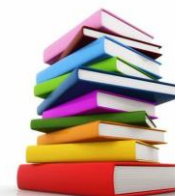


### **Big Book Swap Initiative - starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Reading is one of the most fundamental skills that children learn from an early age. Reading to and with your child is a great opportunity to spend time together and learn new vocabulary, explore imaginary worlds and characters and widen their cultural capital.

We are constantly seeking new ways to inspire and encourage our children to read. With this in mind, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, we are launching our 'Big Book Swap'. Pupils should bring in any used book(s) they wish to swap (there is no guarantee that they will get their book back again). These books **MUST** be in good condition and appropriate for primary school children. Please note, your child should take a book and then either return that book once read or swap it for a book from home.

The library can be found in the entrance foyer and children from reception to year 4 must be accompanied by an adult from home when taking or swapping a book. Please ensure that the library is kept tidy and all books are treated with respect.



### Class Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 20th March to take class photographs. If your child has PE on this day (Reception, Year 3 and Year 4) we would be grateful if they could please come to school in their school uniform and school shoes. Children can bring their trainers to school, in a separate named bag, to change into for their PE lesson. Many thanks.



## Author of the Week

### NIZRANA FAROOK



Waterstones Book of the Month in 2020 and longlisted for The Blue Peter Book Awards 2021.



Nizrana was born and raised in Colombo in Sri Lanka and her thrilling children's books are also set in Sri Lanka. The beautifully described landscapes are the perfect place for exciting chase scenes, beautiful creatures and unusual friendships. Nizrana's books are fast-paced and keep you on the edge of your seat. With cliff-hangers galore, you will want to keep on turning those pages!

If you like Hannah Gold or Nicola Penfold you'll love these books!

*I think young readers deserve to see themselves in books, and they deserve to have access to books about all people they share the world with.*

*Nizrana Farook says:*



### Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to parents who have already completed the questionnaire sent out last week. If you are yet to have your say, please follow the link <https://forms.gle/hbg3AVQVKzB5T8he6>

Thank you very much for your support on this.

## PTFA

### Mother's Day Fudge Fundraiser

Treat your mum this Mother's day to 2 pieces of shaped fudge in a lovely gift box for only £5. Choose from 3 different flavours or the dairy free flavours!

If you would like to order please return the form below and send payment to school via the PTFA post box in the school entrance foyer by Thursday 9th March. Forms have been sent home with children today and extra order forms are available from the School Office.

The fudge will then be delivered into school by Friday 17th March. Thank you.



Mrs K Finch  
Head of School

### Upcoming Calendar Dates

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March -	Shakespeare for schools club all day rehearsal at Westfield - for Year 5 and 6 children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March -	Shakespeare Performance at the Key Theatre
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March -	National Child Measurement Check - Reception and Year 6 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March -	PTFA Mothers' Day fudge order deadline
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March -	Year 2 - Multi Skills and Mini Olympics event at BGS 1-3.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March -	School Games Day - details to follow next week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March -	Class photos
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March -	Year 5/6 Football Competition (postponed from January)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March -	Rocksteady concert - Rocksteady to advise parents of this event
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March -	End of Term 4
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April -	Training Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April -	Start of Term 5 KS2 Swimming sessions start today - details to follow
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May -	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May -	Additional Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May -	Year 4 visit to Burghley House - details to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May -	End of Term 5