



All Things

Thurlby

Newsletter 19
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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** - Maeve and Jasper
- Year 1** - All of Year 1 for their amazing assembly
- Year 2** - Pippa and Anais
- Year 3** - Remi and Gabriel
- Year 4** - Georgiana and Arlo
- Year 5** - Teddi-Flynn and Oliver
- Year 6** - Mia and Tilly D

Attendance

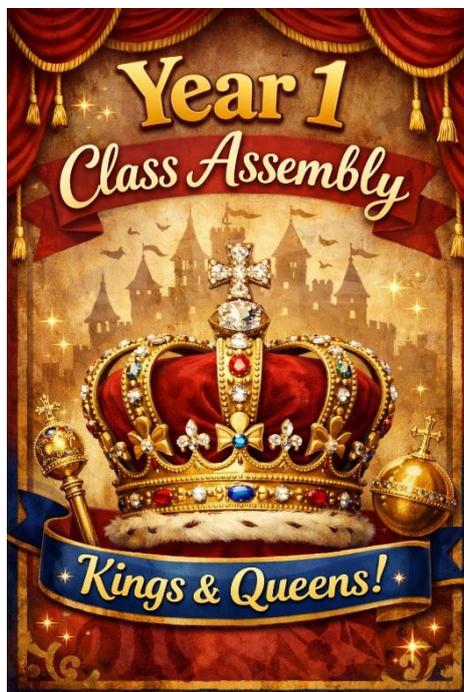
Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 2nd February 2026, was 95.9%

Class Attendance Awards will be back next week

Year 1 Class Assembly

Our Year 1 class assembly, on the theme of kings and queens, was amazing and unforgettable. The children absolutely shone, wowing everyone with their loud, confident speaking voices, brilliant singing and spectacular dance moves. They performed with so much energy, confidence and joy and we couldn't be prouder of them all. Every single child was a true superstar!

Thank you to Miss Baldwin for all your hard work putting this together and to you and Miss Graham for your fabulous surprise dance moves at the end! 😊



A Truly Unforgettable Visit from Gladiator Steel!

What an extraordinary time we had at school this morning! We were absolutely thrilled to welcome Steel, the incredible Gladiator from the hit TV show, for a visit that left every child buzzing with excitement and inspiration. We were so pleased that we kept it a secret from the school community as it made the reveal even more special.

Steel kicked off the morning with a whole-school assembly that had everyone—children and adults — captivated from the very first moment. He delivered a variety of important life messages including how to keep physically healthy - eating well, regularly exercising and staying hydrated and how to be successful in their lives by working hard, believing in yourself and never comparing yourself to others. What made the assembly even more special was how he involved all of us, turning the assembly into a lively, interactive experience.

He spent the rest of the morning visiting every single class, taking time to answer questions thoughtfully, listen to the children's ideas and explaining about his incredible 17-year training journey to achieving his dream career. His kindness, patience and genuine interest in each child made a huge impression - he truly made the children feel seen and heard.

To make the day even more memorable, Steel handed out stickers and hand-signed photographs to every child. Each child took home their own water bottle - a reminder of the vital role hydration plays in staying focused, energised and ready to learn.

It's not every day that a celebrity walks through our doors —let alone someone who has shown such dedication and resilience throughout their career! Steel's visit wasn't just exciting; it was uplifting, motivating and filled with moments our children will remember forever.

What a privilege to welcome such a hardworking, friendly and inspiring role model into our school. A huge thank you to Steel for giving our children a day they'll be talking about for weeks to come!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our PTFA for paying for this inspiring experience! Thank you to Mrs Gunner for making our photograph signing cards.



Year 1 - Forest School

Year 1 had their second Forest school session this week in which they were using their senses to explore the area. They started by listening to what they could hear. They heard birds, cars, children cheering, the wind and trees moving.

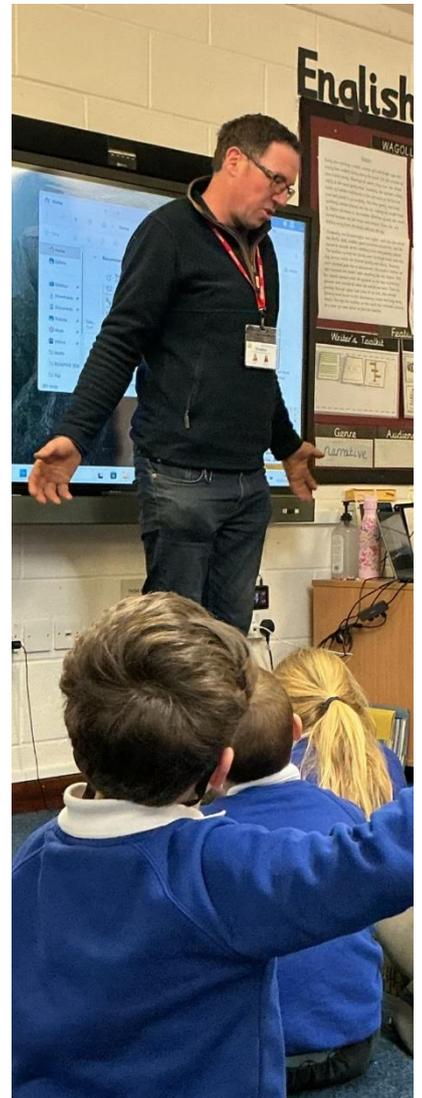
Next, they used their eyes to look around and find something interesting they could see. They spotted trees that had been cut and were growing in different ways. They also spied moss, artwork in the Year 3 classroom window and a duck hiding in a tree. From here they used their noses to find things that they could smell with lots of the children spotting the herbs that were around. After this, they used blindfolds and stethoscopes to explore the site with a partner. They had great fun guiding their friends when they couldn't see and listening with the stethoscopes.

Their final challenge was to create a potion using items found in the forest school site. The children created some amazing concoctions using a mixture of mud, water, sticks, mint, coriander, parsley, basil, stones and grass. What a lovely afternoon everyone had.



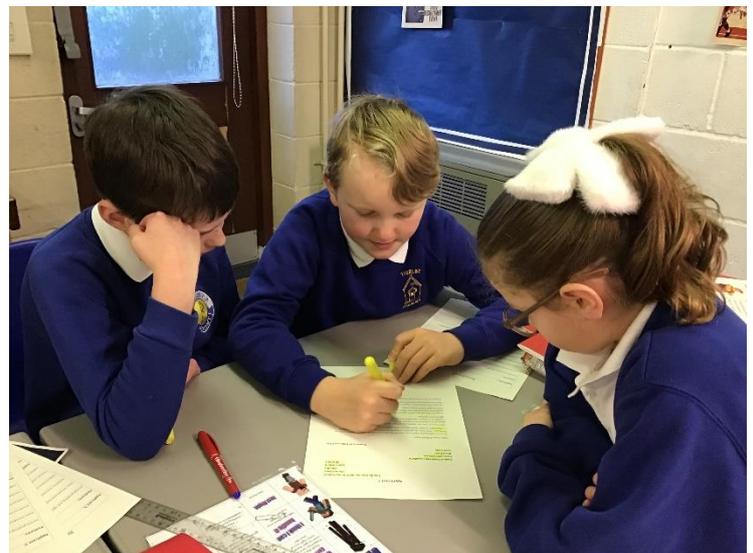
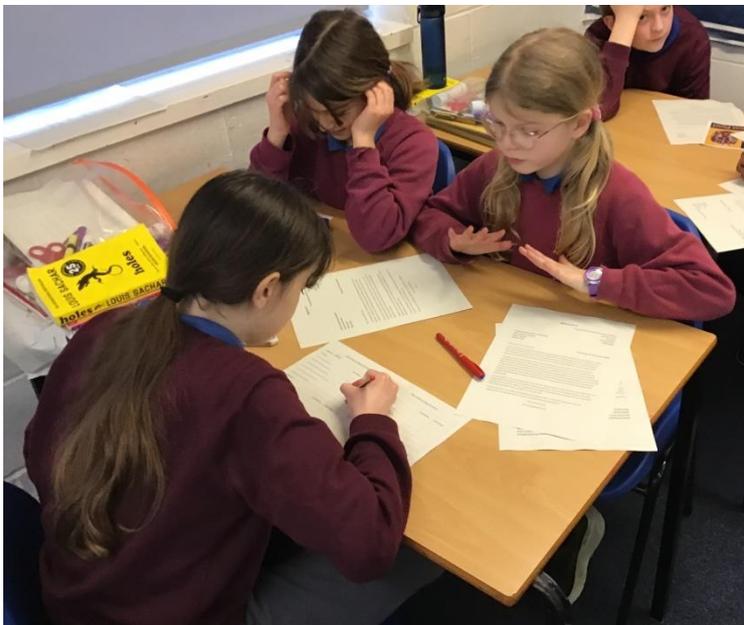
Year 2 - Geography

In Year 2, our Geography topic is 'Farm to Fork' and this week we were really lucky to have a visit from a local farmer, Mr Lyon. Mr Lyon told us all about his livestock farm, the animals they look after, what they feed them and where this food comes from. We got to look at and explore the food the animals eat, and we asked lots of brilliant questions to deepen our understanding. We couldn't believe it when Mr Lyon said they have over 400 animals at their farm, and he told us about buying and selling animals to provide food and to help other farmers by selling healthy animals. We learnt so much and really enjoyed listening to an expert in farming.



Year 5

Years 5 and 6 have had an exciting week in English searching for a hero to join the 'The Heroes Academy'. As part of the recruitment process, they evaluated 3 covering letters for the role of 'a hero' and had to decide, as a panel, who would be invited for interview. This sparked some interesting conversations across both year groups. Next week, the classes will be working together to evaluate each other's application letters!



As part of our Mayan topic, the Y5 children tried some Mexican foods during their DT lesson. We evaluated them by looking at the colours and textures, smelling them and finally tasting them. The foods sampled were guacamole, salsa, refried beans, tortilla chips and flour tortillas. Although many of the children had not eaten all these foods before, they were still keen to try them. Well done Y5!



Year 3 and 4 - TTRS Champ!

Congratulations, this week, go to Gabriel and Edith for being our champions on Times Tables Rock Stars. Well done on your awards! 😊





Parents' Evenings: Reception, Years 1 to 6 3.30 to 6.30pm

As advised via an MCAS announcement today, please see the following information re our forthcoming parents' evenings:

Tuesday 24th February - EYFS to Yr 5 (DEADLINE TO BOOK 13TH FEB MIDDAY)

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 6 only (DEADLINE TO BOOK 24TH FEB MIDDAY)

Thursday 5th March - EYFS to Year 6 (DEADLINE TO BOOK 24TH FEB MIDDAY)

Our Parents' Evening appointments will be live to book via MCAS tonight from 6.00pm

Appointments will be held in the classrooms. Parents of Year 6 children are invited to involve their son/daughter in the consultation meeting if they feel this would be beneficial. As always, we are keen to involve pupils in their own learning and feel this would be helpful in preparing them for secondary transfer.

Parents are kindly reminded that the allocated appointment time is for a ten-minute period only. Where a longer meeting is required, once the parents evening appointments have finished, staff will arrange another appointment.

For parents of children with additional needs, Mrs Smitheringale will be available for 20-minute slots on Thursday 5th March 3.30 - 5.30pm. If you would like to book a time, please call the school office to arrange this from Monday morning.

DISCO

Thursday 12th February 2026
Lawrance Park Hall, Thurlby

EYFS / KS1 - 5.45pm - 6.30pm
KS2 - 6.45pm - 7.30pm

£3 per child
includes drinks and a sweet or chocolate

PTFA - School Disco

Just a reminder that the PTFA school disco is next Thursday 12th February.

Please see the adjacent poster for further details. The cost is £3.00 payable via MCAS by the morning of 12th February please. To pay, please navigate to the 'Store' at the bottom banner of your MCAS app and then click 'Add to Basket'. Please click on the basket icon and the 'Checkout' button to complete the payment process.

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Mrs K Finch
Headteacher

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Monday 9th February
Tuesday 10th February -
Thursday 12th February -

Friday 13th February -

Monday 23rd February -

Tuesday 24th February -
Wednesday 25th February -
Thursday 26th February -
Tuesday 3rd March -
Wednesday 4th March -
Thursday 5th March -

Wednesday 11th March -
Tuesday 17th March -
Wednesday 18th March -

Thursday 2nd April -

Details to Follow

Start of Year 5 Bikeability (4 days Mon to Thurs)
Safer Internet Day Parent Event on Microsoft Teams @ 6.00-7.00pm
Year 3 Class Assembly @ 9.45am
PTFA School Disco EYFS/KS1 5.45-6.30pm KS2 6.45-7.30pm
Shakespeare rehearsal in school, all day
End of Term 3
Start of Term 4
Year 6 residential to Aylmerton Field Study Centre 9.15am depart
Parents' evening 3.30 to 6.30pm for EYFS to Year 5
Year 6 children home from residential
Shakespeare School Workshop 1.15-4.30
Parents' evening for Year 6 only 3.30-6.30
Reception Balance Bike Training
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Parents' evening 3.30 to 6.30pm for EYFS to Year 6
Year 2 Multi Skills morning at Bourne Grammar School
Class Photographs
Shakespeare Performance - Rehearsal @ The New Theatre 9.00-12.30pm approx
Evening Performance - return to theatre for 5.45pm, performance starts @ 7pm until 10pm
End of Term 4