

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 20th June 2025



It's been a very hot week! The weather forecast looks like it is going to continue into next week so please do keep remembering to send your child with fresh water each day as well as sun cream and a hat.

We took some Year 3/4 girls to the South Cambs School Sports Partnership Football Festival on Wednesday. They were fabulous! We were so impressed by their resilience, enthusiasm and dedication – particularly given the heat! Betty told me, “this has been my first tournament and it's the best! It's been amazing!” Each team at the festival was assigned a team from the Women's Euros to represent. The Thriplow girls proudly represented Norway. Many thanks to Mrs Rogerson and Mr and Mrs Wells for helping out. As ever, a thank you also to those parents who transported children to and from the event.

Last week Key Stage 2 were visited by Miss Dobson (Sophie's mum) who shared information about the Cambridge Building Society Design a Coin competition. We are all very impressed by the entries that have come in to school!

Last Friday, a group of children from across the school attended a private art viewing at St. Mary's Church in Ely to see their artwork displayed as part of the DEMAT art exhibition 2025. Please see photos at the bottom of the newsletter of some of the amazing artwork that was exhibited.

Today is a sad day as we say 'goodbye' to Miss Bewes. Miss Bewes has been completing her final teaching placement in Dragonflies Class from the University of Cambridge. She has been with us since March and is very much part of the team. We wish her well in her future career.

This morning was one of the highlights in the Thriplow School calendar as we watched our Poetry Recital Finalists performing the poems they had selected. Well done Jess M, Max, Lila, Hamish, Eloise, Tom and Johanna for making it to the final. The staff chose Tom as the 2025 winner. Lila was Highly Commended. Well done Tom!



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

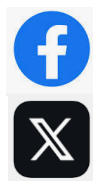
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Many thanks to those of you who have already sponsored us for our Fun Run in aid of Magpas that will take place in July. The link is https://www.justgiving.com/page/thriplow-primary-school-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=018 if you'd like to donate. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with kindness. *Colossians 3:12*

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Useful dates

25 th June	Sports Day (am)
1 st July	Year 3/4 cricket tournament
2 nd July	Ants and Butterflies trip to Shepreth
11 th July	Sponsored run for MAGPAS
11 th July	Reports out
14 th July	KS2 Production – Dress Rehearsal 10am
14 th July	Singing concert (for those learning with Lucy Beeton) 4.30pm
15 th July	KS2 Production – 2.30pm
16 th July	KS2 Production – 6pm
17 th July	Transition morning
17 th July	Year 6 Quiet morning – in church
17 th July	Year 6 Wildspace afternoon
18 th July	Celebration Collective Worship at 9am Instead of a separate KS1 concert, KS1 will be performing during this Collective Worship
18 th July	Year 6 Quiz
21 st July	Year 6 trip to London
22 nd July	Year 6 cooking morning – Please note that Y6 do not need to book lunch
23 rd July	Leavers' Service For parents of Year 6 children leaving the school

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Term Dates 2024/2025

Summer Term	
End of Term	Wednesday 23 rd July

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

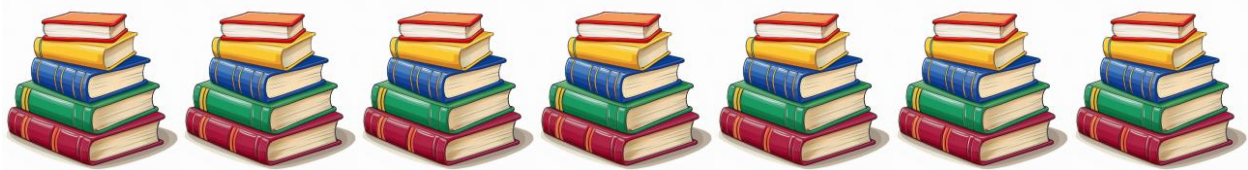
Summer Term	
Start of Term	Monday 13 th April
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 4th May</i>
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st June</i>
End of Term	Friday 17 th July
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 20th July</i>

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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.

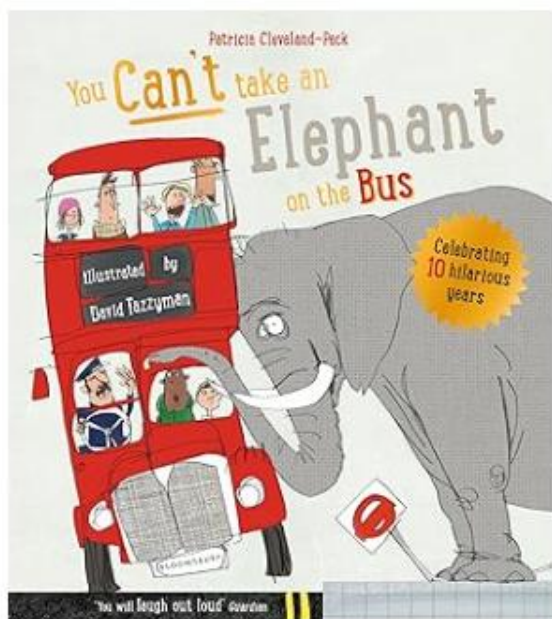
If you have a concern about a child, please come and speak to or email either of us. Alternatively please speak to any member of staff who will be able to pass on information.

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>

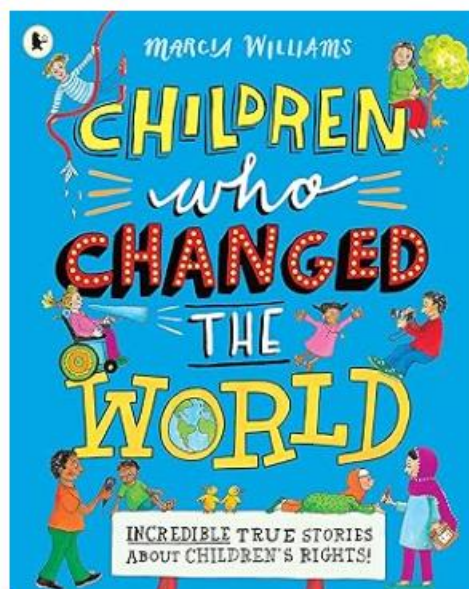
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Happy Birthday to **Felicity** and **Elwyn** who have celebrated their birthdays this week!



Many thanks to Elwyn for donating this book on the occasion of his 5th birthday!

Many thanks to Felicity for donating this book on the occasion of her 9th birthday!



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HOUSE POINTS

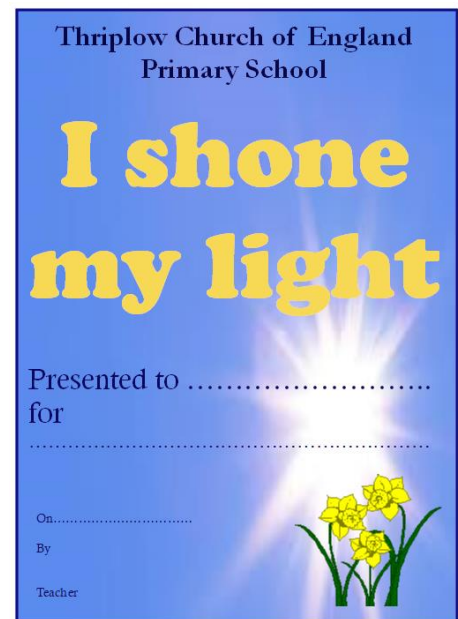
	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	32	334
Barenton	31	342
Bassett	20	271
Bury	25	328

Well done Bacon!

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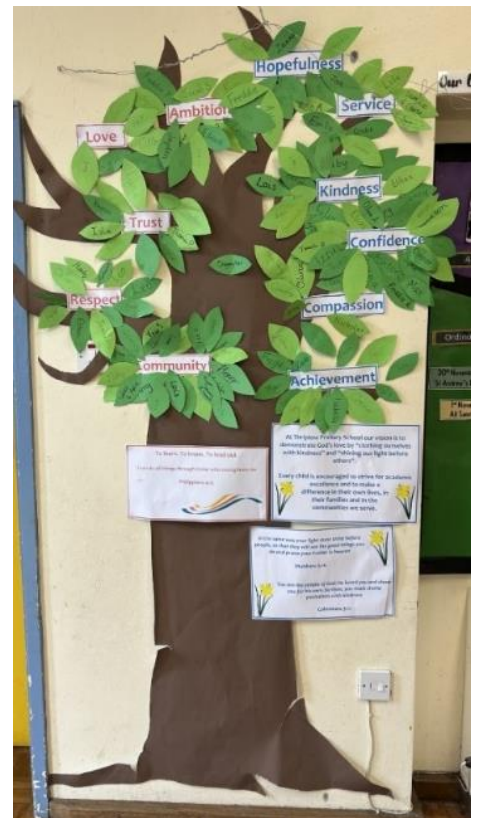
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Eliza – (Reception)
- Hudson – (Year 1)
- Josh W - (Year 3)
- Nelly B – (Year 3)
- Alice F – (Year 4)
- Erin P – (Year 5)
- Leo B – (Year 6)

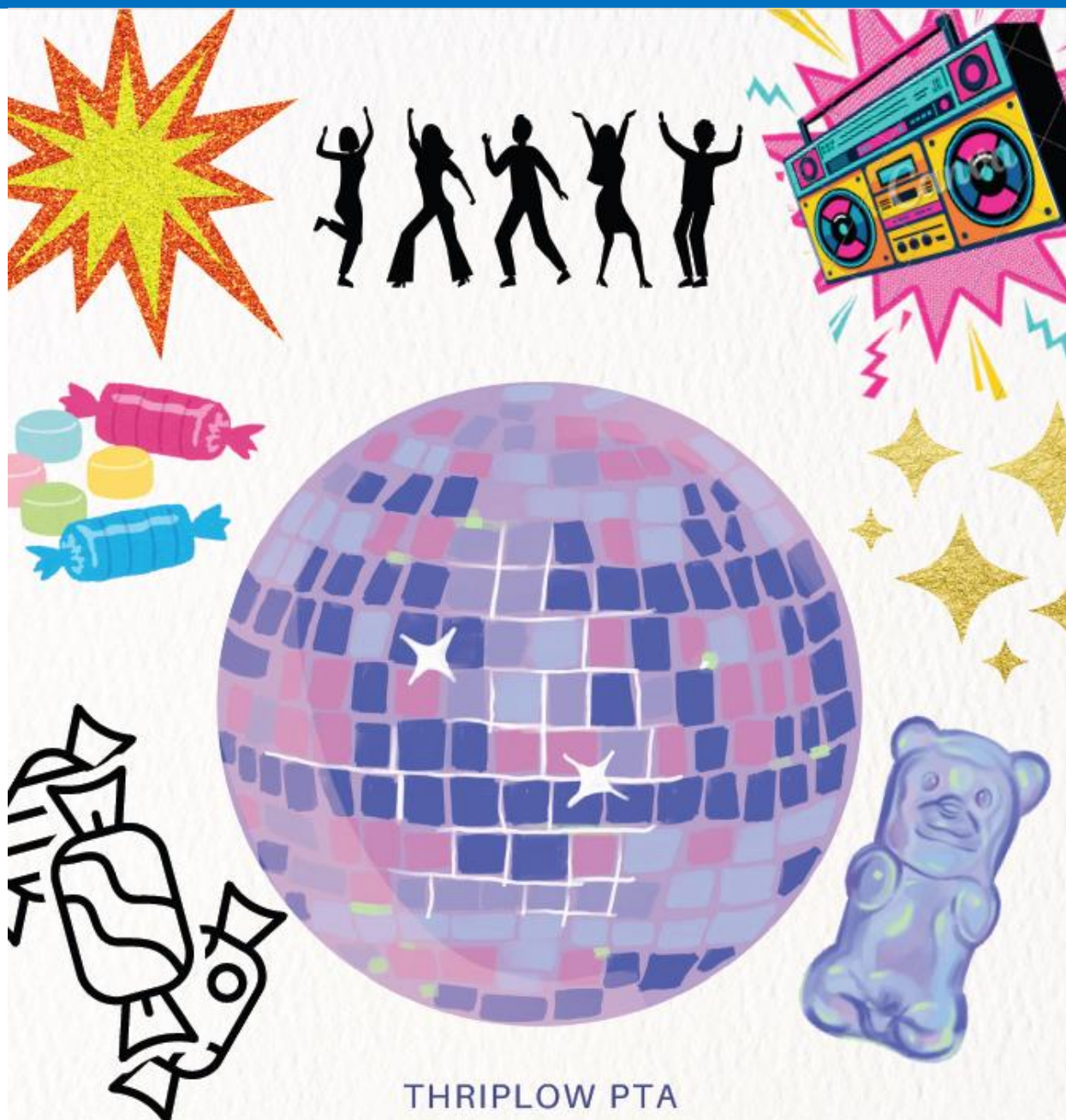


The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

- Ralph (Service)
- Jenson (Community)
- Sofia (Confidence)
- Maddie (Confidence)
- Jess R (Confidence)
- Leo S (Respect)



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THRIPILOW PTA

SCHOOL DISCO

18TH JULY 3:30-5:30

AT THRIPILOW VILLAGE HALL

£5 + TUCK SHOP MONEY

MORE INFO & TICKETS ON MCAS

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family: discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their – and friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lend themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at B CyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/tips-for-creating-family-rules-for-using-devices

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SEPTEMBER at LADYBIRD

If you are looking for a place for your child from their 2nd birthday in a safe

and fun rural environment why not consider us?

Based within the grounds of Thriplow Primary School, Ladybird has been running for more than 25 years.

We offer daily sessions from 9am to 3:15pm with the option of joining our

Breakfast Club from 3 years old.

Please email us on ladybirdplaygrouphthriplow@gmail.com or call 01763 208055

to **book a visit.**

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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30



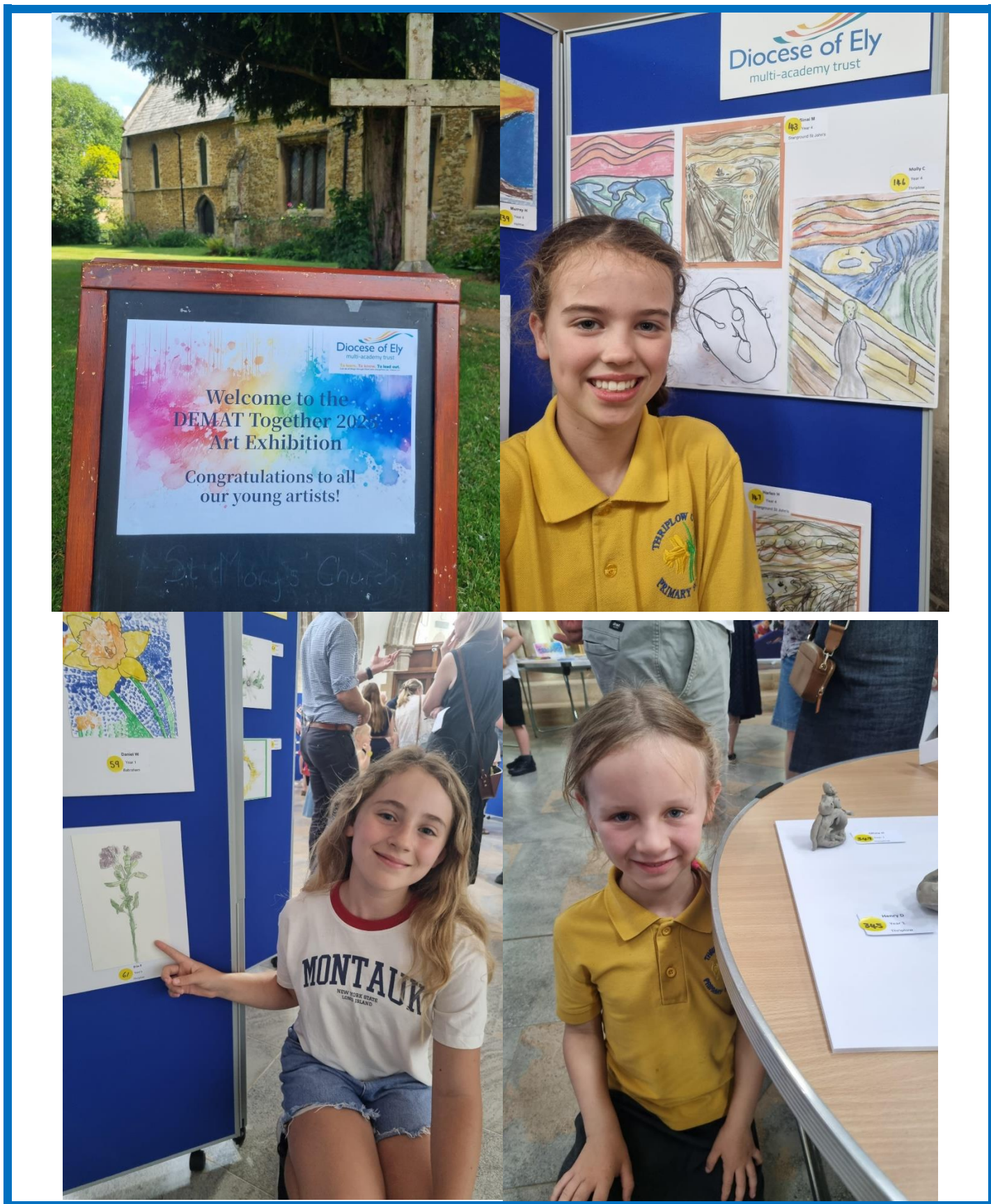
Contact for more information:

Email: ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com

Phone: 01763 208055

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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Guy P
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Year 6
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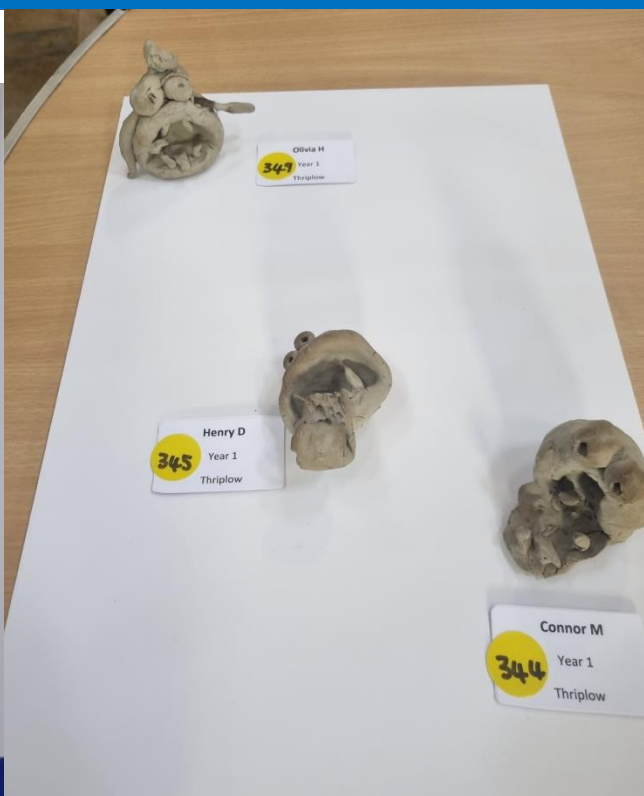
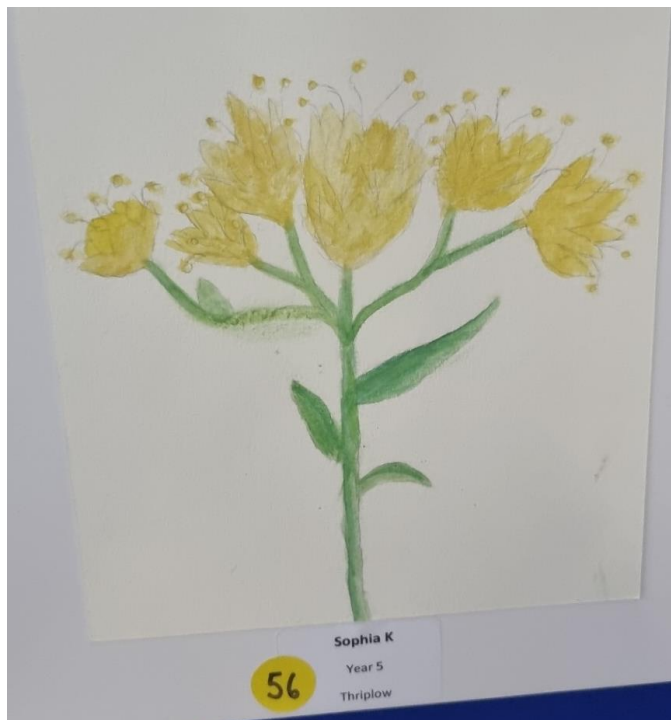


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Year 6
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Year 5
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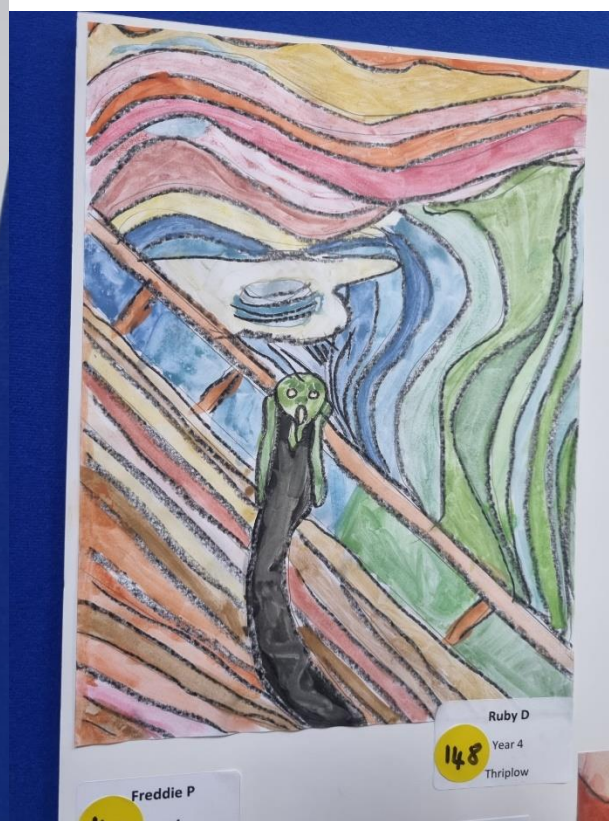
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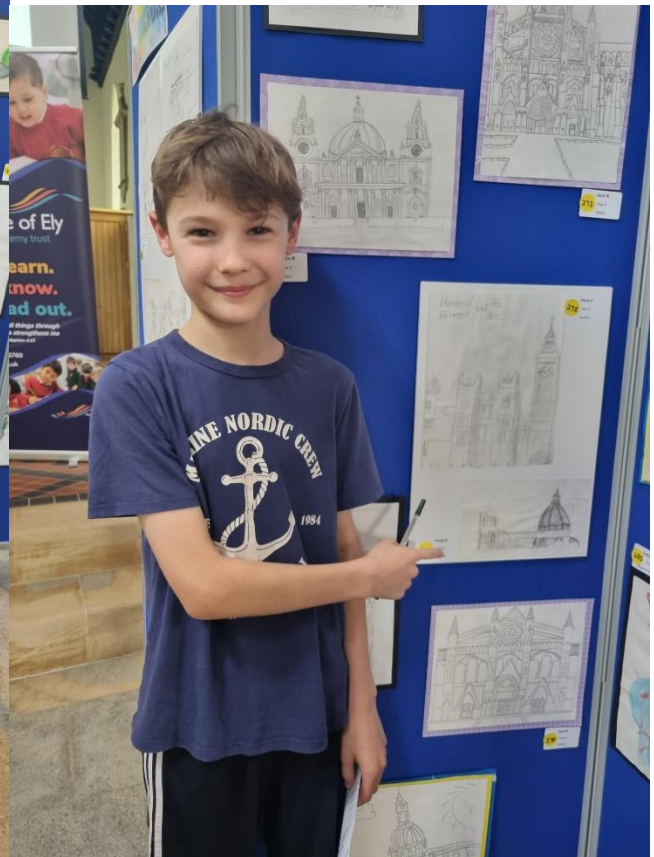
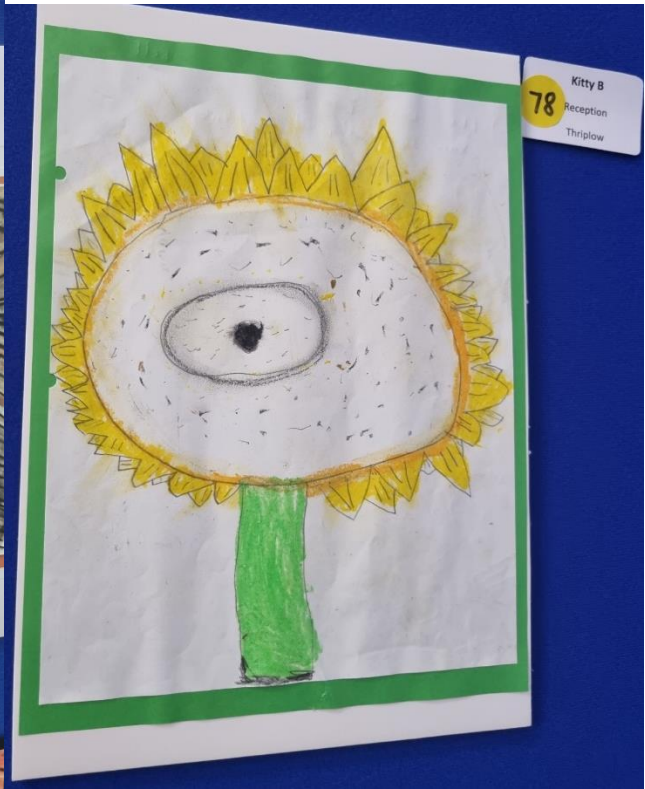
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Year 6
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Year 4
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Freddie P

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