

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 10th May 2024



This week has been a shorter week but that hasn't stopped us being as busy as always! We have been so delighted to welcome Miss Parker to Ants Class this week. Ants Class have had a wonderful few days getting to know her and I know Miss Parker has thoroughly enjoyed her first week as part of the Thriplow community.

I was extremely proud of the group of Bees children that I took to the tennis festival on Wednesday. They really enjoyed themselves and worked hard on their tennis skills. The group were described by the organisers as being polite, positive and respectful. It was wonderful to witness them encouraging each other.

Well done to Molly in Year 3 and Lola in Year 4 for completing the '20 Books' challenge. Molly particularly enjoyed reading *Charlotte's Web* and Lola's favourite was *The Legend of Podkin One Ear*.

A couple of reminders... Firstly just to remind you that there should be no children on the playground until 8.45am. Also a reminder that children should not be playing with equipment before or after school (this includes the climbing frame etc at the back of the playground). Finally, please remember that at playtime, if you wish to provide your Key Stage 2 child with a snack, it must be either fruit or vegetable. Key Stage 1 have a fruit/vegetable snack provided but can bring in their own if they wish.

Next week is an important week for Year 6 as they complete their SATs papers. We are so proud of how hard they have worked and wish them the very best. More importantly, they look forward to their End of SATs tea party on Friday afternoon which will be thoroughly well-deserved!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Let's hope the sun continues to shine!

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

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Useful dates!

Week Beginning 13 th May	SATS week
17 th May	Celebration Collective worship at 9.10am – not in the afternoon
17 th May	End of SATs week tea party – Year 6 parents welcome (pm)
20 th – 24 th May	Year 5/6 residential to Hautbois
24 th May	No Celebration Collective Worship
7 th June	Class photos – note change of date
6 th June	Quad kids
6 th June	Holy Communion in school hall – all welcome. 9.10am
12 th June	Year 5/6 cricket
13 th June	Year 3/4 girls' football festival
Week Beginning 17 th June	Poetry Competition
18 th June	PTA meeting – Zoom 8pm
20 th June	Bees trip to St. Paul's (will be longer than a normal school day)
26 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Year 3/4 cricket
3 rd July	Ants and Butterflies trip to Wandlebury
10 th July	KS2 Production 2.30pm
11 th July	KS2 Production 6pm
12 th July	School Reports out
Week Beginning 15 th July	Year 6 Activity week
16 th July	Transition Morning
18 th July	Key Stage 1 Music Concert 2.30pm
19 th July	Leavers' Service 2.30pm
9 th -12 th September	Year 5 Bikeability
23 rd October	Individual and sibling photos

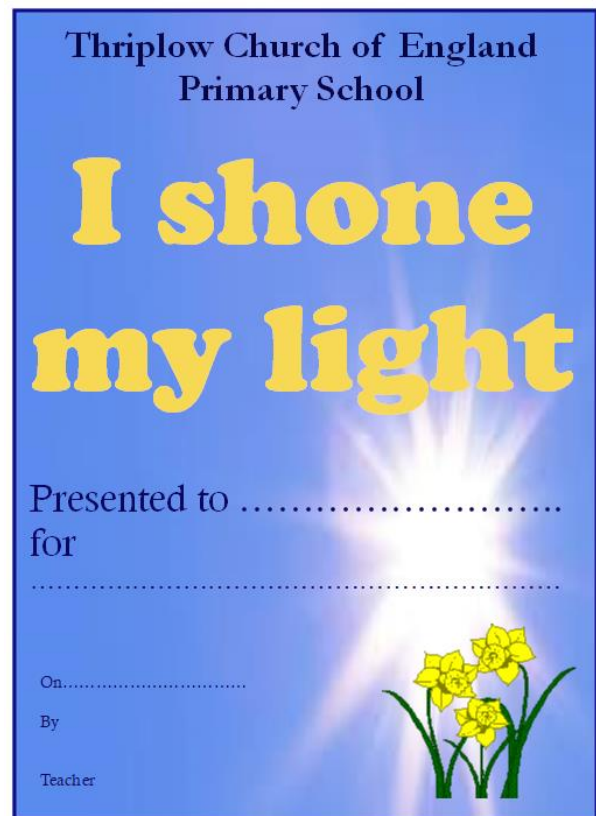
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Summer 2024		
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	27th May – 31st May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd June</i>
	Term Ends	Friday 19th July
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd July</i>
Autumn 2024		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 4th September
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 25th October</i>
	Half Term	28th October – 1st November
	Term Ends	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025		
	Term Begins	Monday 6th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
	Half Term	17th-21st February
	Term Ends	Friday 4th April
Summer 2025		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 23rd April
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	26th May – 30th May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
	Term Ends	Wednesday 23rd July

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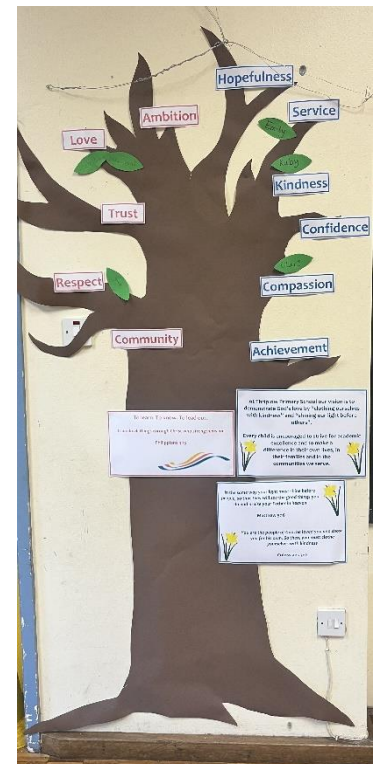
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- All of Ants Class
- Max (Year 1)
- Jayden (Year 2)
- Harvey (Year 2)
- Ruby (Year 3)
- Tobias (Year 4)
- Lola (Year 4)
- Jacob G-S (Year 5)
- Selena (Year 6)



The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

- Connor (Confidence)
- Olivia A (Kindness)
- Hollie (Achievement)
- Lois (Kindness)
- Dylan B (Achievement)



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Safeguarding at Thriplow

Lucy How and Melissa Hardege are the designated safeguarding leads at Thriplow School.

If you have a concern about a child, please come and speak to or email either of us. Alternatively please speak to any member of staff who will be able to pass on information.

If you feel that a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here.

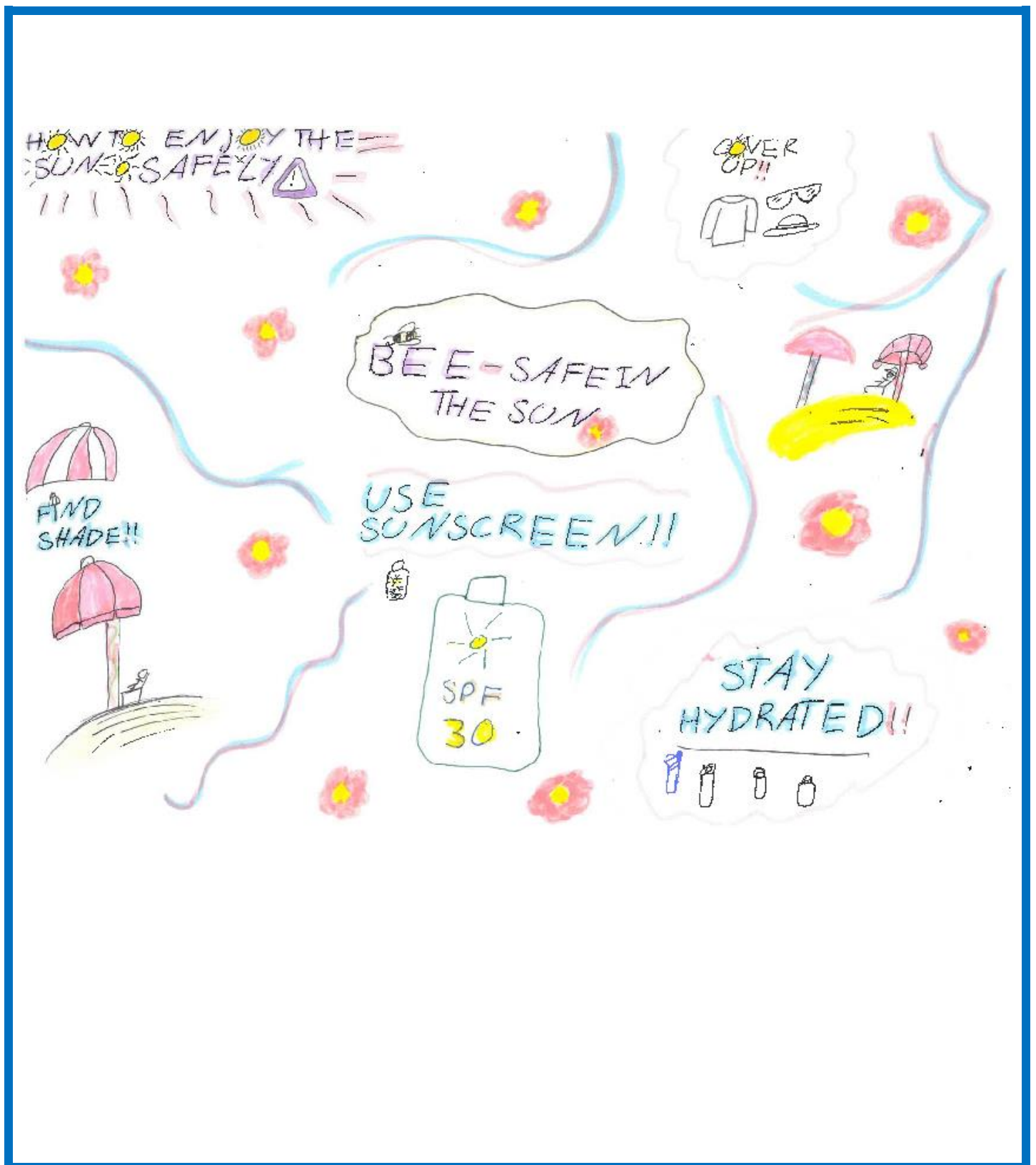
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection>

HATS

Please make sure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day this term. Now that the weather is warmer, we will not be able to let children out to play without a hat for health and safety reasons.



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Happy Birthday to **Isabella Q** who has celebrated her birthday recently!



HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	32	177
Barenton	35	158
Bassett	48	320
Bury	45	166

Well done Bassett!

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A poster for the Thriplow School PTA Summer Solstice Party. The background is a large orange circle with a teal gradient at the top and bottom. At the top, a string of colorful lights hangs across the circle. Below the lights, the text 'THRIPLow SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. The main title 'SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY' is in a large, white, hand-drawn, brush-stroke font. Below the title, the date 'Saturday 15 June 2024' and time '7pm 'til midnight' are written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the orange circle, there is a silhouette of a field of tall grass and wildflowers. Below the orange circle, there is a dark teal rectangular box containing white and yellow text. The text on the left side of the box says 'Enjoy a long summer's evening under a beautiful sailcloth marquee in the grounds of Thriplow School' and 'www.facebook.com/thriplowsummersolsticeparty'. The text on the right side says 'Tickets £40 + booking fee includes welcome drink, food from Duxford Hog Roast, and an incredible evening of music' and 'Proceeds go to Thriplow Primary School PTA'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a row of logos: 'KWS' (Generously sponsored by), 'PINKSTER' (AGREEABLY BRITISH GIN), 'S2e' (Surveyors to Education), 'THRIPLow FARMs', and a QR code. To the right of the QR code, it says 'Tickets on sale at www.tickettailor.com or scan QR code'.

Barrow of Booze

The committee are collecting bottles for this prize at the Summer Solstice Party. Maybe you have too much gin for the cupboard, too much white wine if you're a red wine drinker? Please hand in any donations of bottles or crates to office.

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PTA PRESENTS

ICE CREAM



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» — *Sales* — «

£1 PER ICE CREAM

FRIDAY 17TH MAY
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
FRIDAY 21ST JULY
FRIDAY 5TH JULY
FRIDAY 19TH JULY

S U M M E R

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THRIPLLOW SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS



SAWSTON FUN RUN & WALK

Starts 10.30am
Sunday 12th May 2024
3.8km (short route) or 7.4km (long route)
at Sawston Village College

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Run or Walk (3.8km or 7.4km)

- Register to run at www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk (or scan the QR code)
- Enter 'THRIPLLOW SCHOOL' as the team name
- Ask your friends and family to sponsor you on the Thriplow PTA team sponsorship page:
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/sawston-fun-run>
- Meet other runners from Thriplow School at 10am for a team photo and warm-up by the tennis courts
- Dress in yellow encouraged so that supporters can spot you!
- Wear your medal with pride!



REGISTRATION

3. Volunteer at the Thriplow PTA stall

- Help to fundraise by volunteering on the PTA stall at the event (we will only run a stall if we get enough volunteers)
- Parents and children who want to help please email
pta@thriplow.cambs.sch.uk
- All funds raised on the stall will go to Thriplow PTA

2. Support the runners

- Come and cheer on the runners!
- Supporters will meet outside the Brickhouse café (corner of Link Road)
- Donate to the sponsorship page



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship raised will be split 50/50 between the PTA and the Fun Run charity fund

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Online Grooming is when someone befriends and builds an emotional relationship with a child and communicates with them through the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offence. This type of victimisation can take place across any platform; from social media and messaging apps to online gaming and live streaming. Often it involves young people being tricked, forced or pressured into doing something they wouldn't normally do (coercion) and often the groomer's goal is to meet the victim in a controlled setting to sexually or physically abuse them. In some cases children may be abducted or have long-lasting psychological damage.



What parents need to know about **ONLINE GROOMING**



CHILDREN ARE MOST VULNERABLE

Unsurprisingly children are often most at risk as they are easy to target and unlikely to question the person who is engaging in conversation with them. Groomers will use psychological tricks and methods to try and isolate them from their families and friends and will often choose to target more vulnerable children who may be easier to manipulate. Predators will stalk apps and websites that are popular with young people and will use a 'scattergun' approach to find victims, contacting hundreds online to increase their chances of success.



LIVE STREAMING CONCERNS

Predators may use live video to target children in real-time using tricks, dares or built-in gifts to manipulate them. Grooming often takes the form of a game where children receive 'likes' or even money for performing sexual acts. Social media channels, such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, all have live streaming capabilities, but there are many apps which children can use to live stream, including Omegle, Live.me, BIGO Live, YouNow and many more.



ANYONE CAN BE A PREDATOR

The internet has made the ability to interact with strangers online easy. Many sites and apps are reliant on individual users entering their own information when signing up. However individuals can remain anonymous if they choose to enter inaccurate information and many online predator cases are due to groomers using impersonation techniques. However, often the greater threat comes from adults who 'hide in plain sight', choosing to befriend young children without hiding their real identity.



CAN BE DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Unfortunately, most children find the 'grooming' process (before any meeting) an enjoyable one as the predator will compliment, encourage, and flatter them to gain their trust, friendship and curiosity - 'a wolf in sheep's clothing' scenario. This often means children fail to disclose or report what is happening. If the groomer is also previously known to the child, their family and their friends, then this can make detection even harder.



FROM OPEN TO CLOSED MESSAGING

Online predators may contact their victims using any number of ways including social media, forums, chat rooms, gaming communities or live streaming apps. Sometimes there is little need to develop a 'friendship' or 'rapport' stage, as the victim has already shared personal information online and is communicating openly with others. Children may also be prepared to add other online users they don't know so well to gain 'online credibility' through increasing their friends list. Predators will often seize this opportunity to slowly build a relationship and then move their conversation with the child to a more secure and private area, such as through direct messaging.

EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

Online predators will use emotive language and aim to form close, trusted bonds with their victims through showering them with compliments and making them feel good about themselves. Often victims will refer to them as their 'boyfriends' or 'girlfriends' and it can be difficult to convince some young people that they have been groomed, often leading to lasting psychological effects.



Safety Tips for Parents & Carers



IT'S GOOD TO TALK

It's unlikely that you can stop your child using the internet, nor can you constantly monitor their online activities, but you can talk to your child on a regular basis about what they do online. By talking openly with them about online relationships, they can quickly ascertain the kind of behaviour which is appropriate or inappropriate. Ask them whether they have any online friends or if they play online games with people they haven't met. This could then open up conversations about the subject of grooming.



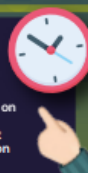
CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

In order to give your child a safer online experience, it is important to check privacy settings or parental controls on the networks, devices, apps, and websites they use. Disable location sharing if you can. If you use location-sharing apps to check where your child is, remember that these could always be used by strangers to follow your child without their knowledge. Ensure that you check options so that location information is never shared with anyone except those they have permission to share with.



MONITOR SOCIAL MEDIA & LIVE-STREAMING USE

It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing on social media and with whom. Create your own profile and become 'friends' with them or follow them so that you can monitor their activity. Similarly, always check on them if they are live streaming and implement privacy controls. Choose a generic screen name and profile picture that hides their identity. You may also feel more comfortable being present each time they live stream.



STICK TO 'TRUE FRIENDS'

Make it clear to your child that they should not accept friend requests from people they don't know and to verify friend requests with people who they do know. Encourage them to only interact and engage with 'true friends' i.e. those friends who don't ask personal questions such as close family and friends. Remind them to never agree to chat privately with a stranger or someone they don't really know and to never divulge personal information, such as mobile phone numbers, addresses, passwords or the name of their school.



DISCUSS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Talk to your child about what a healthy relationship looks like and how to detect someone who might not be who they claim to be. Explain that groomers will pay your child compliments and engage in conversations about personal information, such as hobbies and relationships. They may admire how well they play an online game or how they look in a photo. Groomers will also try and isolate a child from people close to them, such as parents and friends, in order to make their relationship feel special and unique.

BE SUPPORTIVE

Show your child that you will support them and make sure they understand they can come to you with any concerns they may have. They need to know they can talk to you if someone does something they are uncomfortable with, whether that is inappropriate comments, images, requests or sexual comments.



Meet our expert

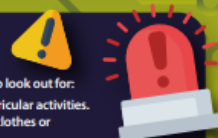
Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Covert Internet Investigator for the Metropolitan Police. He is a specialist in online grooming and exploitation and has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, social media apps and platforms.



LOOK OUT FOR WARNING SIGNS

Child safety experts have identified key grooming patterns and advise parents to look out for:

- Secretive online behaviour.
- Late night internet or smartphone usage.
- Meeting new friends in unusual places.
- Becoming clingy, develop sleeping or eating problems or even bedwetting.
- Lack of interest in extra-curricular activities.
- Having new items, such as clothes or phones, unexplainably.
- Seem withdrawn, anxious, depressed or aggressive.
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends.



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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years

Registration
forms can be
found on the
School
Website



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

Spaces are now limited at Breakfast Club.
If you require regular sessions that are not
already booked with us, please contact us on
ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com as soon
as possible.
Please note, ad-hoc sessions can't be
guaranteed.



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What have we been up to recently?



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