

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 25th October 2024



We had such a wonderful afternoon yesterday officially opening our new building. The sun was shining and it felt so joyful (and a little bit emotional!) to be cutting the ribbon after so many years of planning and fundraising. A huge thanks to those of you who came along to support but also to those of you who baked cakes for the event. A special thank you to the mums who served tea and cake. This was so appreciated. I have put some photos at the bottom of the newsletter for you to look at.

We were so proud of Olivia on Tuesday. Olivia organised a stall after school to sell sweets and managed to sell them all. She has a real heart for raising money for charity and was delighted to have raised even more than when she did a similar thing last year. Well done, Olivia!

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team went to a football tournament on Wednesday. They had so much fun and Miss Hardege said that even though they didn't win any matches, their teamwork was exceptional, as was their positive spirit and their encouragement of each other, and the opposition. This was also recognised by the organisers who awarded them with the 'Spirit of the Games' award. Well done girls!

Yesterday we said a sad goodbye to Nicholas who is moving to a new school in a different area. We will miss him and his family but wish them all the best for their future.

The second week back is Anti-Bullying week. To mark the start of this week, we encourage children to wear odd socks or crazy tights.

A reminder that the deposit for the Year 5/6 Isle of Wight trip is due by Friday 15th November.

We have poppies, and poppy-related accessories for sale in the office. These will be available to buy for a donation to the Royal British Legion after half term.

After half term, with the darker evenings, please could After School Club parents pick up children via the ramp at the back of the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates!

8 th November	PTA Disco after school.
Week Beginning 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Children are encouraged to wear odd socks or crazy tights on Monday 11 th to mark the start of the week.
12 th November	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
26 th November	Dragonflies Class Trip to the Cambridge Mosque and The Catholic Church in Cambridge. Information to follow
29 th November	Decoration Day Parents are welcome to attend in the morning to help their children make decorations. Sadly we cannot accommodate pre-schoolers.
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.
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 Content letters to follow in Spring Term
7 th March	PTA meeting 9am in School Hall
29 th April	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
19 th – 23 rd May	Year 5/6 trip to the Isle of Wight
10 th June	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom

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Thriplow
School PTA
presents....



SCHOOL DISCO

3.30–5.30pm

friday
8th November

£5

price includes
bottle of water
and glow stick

Thriplow Village Hall

Tuck Shop
Glitter galore

A named adult is required to be
present for safeguarding reasons

Sorry, no pre-schoolers

**PURCHASE
TICKETS ON
MCAS APP**

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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

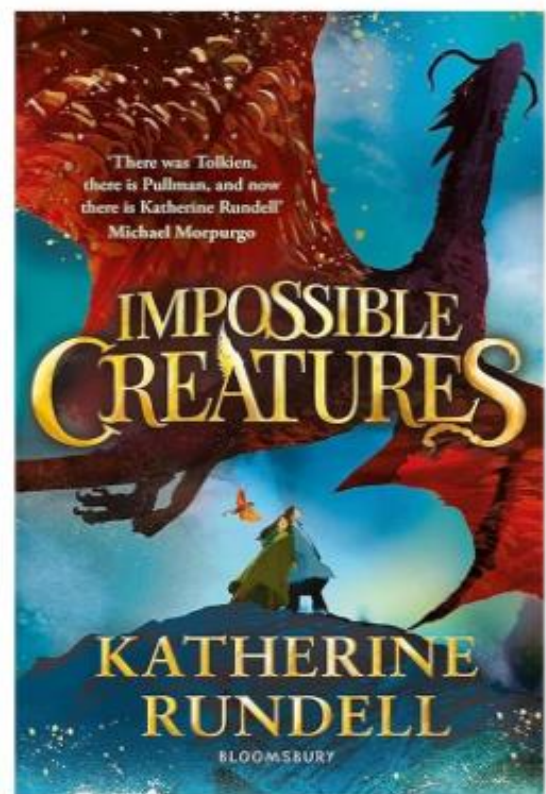
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Happy Birthday to **Harrison**, **Connor**, **Jess**, **Lily**,
Sophie D, **Lola**, **Sophie F** and **Alice F** who have
celebrated their birthdays this week!



Many thanks to
Lily for donating
this book on the
occasion of her
11th birthday.



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HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	120	342
Barenton	112	368
Bassett	122	403
Bury	123	356

Well done Bury!

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 & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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Apply now



for a Secondary school place for September 2025

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

You need to
apply NOW
for a School
place



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

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370
ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus,
Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE
or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**Apply by
31st
October
2024**

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Apply now



for a Reception school place for September 2025

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

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



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**Apply by
15th January
2025**

For further information please visit
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or contact your local School

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School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or
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.
ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com



Contact for more information:

Email: ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com

Phone: 01763 208055

Registration forms can be found on the School Website

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What have we been up to recently?



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