

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 6th June 2025



We've had a super start to our final half term of the year. It promises to be another busy half term so do make a careful note of dates below.

We were delighted to welcome Percy and his family to Thriplow School this week. The Ants Class children in particular are really enjoying getting to know Percy!

We have launched our annual poetry recital competition with the children. Please see further details further down the newsletter. Children from Year 2- Year 6 are welcome to take part. Please note that the poems need to be learnt from memory and must be existing poems rather than poems the children have written themselves. Preparation for the competition should take place predominantly at home. Year 1 and Reception are learning a poem at school to recite together at the final.

There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday evening which takes place on Zoom so you can join from the comfort of your own home. Everyone is welcome and the PTA are always so pleased to see new faces! The agenda for the meeting is listed below.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



**MAT of
the Year
2024**



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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

10 th June	PTA meeting 8pm on Zoom
11 th June	Year 5/6 cricket tournament
12 th June	Holy Communion in the hall – all invited.
13 th June	DEMAT Art Exhibition
Week Beginning 16 th June	Poetry competition. Year 2 upwards.
18 th June	Year 3/4 football festival
25 th June	Sports Day (am)
1 st July	Year 3/4 cricket tournament
2 nd July	Ants and Butterflies trip (details to be confirmed soon)
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
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
22 nd July	KS1 Concert
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

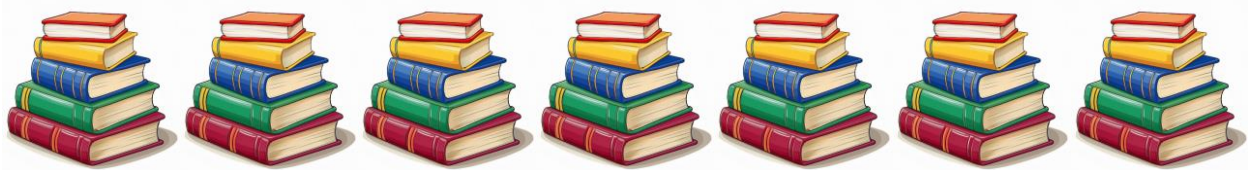
Summer Term	
Start of Term	Monday 13 th April
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 4th May</i>
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st June</i>
End of Term	Friday 17 th July
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 20th July</i>

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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>

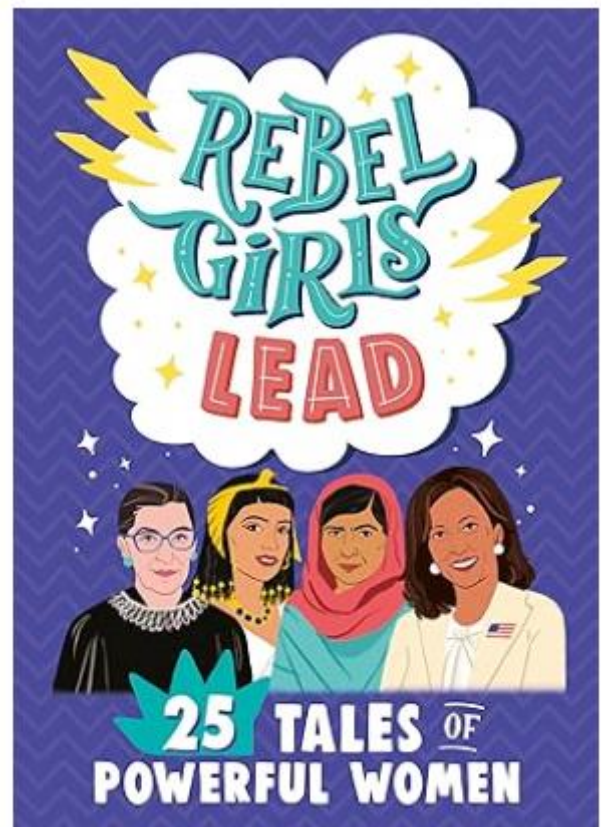
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Happy Birthday to **Betsy**, **Lila** and **Max** who have celebrated their birthdays recently!



Many thanks to Lila for donating this book on the occasion of her 8th birthday



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HOUSE POINTS

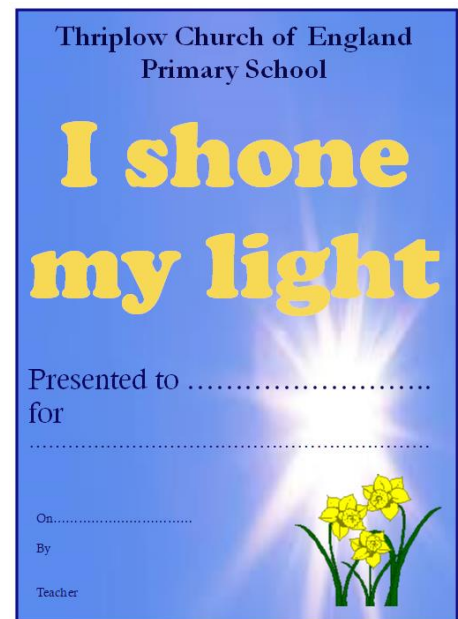
	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	26	244
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Bassett	35	189
Bury	17	226

Well done Bassett!

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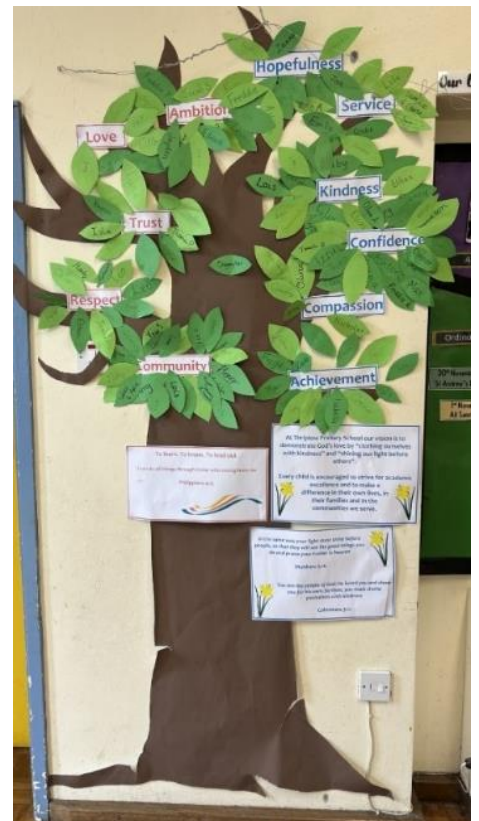
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Lily-Anne (Reception)
- Tristan (Reception)
- Percy (Reception)
- Otto (Year 1)
- Luna (Year 2)
- Leo (Year 3)
- Christopher (Year 4)
- Holly (Year 4)
- Lola (Year 5)
- Tom (Year 6)

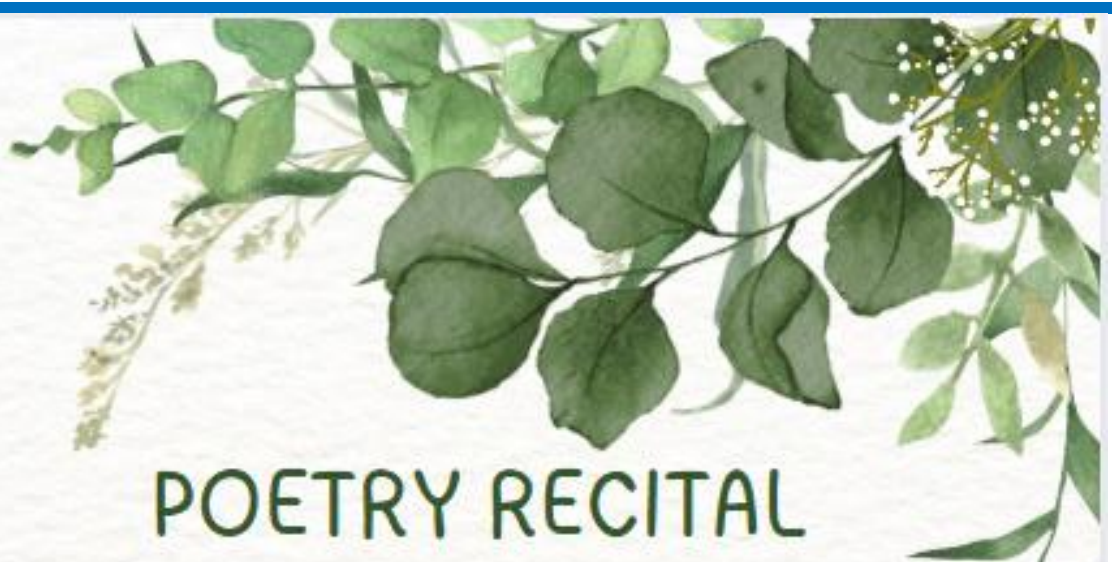


The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

- Elwyn (Community)
- Bella (Ambition)
- Sophie (Confidence)
- Nelly (Kindness)
- Emily (Ambition)



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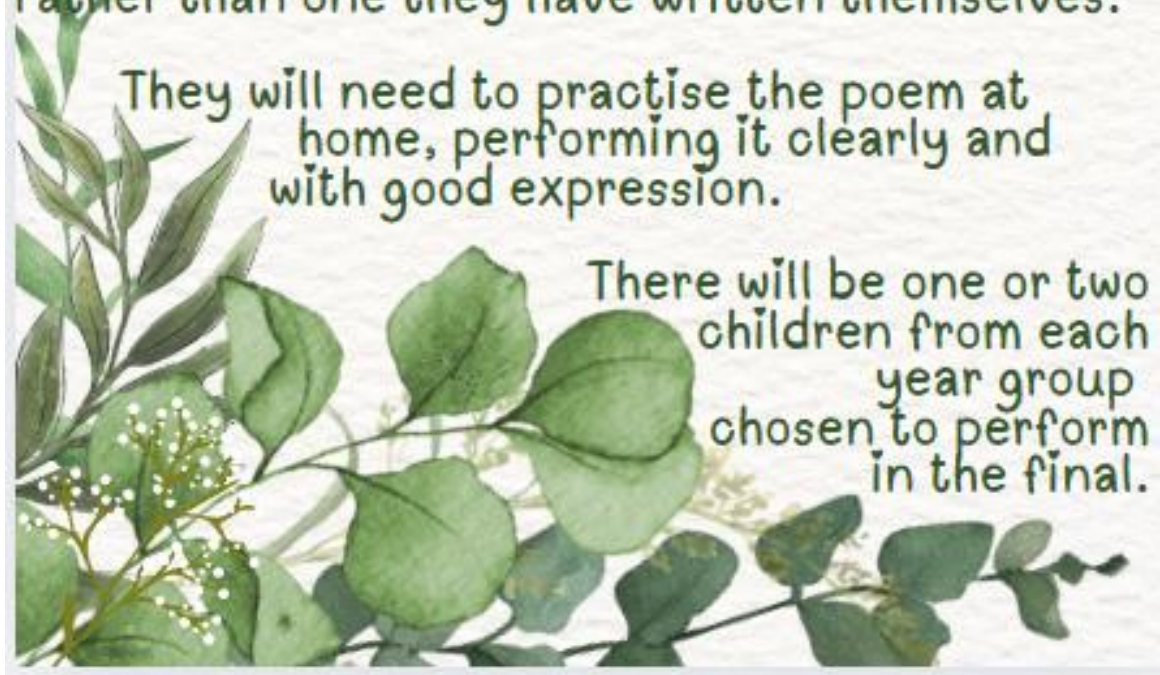


POETRY RECITAL

Heats for our annual Poetry Recital Competition take place the week beginning 16th June in time for the final at the end of the week. Children from Year 2 upwards are invited to take part.

If your child would like to take part, they will need to select a poem at home to learn from memory. This needs to be an existing poem rather than one they have written themselves.

They will need to practise the poem at home, performing it clearly and with good expression.



There will be one or two children from each year group chosen to perform in the final.

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PTA Meeting
10th June
8pm – on Zoom

Agenda

Welcome

- Apologies
- Conflicts of interest
- Sign off previous minutes

Financial update

Core committee and
Admin

- Year group rep
- Facebook page for the school
- Termly donations

Request for funds

- Year 6 leavers trips
- Solar panels
- Key stage two production
- Library

Fundraising event

- Sports Day Drinks
- Ice cream sales
- Disco

Support to the school

- Maintenance

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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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

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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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