

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 13th December 2024



We are SO proud of Ants and Butterflies for their incredible nativity performances this week. They have done amazingly well. The Butterfly children did a fantastic job of leading the nativity – telling the story so clearly and learning and delivering their lines with confidence. Ants Class danced the most beautiful angel dance. We are so proud of how far all of the children have come since September!

On Tuesday, our ten pin bowlers went to Cambridge ten pin along with 14 other schools. Thriplow came first with a combined score of 514 points! Sophia in Year 5 came first out of all the other children with an individual score of 114. They were presented with a trophy and medals and quite rightly felt very proud of themselves.

Yesterday I took our school choir down to the village hall to sing carols to the local community. Mrs Forde and I were so pleased with how beautifully they sang and we have had lots of positive comments from people who were there.

Today has been Festive Friday! The children all look amazing in their festive jumpers, tights, socks and hair accessories! If your child has not yet brought in their pound for the NSPCC, could you make sure they bring it on Monday.

Further down the newsletter you will see information about the Christmas Reading Challenge. If your child would like to give it a go, we would love to hear all about it. They can record their reading however they like. They might like to just use the tick sheet provided, or make a list of books read, or even take photos! We look forward to celebrating their reading achievements in January.

Reminders for next week:

Tuesday – KS2 concert at 2pm. All welcome to attend!

Wednesday – Christmas lunch

Wednesday – Christingle making. Your child will need an orange.

Friday – Carol Service in church at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Next term, Premier Sports will be running football club on Tuesdays after school and tennis club on Thursdays. They have promised they will send booking details to us by next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates

17 th December	KS2 Concert 2pm in the school hall. All KS2 children will be performing and family and friends are welcome to attend.
18 th December	Christingles (children will need an orange)
18 th December	Christmas lunch Book this in the usual way.
20 th December	Carol Service in St. George's church – 2.30pm
9 th January	Holy Communion in school hall. 9.15. All welcome
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
13 th February	Reception vision testing
25 th and 27 th February	Parent Consultations
27 th February	Holy Communion in school hall. 9.15. All welcome
6 th March	World Book Day
7 th March	PTA meeting 9am in School Hall
10 th March	Netball tournament
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

Autumn Term

End of Term	Friday 20 December
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Spring Term

Start of Term	Monday 6 th January
<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

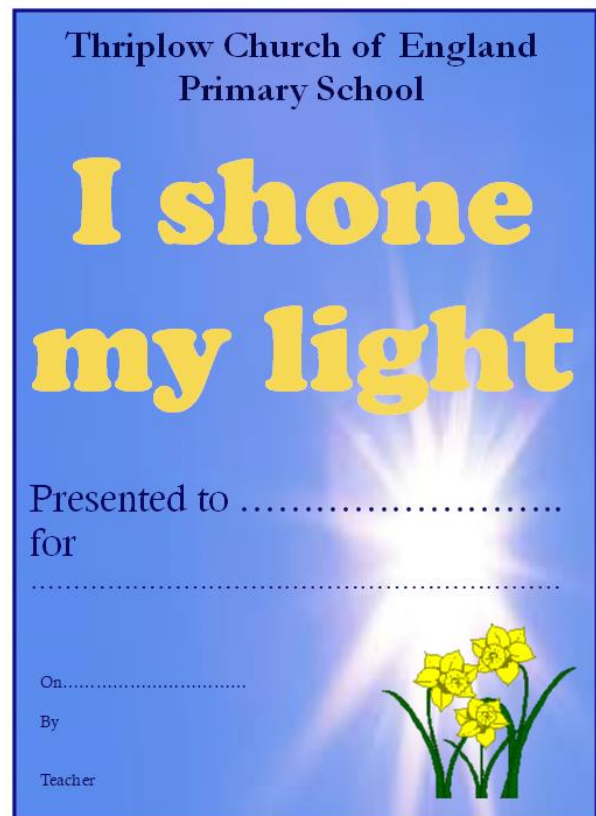
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 27 th March

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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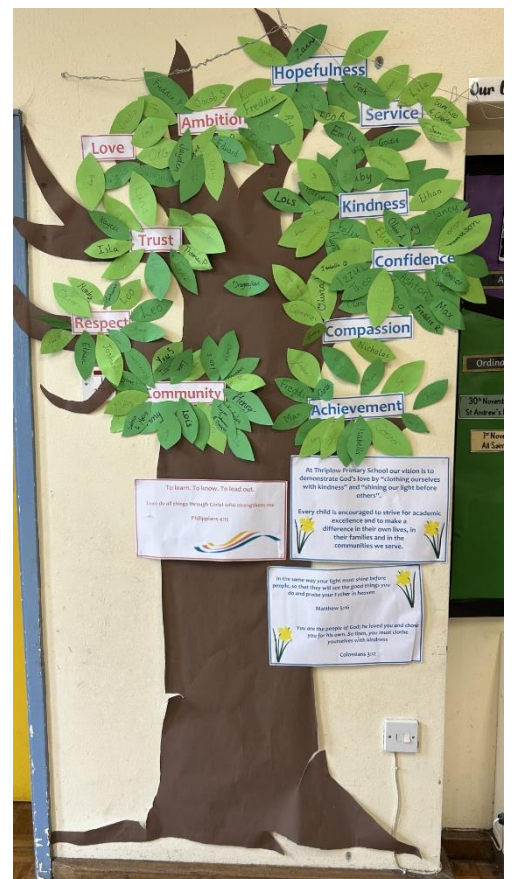
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- All of Ants Class
- All of Butterflies Class
- Reggie (Reception)
- Lily-Anne (Reception)
- Josh (Year 3)
- Felicity (Year 4)
- Isabella (Year 6)
- Olivia (Year 6)



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

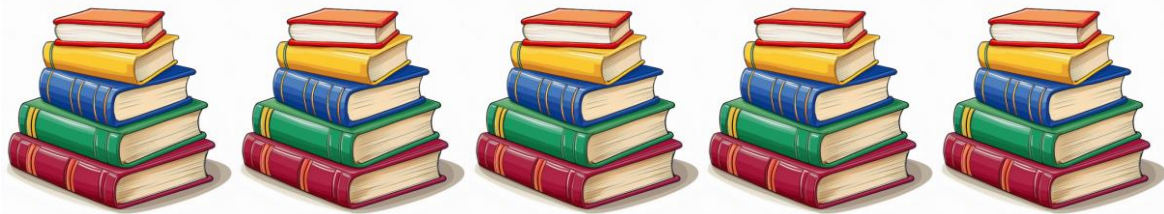
- Amy (Service)
- Aliyah (Service)
- Eliza (Respect)
- Leo S (Achievement)
- Max (Hopefulness)
- Lila (Confidence)
- Annabel (Confidence)



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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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A huge thank you Annabelle and Tristan's grandmother for giving us this amazing postbox!

Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for their friends and teachers to post in the box. Year 6 will empty it regularly and deliver to classrooms.

Please make sure your child puts the full name and class of the recipient on the envelope.

HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	74	767
Barenton	27	616
Bassett	84	770
Bury	73	686

Well done Bassett!

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Christmas Hampers

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hampers2024>

*Raffle Draw -
16th December*

WIN a hamper!
Buy raffle tickets
online

Please donate an item
based on house colours

Bassett - Green

Bacon - Yellow

Bury - Blue

Barenton - Red

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Saturdays 10.15-11.15am

Melbourn Village College
The Moor, SG8 6EF

GIRLS ★ ★ ★ FOOTBALL SESSIONS

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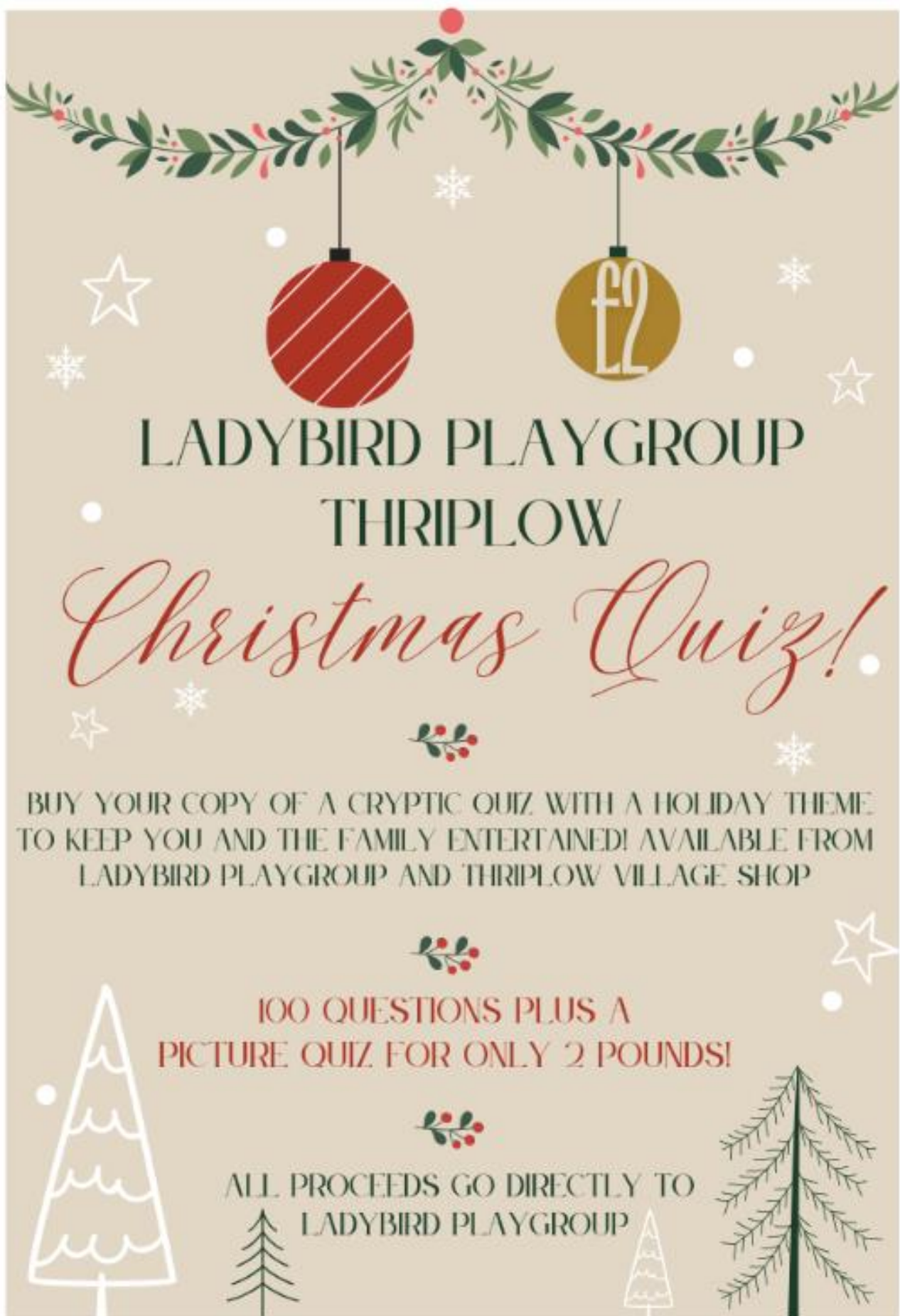
Per week
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Contact Nicky on:
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wildcatsmdfc@yahoo.com

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Top Tips for a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

It can be difficult to stay away from technology and devices, and sometimes this means that people – of any age – can find it hard to be present in the moment. As a period when families are able to spend some quality time together and enjoy each other's company, Christmas is the perfect opportunity to step away from our phones, laptops and consoles and concentrate on the things that really matter. Follow our top ten tips for a tech-free festive period and make the most of this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

1. BOARD GAMES CAN BE FUN (HONEST)

OK, no one wants a repeat of that incident when your youngest had to pay triple rent on Mayfair, but going back to basics with a card or board game can be a fantastic bonding experience. Choose a game that even the youngest members of your family can enjoy and have a fun tech-free time.

2. MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS

Spending time on arts and crafts is a brilliant way to relax and spend some productive time offline. Making your own Christmas decorations as a family can become a wholesome tradition and leave you with some treasured mementos, too.

3. GO FOR A WINTER WALK

Not much beats wrapping up warm on a crisp December day and taking a stroll. Whether alone or with the family, a walk is a fantastic way to clear your head and relish the break from hectic normal life. As an extra festive treat, why not make a flask of hot chocolate to take with you?

4. BAKE SOME FESTIVE TREATS

Not all Christmas cooking has to be a stressful chore that's timed with military precision. Baking some simple festive treats like cookies doesn't have to take hours – and will make sure you're stocked up on tasty things to offer any friends or family members who pop round.

5. READ A FAMILY STORY TOGETHER

Turn story time into an event. Make the living room or bedroom into a tech-free space, light some candles, make some hot drinks and reach for a classic Christmas tale. It's a fantastic way to relax before bed, and the right story will help to get the whole family into the festive spirit.

6. TURN OFF NOTIFICATIONS

It sounds obvious, but turning off email and app notifications can give you more control of your relationship with technology. Getting into the habit of checking your phone periodically – rather than reacting every time a notification arrives – helps you to stay present in the moment.

7. FEED THE BIRDS

Food's hard to come by for wildlife in winter, so helping our feathered friends is a very worthwhile reason to put down those devices and reconnect with nature. Fill a bird feeder in the garden or take a snack for the ducks in your local park (but ditch the bread in favour of oats, rice or birdseed).

8. SET DAILY LIMITS

Many apps and devices let you set reminders to let you know how long you've used them for that day. Setting daily limits puts you firmly in charge of your time and will help to ensure you don't miss out on any family Christmas memories because you're engrossed in your phone or laptop.

9. GET ON YOUR BIKE

Exercise, such as going for a run or a bike ride is an excellent way to burn off some of those Yuletide calories while giving your brain and eyes a break from screen-based activity. Physical exertion also helps reduce anxiety and releases endorphins which can improve your sense of wellbeing.

10. MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

There can be a lot of pressure to meet up with friends, make video calls and check in with people at Christmas – but remember that you need time to relax as well. Don't feel guilty about not replying to messages and emails immediately – the holiday is your chance to drop down a gear or two.

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If your child will
be aged 4 by
**31st August
2025**

You need to
apply **NOW**
for a School
place



SCAN ME

**Apply by
15th January
2025**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or
email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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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

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.
ladybirdplaygrouphthriplow@gmail.com



Contact for more information:

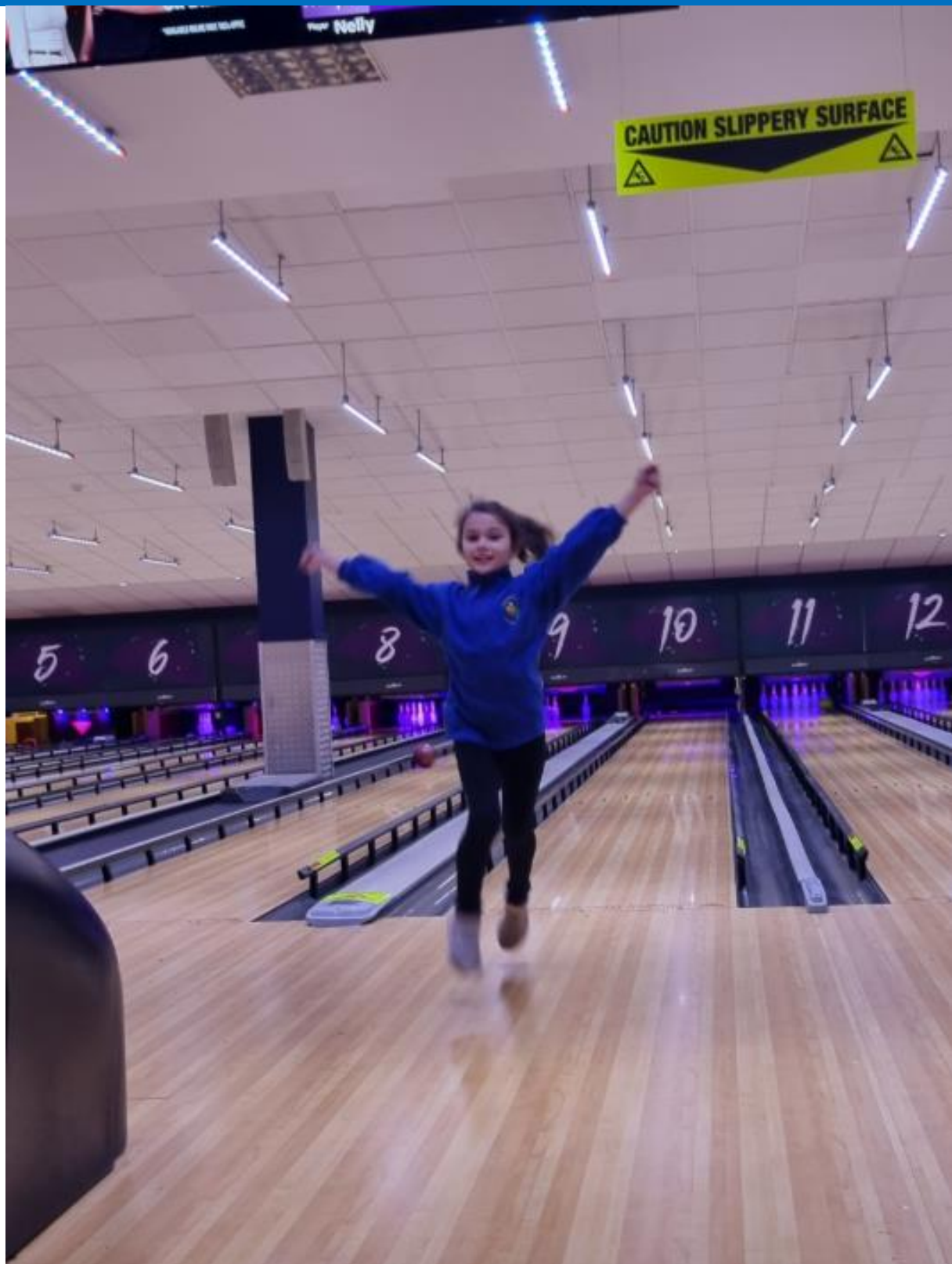
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