

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 7th February 2025



The children are getting very enthused about our Sponsored Skipathon on Thursday, to raise money for Hearing Dogs. Please share the fundraising link so that they can reach (and perhaps exceed?!) their fundraising target. https://www.justgiving.com/page/thriplow-primary-school-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

You will be able to sign up for a Parents Consultation slot on MCAS this evening. Parents Consultations will take place after half term and it is important that you attend. If you are unable to make any of the times, please do talk to your child's teacher so that they can offer you an alternative time.

We have a fair few items that need to go to the tip...! Please let Mrs Sandford know if you might be able to help in this way.

Congratulations to Esme in Year 6 and Aiden in Year 5 for completing the '20 Books' challenge. A great achievement! Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this challenge.

Movie Night tickets are now on sale on MCAS to raise funds for the PTA. This will take place on Friday 28th February.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates

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
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

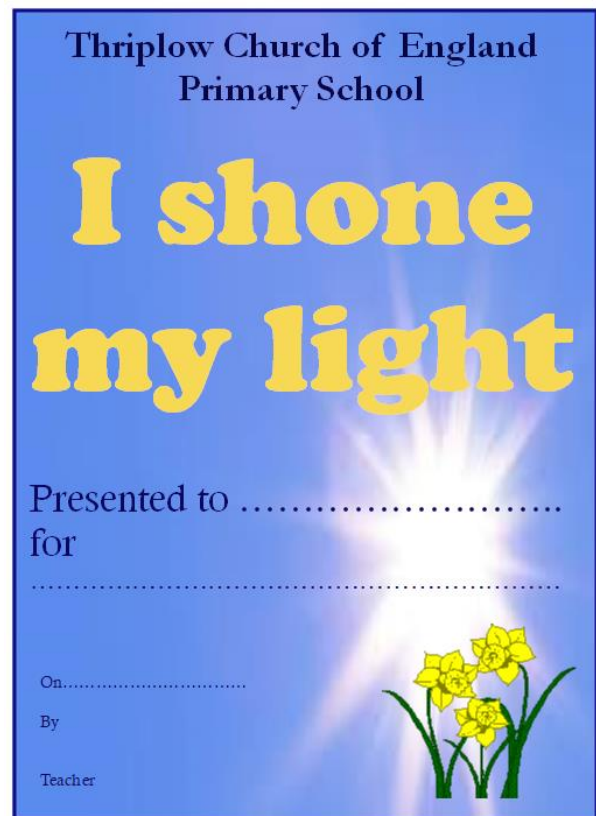
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th February</i>
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 27 th March

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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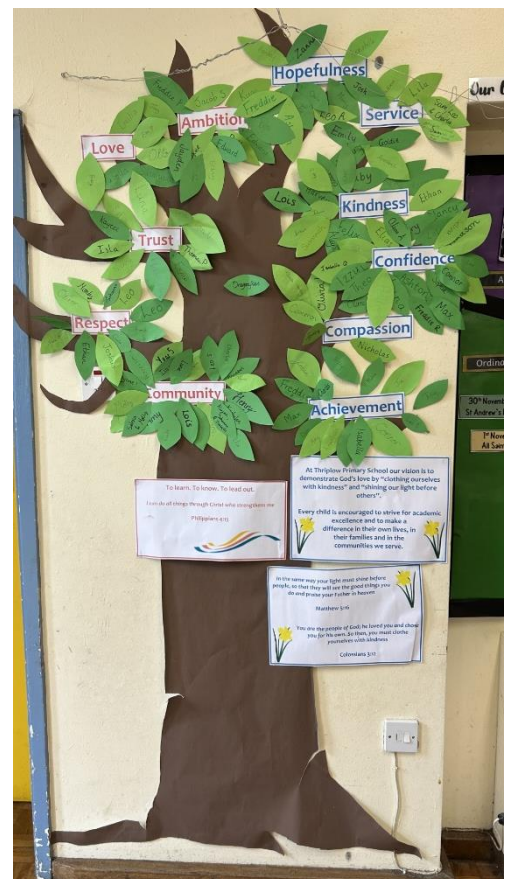
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Elias (Reception)
- Charles (Year 1)
- Bella-Mae (Year 3)
- Nancy (Year 3)
- Alice (Year 4)
- Ruby (Year 4)
- Guy (Year 6)
- Joey (Year 6)



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

- Maddie (Community)
- Erin P (Confidence)
- Freddie P (Achievement)
- Molly (Community)
- Kitty (Love)



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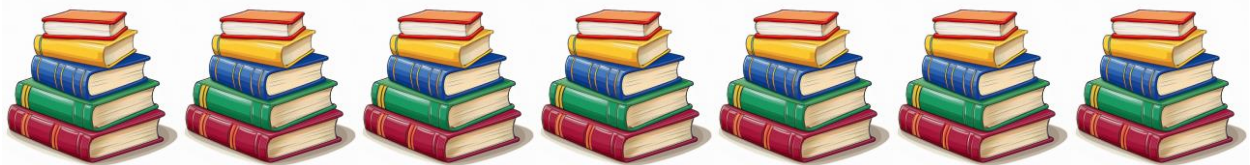


Happy Birthday to Kyan and Isabella who have celebrated their birthdays recently!



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

<https://amzn.eu/ez2OYOf>



The Messy Church team would like to invite children and their parents/carers to this month's Messy Church on:

**Wednesday 12th February
from 3:15pm onwards
at St Mary's Church**



This month's session is inspired by the lovely new St. Mary's Guidebook by Sir John Coles, who will be coming along to speak to us about our wonderful historic church building – please do join us!

There will be lots of craft activities to enjoy and refreshments for all, we look forward to seeing you there.

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Sponsored Skip!

13th February 2025



Hearing Dogs
for Deaf People



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Tickets £7
Purchase via
MCAS

Thriplow Primary School

MOVIE

NIGHT

28
FEBRUARY

SHOW
TIME
AFTER
SCHOOL
UNTIL
6PM

TICKET INCLUDES: HOT DOG, POPCORN, DRINK,
& TUCK SHOP GOODIE BAG. ALL CHILDREN
NEED TO BRING A DRINKS BOTTLE & CUSHION.

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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	69	297
Barenton	56	357
Bassett	73	348
Bury	74	292

Well done Bury!

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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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/tiktok-2023>

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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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Registration forms can be found on the School Website

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