

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 31st January 2025



We have had a fun and rewarding week at school! Over the course of the week the children have witnessed sun, wind, rain and even hail!

On Thursday 13th February, the children will be taking part in a Skipathon to raise money Hearing Dogs, the children's chosen charity for this term. We will be holding an 'all-day skip' meaning that from 9am – 3.25pm there will be someone from the school community skipping. We would love for you to sponsor the children using the following link. Please share this with family and friends.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/thriplow-primary-school-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Our Year 6 play leaders have already been running practise sessions at lunchtime so that children can work on their skipping skills. Your child is welcome to bring in their own skipping rope from home if they would like to practise with it at playtime and lunchtime – please just make sure it is named.

Thank you so much to those of you who have signed up to help in the Daffodil Weekend tearoom – there is still space so do sign up if you have not already done so and are able to help!

Next week is RSE week in school. Attached to the letters sent out last Friday, there are useful documents giving advice on how to engage your children in conversations about what they have been learning.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates

Week Beginning 3 rd February	RSE week
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

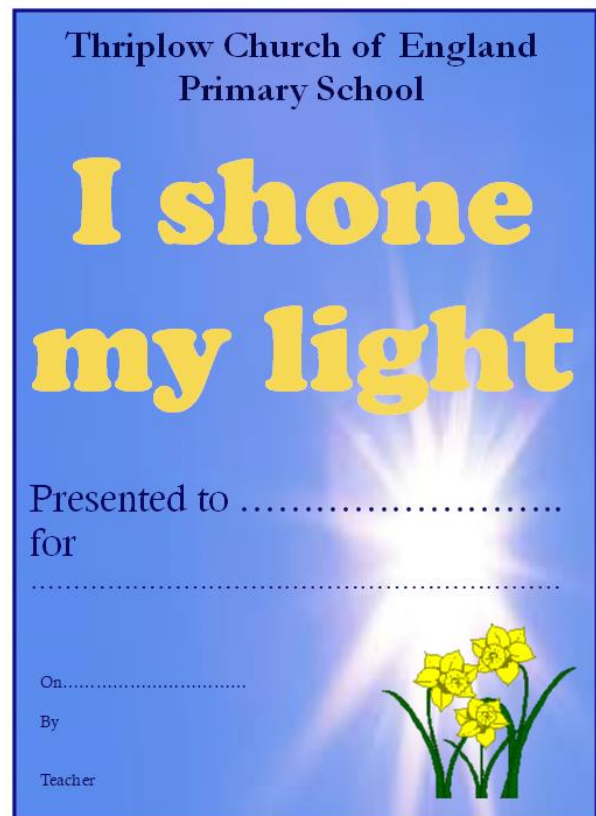
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 27 th March

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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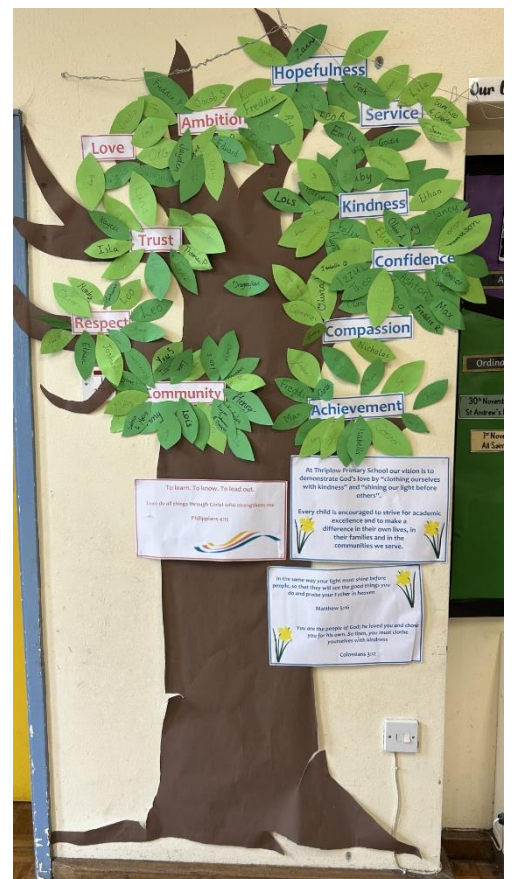
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Eliza (Reception)
- Josie (Year 1)
- Annabelle (Year 2)
- Theo (Year 3)
- Joey (Year 4)
- Molly (Year 4)
- Barney (Year 4)
- Eloise (Year 6)
- Dylan (Year 6)



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

- Jacob (Kindness)
- Holly (Confidence)
- Lily-Anne (Achievement)
- Emily (Achievement)
- Isabella (Respect)



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Happy Birthday to **Nelly** and **Maddie** who have celebrated their birthdays this week!

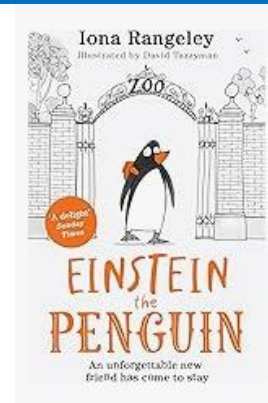


We have updated our Amazon Wishlist. Please follow this link if you'd like to donate a birthday book.

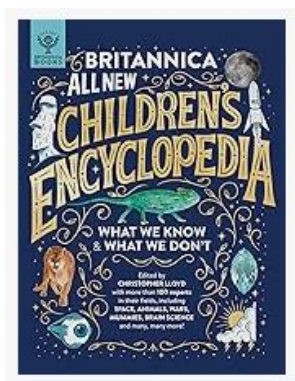
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Many thanks to Kyan
for donating this book
on the occasion of his
8th birthday



Many thanks to
Maddie for donating
this book on the
occasion of her 10th
birthday



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Sponsored Skip!

13th February 2025



Hearing Dogs
for Deaf People



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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	37	228
Barenton	55	301
Bassett	59	275
Bury	32	218

Well done Bassett!

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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.

If your child does not like dressing up, they can still take part as we will be asking every child to write their word on a piece of paper (which will be provided) in the style of their word. For example, if your child chose the word 'sparkly' they could write the word 'sparkly' and decorate it with sparkles.

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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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holiday camp



Looking for 5 star, Award Winning,
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CAMP INFO

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and take home. Games, outside
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ANY QUESTIONS?

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DAILY THEMES...

Daily themes with just a few activities

17th February - Solids, Liquids and Gases -
colour walking, gloop, flight and SLIME

18th February - Amazing Animals -
Painting, collage, masks and paper mache

19th February - Out of this World - ufos,
rockets, foam clay, 3d art and more.

FIND US

Meldreth Primary
School,
High Street,
Meldreth SG8 6LA

DATES AND TIMES

Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday,
17th - 19th February
9am-3.30pm

WWW.THECREATIONSTATION.CO.UK/FINDER

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JustTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JustTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JustTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JustTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JustTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JustTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JustTalk and JustTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JustTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JustTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

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



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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

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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

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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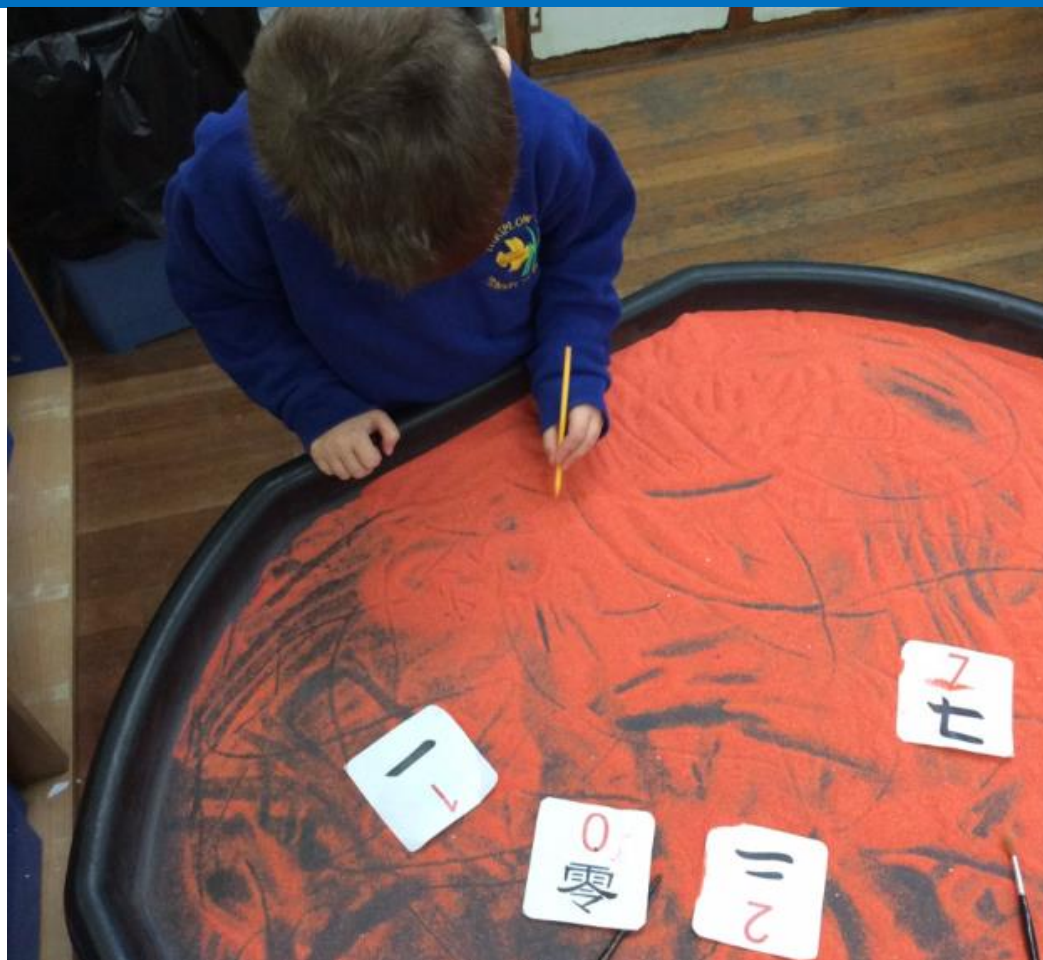
Contact for more information:

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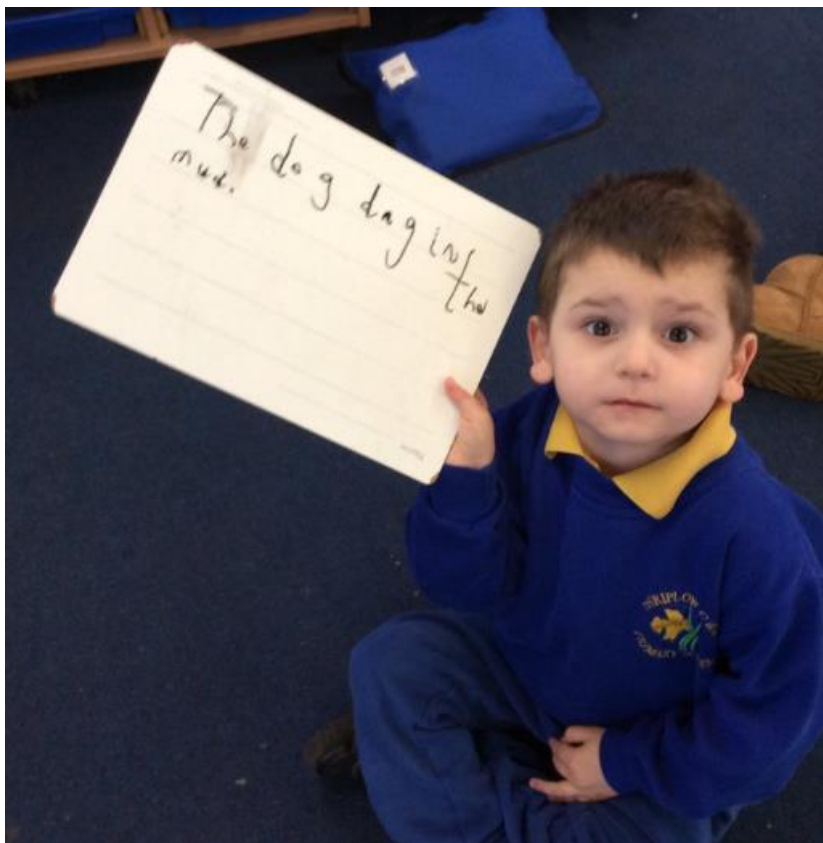
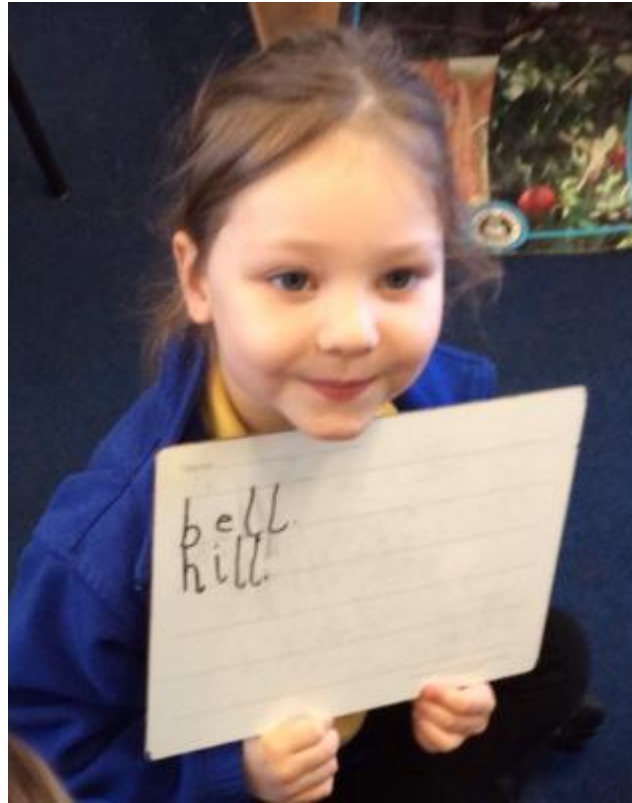
Phone: 01763 208055

Registration forms can be found on the School Website

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