

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 20th September 2024



We are so proud of our Reception children for completing their first full-time week at school. They have been amazing and coped so well. It was lovely to have them in Celebration Collective Worship this afternoon.

Over the next few days, we would like to confirm that the photo permissions we have for your children are correct. Please could you check on the MCAS app under 'Parental Consent' and let Sam and I know in the office if you would like us to change your consent. You will have until next Wednesday to let us know.

A reminder that next week there will be flu immunisations taking place in school. You need to **opt in** for an immunisation for your child by following the link below.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/cambridgeshire>

We were delighted to see Alice in Year 4's certificate for completing the library challenge over the summer holidays. If any other children completed the challenge, I would love to see their certificates! I am aware that some libraries have not issued certificates yet.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates!

24 th and 26 th September	Parent Consultations (for Years 1-6)
1 st October	Harvest Festival in St. George's Church, Thriplow – 9.15. All welcome! The service will last about an hour.
3 rd October	NSPCC workshops for Year 2, 5 and 6 children
10 th October	MacMillan Coffee Morning – please note change of date All are welcome
14 th October	Year 5/6 netball This will take place after school. Miss Hardege will be in touch soon to let you know which children have been selected.
23 rd October	Individual and sibling photos - morning
23 rd October	Year 5/6 girls football tournament – during the day We will be in touch to let you know which children have been selected.
Week Beginning 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
12 th November	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
26 th November	Dragonflies Class Trip to the Cambridge Mosque
29 th November	Decoration Day Parents are welcome to attend in the morning to help their children make decorations.
4 th December	Key Stage 2 Cross Country We will be in touch to let you know which children have been selected.
10 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal (morning – time TBC) Family members, including pre-schoolers are welcome.
11 th December	Nativity Performance – 2.30pm Two tickets will be issued per family in Ants and Butterflies. No pre-schoolers.
12 th December	Nativity Performance – 6pm Two tickets will be issued per family in Ants and Butterflies. No pre-schoolers.

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13 th December	Festive Friday Children will be invited to wear Christmas jumpers and Christmas accessories to raise money for a chosen charity.
17 th December	KS2 Concert (afternoon – time TBC) 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 You will be able to book this in the usual way.
20 th December	Carol Service in St. George's church – 2.30
14 th January	PTA meeting 9pm on Zoom
21 st January	Young Voices Information in letters issued.
Week Beginning 3 rd February	RSE week
7 th March	PTA meeting 9am in School Hall
29 th April	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
10 th June	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom

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Term Dates

Autumn 2024		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 25th October</i>
	Half Term	28th October – 1 st November
	Term Ends	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025		
	Term Begins	Monday 6th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
	Half Term	17th-21 st February
	Term Ends	Friday 4 th April
Summer 2025		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 23rd April
	May Day	Monday 6th May
	Half Term	26th May – 30th May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
	Term Ends	Wednesday 23 rd July



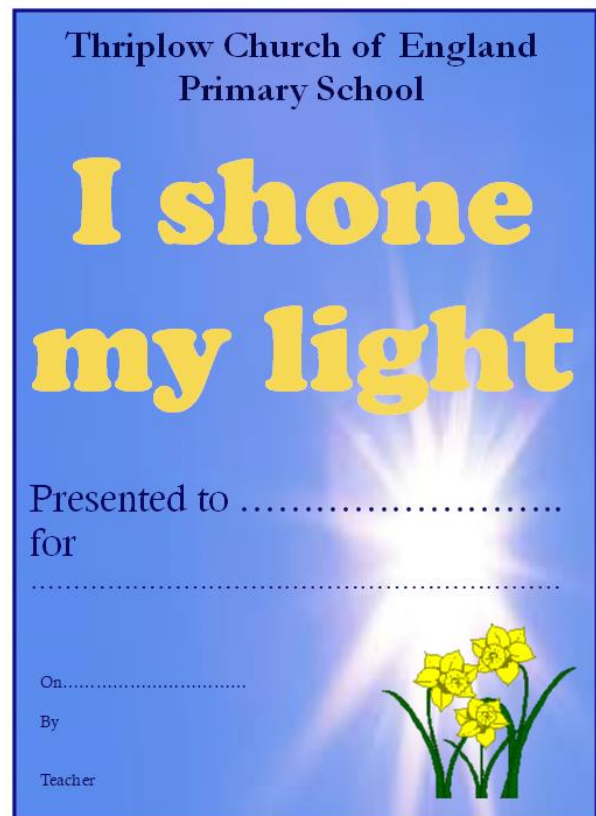
Happy Birthday to **Betty** and **Barney** who have celebrated their birthdays this week!



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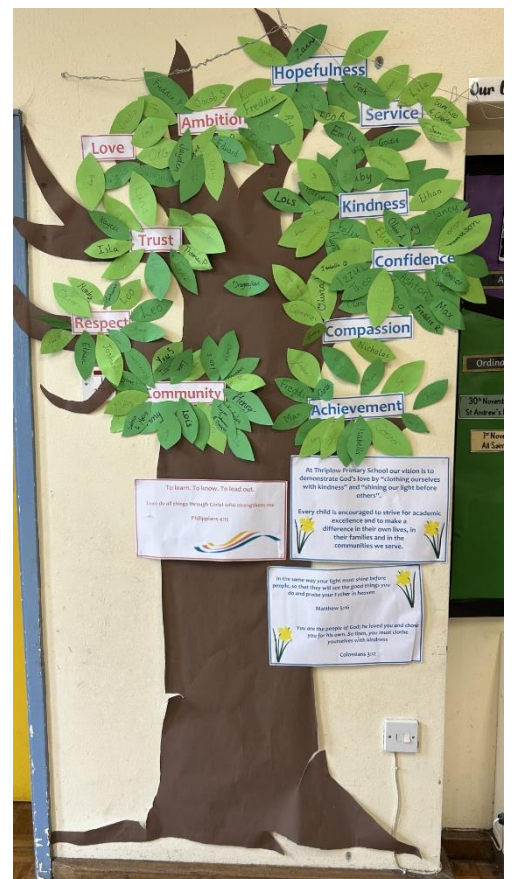
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Eliza (Reception)
- Hudson (Year 1)
- Charles (Year 1)
- Leo C (Year 3)
- Barney (Year 4)
- Elsie (Year 4)
- Erin P (Year 5)
- Aliyah (Year 6)



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

- Elias K (Community)
- Josie (Kindness)
- Nancy (Kindness)
- Lois (Kindness)
- Erin E (Confidence)



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Harvest Festival

Our school Harvest Festival will take place on 1st October. Children are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food.



The Year 6 children are embracing their new roles. Bea, our Y6 Eco Champion has already started gathering a group of children to help her to make our school more eco-friendly. We look forward to seeing what they do!

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 Consecutive days of Term Time Leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10- week period

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Local Authority DO NOT accept the following as exceptional circumstances:

- My work do not allow me to take holidays during the school summer holiday period, even if they provide a letter
- My child needs a holiday at quieter times due to needs
- Our holiday has been gifted and paid for and did not have a choice of dates
- My child has good or 100% attendance
- I will report my child being poorly - schools are expected to carry out home visits, if a holiday is suspected, school will report to the local authority for a penalty notice fine

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HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	41	64
Barenton	30	86
Bassett	51	97
Bury	40	76

Well done Bassett!

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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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+ 16+ 18+
Age varies by platform

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on StreamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform or a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

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for a Secondary school place for September 2025

If your child will
be aged 11 by
**31st August
2025**

You need to
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place



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Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE
or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**Apply by
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October
2024**

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for a Reception school place for September 2025

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15th January
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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

September 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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Registration forms can be found on the School Website

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