

# All Things

## Thurlby

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 - George and Harlow
Year 1 - Cordy and Erin
Year 2 - Kade and Isla
Year 3 - Lucas and Presley
Year 4 - Elissa and Charlie
Year 5 - Daisy and Billy

Year 6 - Thomas and Tilly D

#### Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, was 97.1%. Well done, this is a good start!

### Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 4	99.3%
2nd	Year 5	98.5%
3rd	Reception	98.1%

#### Royal British Legion Appeal

Our Year 6's have been visiting classes every day this week with an array of Poppy inspired items for children

to purchase in support of the above charity. Thank you to our children and families who have donated to this very worthwhile cause.

We also have a lovely display, in the front foyer, lent to us by Francesca and her family. Thank you!

We are going to continue selling the Remembrance items on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



#### Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday  $14^{th}$  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. We would like to ask for contributions that we can donate to this very worthwhile charity which, of course, is entirely voluntary.

Please note we have now moved away from cash donations. Payments are now to be made via MCAS. Please click on 'Store' (found at the bottom of your dashboard). This will then take you to a 'Product' page where you can select to make a charity donation of an amount of your choice.

Any contributions will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ENGLISH EXCITEMENT - Taking Flight

To welcome our children back after the half term, a very exciting assembly was held on Monday morning. Mrs Finch, and her bear, arrived at the hall, somewhat unconventionally, pulled along by Mrs Sewell. The smiles on the children's and staff's faces were such a picture! Mrs Finch talked to the children about the exciting English lessons that were planned in the weeks ahead all linked to an inspiration animation called Taking Flight. This week, our year groups have taken part in various drama and role play activities including; hunting for aliens, landing on the moon, making their own Play Doh teddies, being transported to different places in the world.











## Forest School - Year 5

This week, Year 5 started their Forest School sessions, and were completing activities related to space which is their science topic for this term. To start with, they went through all the planets in the solar system and named them in the correct order. The next challenge was to work in groups to create scale models of the solar system, using metre rulers to measure out the distances the planets needed to be from the sun. Once they had created their models, every group noticed that the first four planets, which are made of rock, were very close together. The next four, which are the gas giants, were much further apart. Next, they created their own versions of the planets using natural objects from the Forest school area. Some children also helped to build a willow fence which will help create a different habitat for the insects and animals. Everyone showed great teamwork and creativity designing the planets. Great work Year 5.









#### Book Fair November 2025

We are pleased to confirm that we are holding a Book Fair in the school hall on Thursday 20th November and Friday 21st November. Opening times will be 3.15 to 4.00pm 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)

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 <u>Parents Travelling Book</u> Fairs (scholastic.co.uk)
- 2) Pay online whether attending the Fair in person or paying for books from home, parents can pay securely online via <u>Find school</u> <u>Travelling Book Fairs (scholastic.co.uk)</u>
- 3) or use the adjacent QR code

We look forward to seeing you there!



### PTFA - Dress Down Day - Christmas

## Hamper Donations - Friday 28th 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, to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Each class will be allocated a colour theme as follows:

Reception - Blue

Year 1 - Yellow

Year 2 - Black

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Red

Year 5 - Orange

Year 6- Purple

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. <u>No perishables or</u> 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 support.

Example hampers



### PTFA - Christmas Fayre

We look forward to welcoming all our families, friends and local residents to our Christmas Fayre on  $13^{th}$  December.

Our choir will be opening the Fayre, which is always a great way to get our visitors in the festive mood! There will be lots of games and stalls to enjoy, refreshments to savour, plus a chance to visit Father Christmas himself!





## PTFA - Tea Towel Orders

A reminder that tea towel orders are required by Friday 7th November please.

Each tea towel is priced at £6. To place your order, please complete the order form, (sent out via MCAS last term) and either return it to the school or email (<a href="mailto:thurlbyptfa@gmail.com">thurlbyptfa@gmail.com</a>) it to the PTFA. Hard copies of the order form are available at the School Office, if required.

Please note that payment for the quantity you order must be received before the delivery of the tea towels. You can make your payment via bank transfer, cash, or cheque. The details for these payment options are provided on the order form.

Thank you for your support, Thurlby PTFA.

## KS2 - Christmas Craft Club

Just a reminder that the above is now live on MCAS for bookings. The club will run from 3.20 - 4.15pm on Wednesdays, for a 4-week block, starting on Wednesday 26th November. There will be a cost of £15 per child for the duration of the club, payable via MCAS.

There are 20 places available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

#### Year 6 - Sewing Project

Just a reminder that, as part of Year 6's learning about WWII, the children will be completing a sewing project this term, based upon the wartime 'Make-do-and-mend' initiative.

As requested via MCAS, please provide an old pillowcase or duvet cover that they could cut up and repurpose for this project by Monday 17th November.

Mrs K Finch Headteacher

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November -Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November -

Friday 14th November -

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November -Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November -

Friday 21st November -

Friday  $28^{th}$  November - Thursday  $4^{th}$  December -

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December -

**Details to follow** 

Deadline for PTFA Tea Towel Orders today
Parents' Evening (No EYFS Show and Tell today)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Flu immunisation mop-up session

Year 6 - old pillow case/duvet cover required by today for project

EYFS Parent's Show and Tell sessions start today (fortnightly) Autumn 2

Reception 2026 Open Evening 6.00-7.30pm

Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm Book Fair 3.15 - 4.00pm

PTFA Dress Down Day for Hamper Donations

EYFS Christmas Performance - Lawrance Park hall @ 9.30am

Year 5/6 Christmas Performance - Thurlby Methodist Chapel, times TBC

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December -Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December -Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December -Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December -Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3/4 Christmas Performance - School Hall, times TBC Christmas Jumper Day
PTFA Christmas Fayre 12.00-2.00pm
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance, times TBC
Rocksteady Concert for participating pupils @ 2.15pm
End of Term 2