

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 10th January 2025



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday!

We have had a very busy first week of term. The children have started well, learning enthusiastically and enjoying playing with their friends, despite the cold! We have been delighted to welcome back Mrs Maloney to our staff team and I know that Ants and Dragonflies have very much enjoyed having her in their classes. We have also welcomed Eloise to Year 5 and Jessica to Year 2 who we have very much enjoyed getting to know.

This term, as always, is a busy one. Please make a careful note of the dates below so that you are aware of what is happening. You are all very welcome to attend the PTA meeting online on Tuesday evening.

It's been great to see that some children have completed the 12 Days of Christmas Reading Challenge. I have told the children that they have until Monday to complete this and bring it in.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates

14 th January	PTA meeting 9pm on Zoom
17 th January	Bees trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum
21 st January	Young Voices Information in letters issued.
Week Beginning 3 rd February	RSE week Content letters to follow in Spring Term
11 th February	Hockey tournament (pm) – letters to follow for those taking part
13 th February	Reception vision testing
13 th February	Sponsored Skipathon for Hearing Dogs (the children's chosen charity)
25 th and 27 th February	Parent Consultations – sign up on MCAS nearer the time
27 th February	Holy Communion in school hall. 9.15. All welcome
27 th February	Scooterability and Balanceability sessions start for Reception and Year 1 (in school time)
6 th March	World Book Day – children are encouraged to dress as an adjective
7 th March	PTA meeting 9am in School Hall
10 th March	Netball tournament
12 th March	Dragonflies trip to Duxford (information to follow)
22 nd – 23 rd March	Daffodil Weekend
4 th April	Church service. 2.30pm. All welcome.
29 th April	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
1 st May	Holy Communion in school hall. 9.15. All welcome
8 th May	Year 3/4 tennis festival
Week Beginning 12 th May	SATs week
19 th – 23 rd May	Year 5/6 trip to the Isle of Wight
5 th June	Holy Communion in school hall. 9.15. All welcome
5 th June	Quadkids
6 th June	Class Photos
10 th June	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
1 st July	Year 3/4 cricket tournament
17 th July	Transition morning
23 rd July	Leavers' Service For parents of Year 6 children leaving the school

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Term Dates 2024/2025

Spring Term	
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
End of Term	Friday 4 th April

Summer Term	
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
Start of Term	Wednesday 23 rd April
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 6th May</i>
Half Term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
End of Term	Wednesday 23 rd July

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Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term	
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st September</i>
Start of Term	Tuesday 2 nd September
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 24th October</i>
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
End of Term	Friday 19 th December

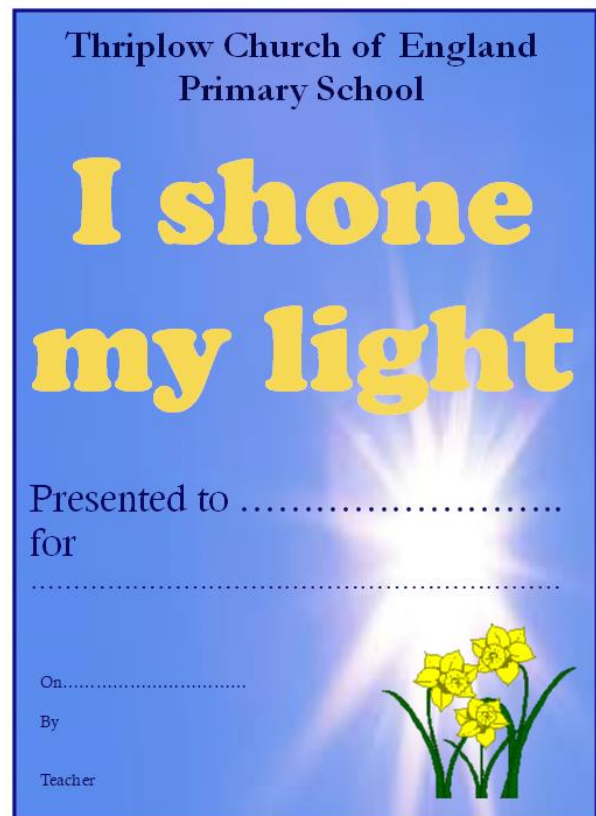
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 27 th March

Summer Term	
Start of Term	Monday 13 th April
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 4th May</i>
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st June</i>
End of Term	Friday 17 th July
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 20th July</i>

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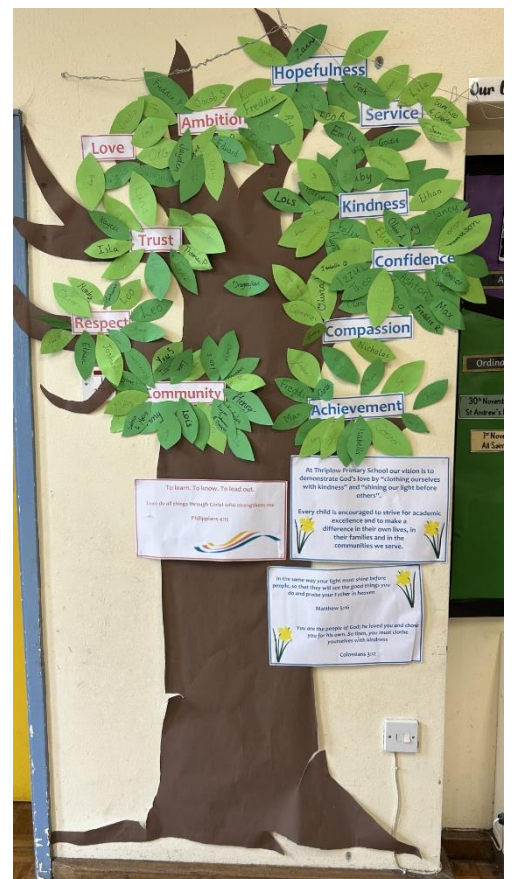
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Kitty (Reception)
- Johnny (Reception)
- Oliver (Year 1)
- Jessica (Year 2)
- Susannah (Year 3)
- Emilia (Year 3)
- Hamish (Year 4)
- Tobias (Year 5)
- Freddie (Year 5)



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

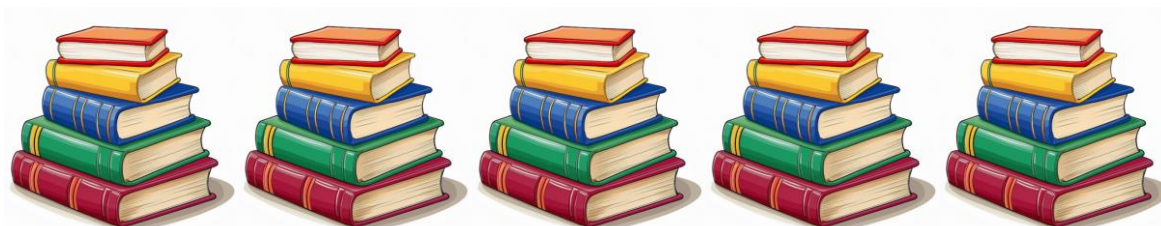
- George (Achievement)
- Jenson (Ambition)
- Eloise (Confidence)
- Betsy (Respect)
- Jessica (Community)



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We have updated our Amazon Wishlist. Please follow this link if you'd like to donate a birthday book.

<https://amzn.eu/ez2OYOf>



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>

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Please remember that slips are due back on **Monday 13th** with information for the day.

If you are attending as an audience member, don't forget to download the tickets from the email (sent on Thursday 9th January) to the AXS app. It would be helpful if you did this sooner rather than later so that we have time to iron out any potential issues.

HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	28	28
Barenton	75	75
Bassett	48	48
Bury	23	23

Well done **Barenton!**

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FOOTBALL CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: Thriplow CofE VA Primary School

Dates: Tuesday's 14/01/25 - 01/04/25

Times: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Price: £60.50

Ages: Open to all

Additional info: Only 20 spaces available!



Adored by millions of fans and loved by children across the country, football is our most popular extracurricular club activity.

Every single one of our school club sessions are delivered by highly-trained activity professionals, who look to share their passion and energy for sport and activity.

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The coaches are fantastic. We have been to other football clubs but we feel this one is the best!

Faye - Parent



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TENNIS CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Venue: Thriplow CofE VA Primary School

Dates: Thursday's 16/01/25 - 03/04/25

Times: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Price: £60.50

Ages: Open to all

Additional info: 20 maximum spaces



In our Premier Education tennis sessions, we like to focus more on the fundamental skills: serving, backhand, forehand and footwork.

Expect our classic mix of activities on these sessions, with mini-games and fun variations to keep each session feeling fresh and exciting.

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Lisa - Parent



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at:

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Children from 3 Years



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

Autumn 2024
Please book sessions required for Breakfast Club
in order to guarantee your child's place.
Adhoc sessions may still be available, numbers
permitting, but we do ask for 24 hours' notice.
This also applies to cancellations.
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Contact for more information:

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