

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 17th January 2025



We have had another busy week at school!

Bees Class visited the Fitzwilliam Museum today and I gather they had a wonderful time! We look forward to hearing all about it in more detail next week.

On Tuesday, I attended the PTA meeting on Zoom. It so lovely to see a number of people there and great to hear updates on our forthcoming exciting work to be completed on the playground as well as future plans for fundraising events. With that in mind, the Daffodil Weekend school tearoom sign-up sheet was emailed round yesterday. It would be wonderful to fill this up with volunteers. Please do ask if you have any questions.

A few parents have emailed querying about tickets for the event. There is a free Saturday ticket for every child that sings plus one adult per family. If you have put your name down to volunteer in the school tearoom, you are also entitled to a free ticket for the day that you are volunteering. If you need any tickets for the festival in addition to these, then please note that they sell out quickly and so you will need to make arrangements to purchase tickets.
<https://www.thriplowdaffodils.org.uk/news/2025/1/2/tickets-are-now-on-sale>

Many apologies to those children who had a birthday in the Christmas holiday as I forgot to include your birthdays in the newsletter last week! I have added them to the list this week!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates

21 st January	Young Voices Information in letters issued.
Week Beginning 3 rd February	RSE week Content letters to follow later in the term
11 th February	Hockey tournament (pm) – letters have been sent to those taking part. Please let Mrs Forde know if your child will be playing.
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)
28 th February	Movie Night (for children, straight after school)
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 – letters will be sent to the netball team nearer the time.
12 th March	Dragonflies trip to Duxford (information to follow)
22 nd – 23 rd March	Daffodil Weekend – see information in newsletter
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 (year 6)
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

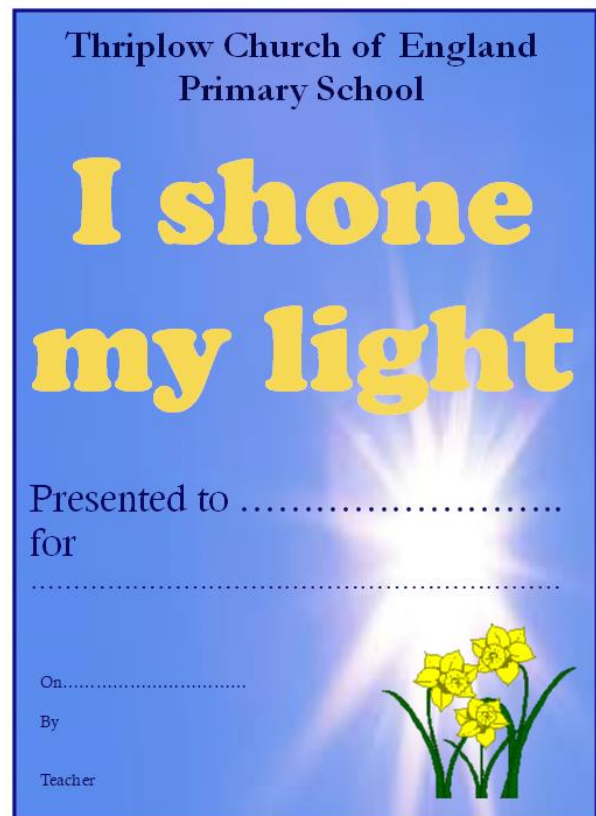
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 27 th March

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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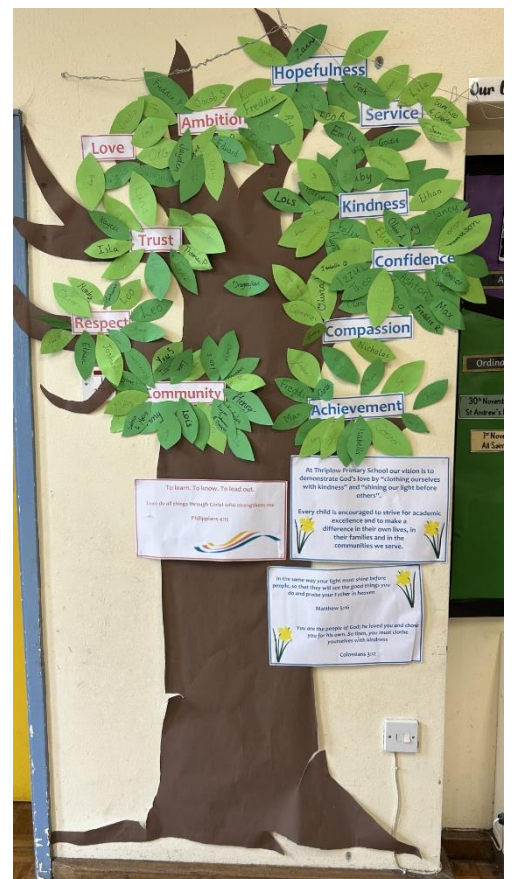
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Tristan (Reception)
- Elwyn (Reception)
- Freddie (Year 1)
- Max (Year 2)
- Leo (Year 6)
- Aliyah (Year 6)



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

- Finn (Achievement)
- Oliver (Respect)
- Cameron (Respect)
- Johanna (Love)
- Olivia (Community)



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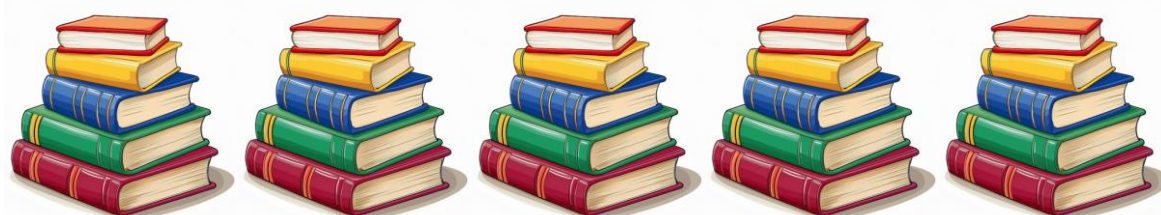


**Happy Birthday to Guy, Aliyah, Aiden, Tobias,
Erin E, Millie-Rose, Holly, Eliza, Leon, Hamish,
Reggie, Elias K, Nancy, Hollie, Harvey, Emily and
Josie who have celebrated their birthdays
recently!**

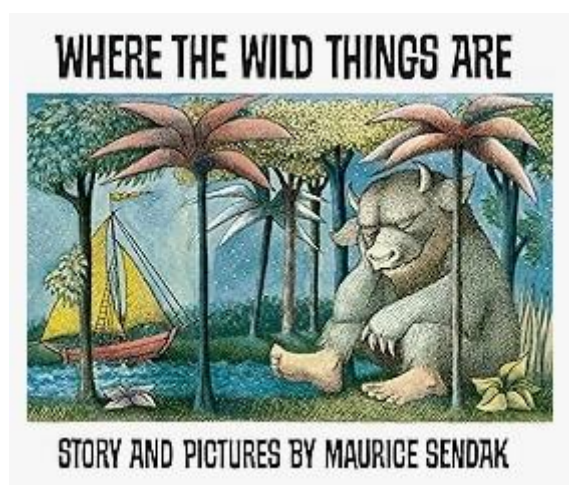


**We have updated our Amazon Wishlist. Please follow this
link if you'd like to donate a birthday book.**

<https://amzn.eu/ez2OYOf>



**Many thanks to Elias K who
gave us this book on the
occasion of his 5th birthday!**



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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>

HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	47	75
Barenton	75	150
Bassett	52	100
Bury	79	102s

Well done Bury!

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Daffodil weekend

Don't forget to sign up to help in the tearoom using the following link!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qzctJenomniWb7msRt3CrHGolbRtFij66LtDjtCGu4w/edit?fbclid=IwY2xjawH2MPZleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHeX4lBAX5bLYd7qomY7qTgeuHpYAc3dp5tzb_88Pde5P_B98AFlatHrseA_aem_h37rbzeR8QC_A6rM6PxAPA#gid=0#gid=0

Each helper will receive one free ticket for the day that they help.



Please note that we will be performing as a school at around 11am in the village on Saturday 22nd March. We will confirm details nearer the time (exactly where in the village to meet etc) but for now, please pop it in your diaries. It would be wonderful to see everyone there — from Reception to Year 6.

If your child performs on the 22nd, you will receive a free ticket for them and for one adult for the 22nd.

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WORLD BOOK DAY

At Thriplow, we value reading and books all year round. We encourage children to 'read, read, read' as we recognise that reading unlocks learning and understanding of the world for children.

We mark World Book Day not as a 'one-off' to encourage children to read books, but to celebrate our ongoing love of books, of reading and of language.

This year we are encouraging the children to dress as an **adjective**. This is not for a few weeks, but I know that parents appreciate knowing about these things in good time.

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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.

Book now for an extracurricular club they will never forget.



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.

Book now for an extracurricular club they will never forget.

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TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

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My son absolutely loved the after school Tennis sessions and would really love to play tennis again hopefully in the future.

Lisa - Parent



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/choose-respect>

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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



Christopher
in Year 4
wrote a
beautiful
poem about
a phoenix at
home

Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

2025
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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Phoenix* by Christopher Noble

Phoenix the embodiment of an incarnate
soul. A Phoenix is a beautiful, mythical, legendary
hope giving being. A representative of all ongoing flame
of love. It flies above all of evil, it has
no fear of hatred, betrayal and war.
It preys peace, love and friendship.
It goes without saying the
Phoenix is magical!

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What happens to us
if we are born without
these people were
a solution.

And now what will we be born without?
These people were

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