

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 20th December 2024



As we come to the end of a very long and very busy term, I want to extend our thanks to you all for your support. This term has had its challenges, particularly with ironing out initial issues with MCAS but we have so appreciated your patience and understanding. Our school community is a very special one!

Today we said a very sad goodbye to Jo Fisher. Mrs Fisher has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Thriplow for 18 years and we are so lucky that she has been part of our school community for so long. Mrs Fisher has worked with children from Reception all the way up to Year 6 and they have really benefitted from her kindness and patience. We will miss her enormously but wish her a very happy retirement.

This week has been full of festive joy! Key Stage 2 bowled us over with their wonderful performances in the concert on Tuesday. It was fabulous to see them performing so confidently and to see them enjoying themselves so much! We continue to be so proud of the children not only for their talents but for stepping out of their comfort zones and performing.

We had a busy day on Wednesday, not only enjoying our Christmas lunch, but also making Christingles and having a special Collective Worship for Christingle. The children learnt the symbolism of what they had made. Many thanks for providing oranges and to the Children's Society for providing candles and tape.

Earlier this afternoon a representative from Winter Comfort came to collect all the reverse advent calendars. He was so thankful on behalf of the charity for your generosity. He was concerned at one point that it wouldn't all fit in his car!

Today I was so proud of every single child for their performances in the Carol Service. It was a wonderful way to end the term.

All that is left is for me to wish you the most wonderful Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all on 6th January.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates

9 th January	Holy Communion in school hall. 9.15. All welcome
14 th January	PTA meeting 8pm 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

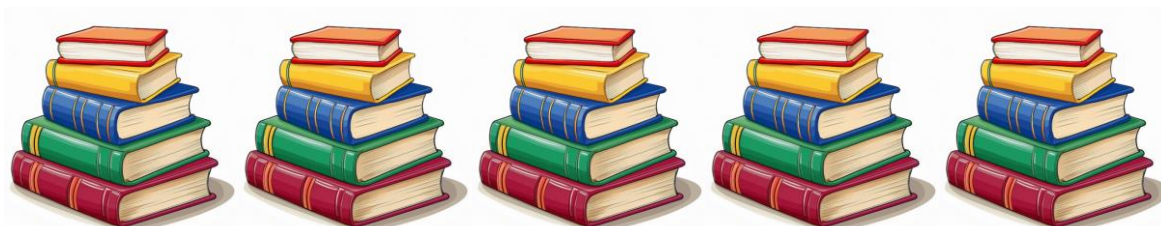
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 27 th March

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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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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HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	13	780
Barenton	8	624
Bassett	38	808
Bury	14	700

Our winners for this term are Bassett!



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News from the PTA

Thank you to all the parents that completed the playground survey. We are pleased to confirm that 63 responses were received.

- . 100% supported the principle of the proposal**
- . 100% supported using PTA Funds for the playground**
- . 59.7% of respondents supported the use of the recycled plastic**

On this basis, the Easter slot has been reserved for the works to be completed so all current children at the school can benefit from the new play equipment.

Works for the cosy library are underway and this has come in under budget meaning the PTA would like to use funds from the Summer Solstice party which are no longer required for the cosy library, to support the new playground equipment project. In order to do this, we will shortly be issuing an email to Summer Solstice ticket holders, donors etc to confirm that they are happy for the funds to be repurposed.

As always, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful festive break.

Meghan Bonner, PTA Chair

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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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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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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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email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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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

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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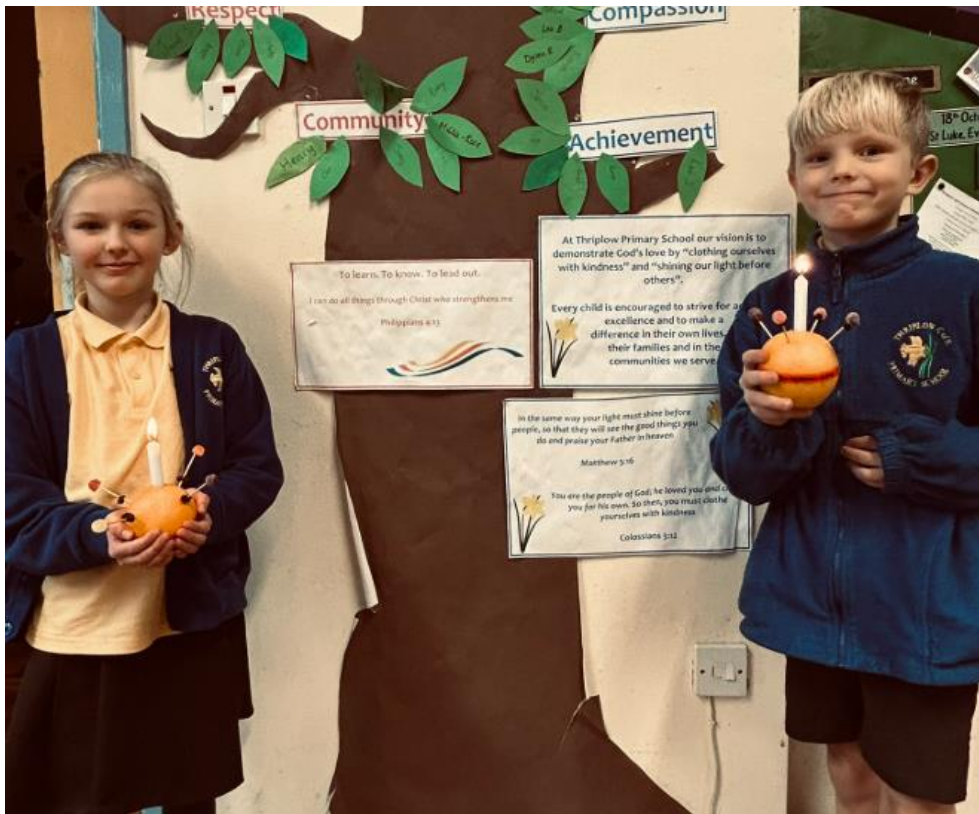
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Registration forms can be found on the School Website

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