

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 7th June May 2024



I hope you all had a really wonderful half term holiday. We've had a very busy first 4 days – in keeping with our very busy half term coming up!

We started our half term with a visit from Chris Wiseman, PCSO. He talked to all the children about road safety, as well as answering the children's many questions about the police!

We took a team to Cambridge yesterday for the South Cambridgeshire Sports Partnership Quadkids event. It was the first time we had taken a team and Miss Hardege was so impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of each child as they took part in their individual events. The team as a whole came a respectable 10th out of 19 teams.

Well done to Maddie in Year 4 for completing the '20 Books' challenge. Maddie particularly enjoyed reading *I, Cosmo* by Carlie Sorosiak. Pippa in Year 6 has also completed the '20 Books' challenge. Pippa particularly enjoyed reading *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow.

On 12th July, all the children will be taking part in a fun run to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. This will have an Olympic focus. The aim, as is to collectively run 316 miles, the number of miles from Thriplow School to the Olympic Park.

We are going to ask each child to choose a country they would like to 'run for'. This needs to be a team other than Great Britain. They will be given a template to take home so that they can draw their country's flag. We will then ask them to come to school on 12th July in their PE kit with the flag fixed to the back of their t-shirt with 4 safety pins.

Please share our JustGiving link (below) so that the children can raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/thriplow-primary-school-1717657497896?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fthriplow-primary-school-1717657497896&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pdf-share

We have launched our Poetry Recital Competition for this year! Please see details further down the newsletter. Children from Year 2 upwards are encouraged to take part. Please note that poems need to be learnt from memory and must be existing poems rather than poems the children write themselves. Preparation for the competition should take place predominantly at home.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Lucy How



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Useful dates!

12 th June	Year 5/6 cricket
13 th June	Year 3/4 girls' football festival
Week Beginning 17 th June	Poetry Competition
21 st June	No Celebration Collective Worship
18 th June	PTA meeting – Zoom 8pm
20 th June	Bees trip to St. Paul's (will be longer than a normal school day)
26 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Year 3/4 cricket
3 rd July	Ants and Butterflies trip to Wandlebury
10 th July	KS2 Production 2.30pm
11 th July	KS2 Production 6pm
12 th July	School Reports out
12 th July	Olympic-Themed Fun Run for British Heart Foundation
Week Beginning 15 th July	Year 6 Activity week
16 th July	Transition Morning
18 th July	Key Stage 1 Music Concert 2.30pm
19 th July	Leavers' Service 2.30pm
9 th -12 th September	Year 5 Bikeability
23 rd October	Individual and sibling photos

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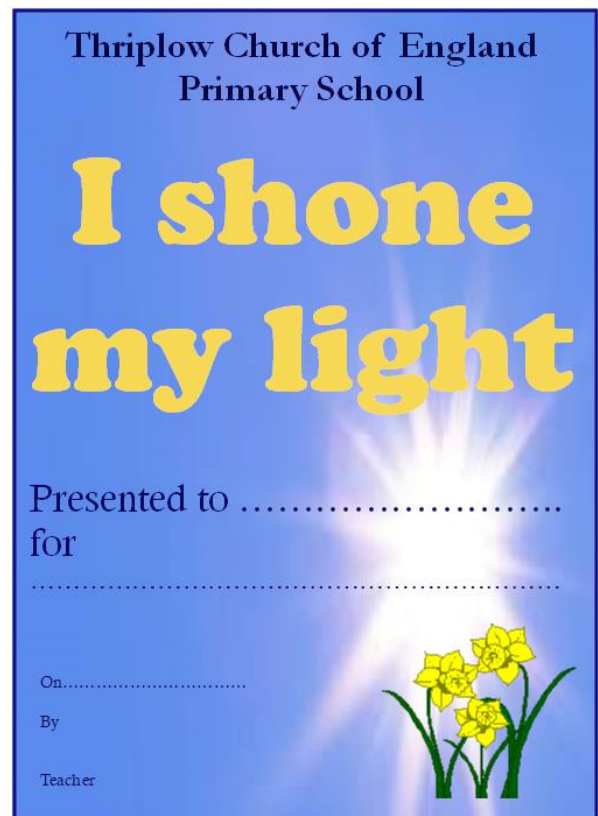
Term Dates

Summer 2024		
	Term Ends	Friday 19 th July
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22nd July</i>
Autumn 2024		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 4 th September
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 25th October</i>
	Half Term	28 th October – 1 st November
	Term Ends	Friday 20 th December
Spring 2025		
	Term Begins	Monday 6 th January
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 14th February</i>
	Half Term	17 th -21 st February
	Term Ends	Friday 4 th April
Summer 2025		
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>
	Term Begins	Wednesday 23 rd April
	May Day	Monday 6 th May
	Half Term	26 th May – 30 th May
	<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2nd June</i>
	Term Ends	Wednesday 23 rd July

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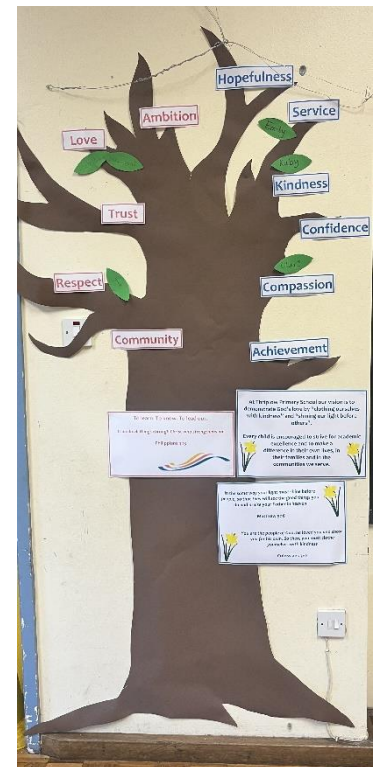
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Cameron (Reception)
- Otto (Reception)
- Max (Year 1)
- Jayden (Year 2)
- Josh (Year 2)
- Alice (Year 3)
- Dylan (Year 4)
- Millie-Rose (Year 4)
- Oisin (Year 5)
- Olivia (Year 6)



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

- Lola (Confidence)
- Freddie (Community)
- Nancy (Trust)
- Sofia (Trust)
- Bea (Ambition)



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POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION

Heats for our annual Poetry Recital Competition will take place the Week Beginning 17th June, in time for the final on 21st June.

Children from Year 2 upwards are encouraged to take part.

If your child would like to take part, they will need to select their own poem to perform from memory. Please make sure that the poem is an existing poem rather than one they have written themselves.

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

There will be two children from each Year group taking part in the finals on Friday 21st June, in school time.

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Due to the risk to a child at school with a severe nut allergy please could we ask that you do not send your child to school with sun cream; but rather apply an 8 hour cream in the morning.

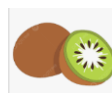
SNACKS – A reminder

Key Stage 1 (Ants and Butterflies) are provided with a free fruit/vegetable snack each morning for playtime. They do not need to bring their own snack from home.

Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in a snack from home to have at playtime. This must be a fruit or vegetable snack (i.e. a piece of fruit or a vegetable).

If your children has a school dinner, they should not be bringing in additional food to school other than their fruit/vegetable snack.

Please chat to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.



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OLYMPIC-THEMED FUN RUN

In aid of



*Please give generously
via our JustGiving Page*



12TH JULY 2024

The children at Thriplow School aim to run 316 miles as a team - the number of miles between Thriplow School and the Olympic Park in Paris.

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Your child's school attendance is very important and we are here to help. If you need support to increase your child's attendance, please get in touch with Mrs How via the office.

Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
			Serious concern Possible court action

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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HATS

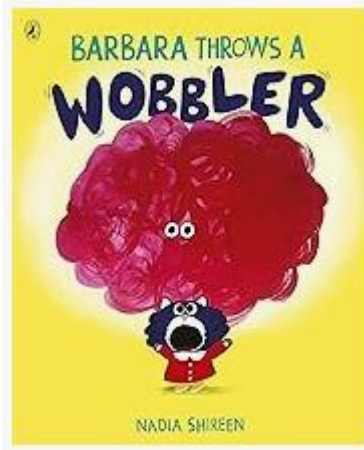
Please make sure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day this term. Now that the weather is warmer, we will not be able to let children out to play without a hat for health and safety reasons.



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



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Many thanks to Lila for donating this book to the school on the occasion of her 7th birthday.

HOUSE POINTS

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	39	324
Barenton	33	363
Bassett	24	461
Bury	7	340

Well done **Bacon!**

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A poster for the Thriplow School PTA Summer Solstice Party. The background is a large orange circle with a teal gradient at the top and bottom. At the top, a string of colorful lights hangs across the circle. The text 'THRIPLow SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR' is in black, followed by 'SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY' in large, white, hand-drawn letters. Below that, 'Saturday 15 June 2024' and '7pm 'til midnight' are in white. At the bottom, there's a dark teal section with white and yellow text. The left side of this section says 'Enjoy a long summer's evening under a beautiful sailcloth marquee in the grounds of Thriplow School' and 'www.facebook.com/thriplowsummersolsticeparty'. The right side says 'Tickets £40 + booking fee' and 'includes welcome drink, food from Duxford Hog Roast, and an incredible evening of music'. Below this, it says 'Proceeds go to Thriplow Primary School PTA'. At the very bottom, there are logos for KWS, PINKSTER, S2e, and THRIPLow FARMs, along with a QR code and the text 'Tickets on sale at www.tickettailor.com or scan QR code'.

Barrow of Booze

The committee are collecting bottles for this prize at the Summer Solstice Party. Maybe you have too much gin for the cupboard, too much white wine if you're a red wine drinker? Please hand in any donations of bottles or crates to office.

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PTA PRESENTS

ICE CREAM



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» — *Sales* — «

£1 PER ICE CREAM

FRIDAY 17TH MAY
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE
FRIDAY 5TH JULY
FRIDAY 19TH JULY

S U M M E R

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Online Grooming is when someone befriends and builds an emotional relationship with a child and communicates with them through the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offence. This type of victimisation can take place across any platform; from social media and messaging apps to online gaming and live streaming. Often it involves young people being tricked, forced or pressured into doing something they wouldn't normally do (coercion) and often the groomer's goal is to meet the victim in a controlled setting to sexually or physically abuse them. In some cases children may be abducted or have long-lasting psychological damage.



What parents need to know about

ONLINE GROOMING



CHILDREN ARE MOST VULNERABLE

Unsurprisingly children are often most at risk as they are easy to target and unlikely to question the person who is engaging in conversation with them. Groomers will use psychological tricks and methods to try and isolate them from their families and friends and will often choose to target more vulnerable children who may be easier to manipulate. Predators will stalk apps and websites that are popular with young people and will use a 'scattergun' approach to find victims, contacting hundreds online to increase their chances of success.



LIVE STREAMING CONCERNS

Predators may use live video to target children in real-time using tricks, dares or built-in gifts to manipulate them. Grooming often takes the form of a game where children receive 'likes' or even money for performing sexual acts. Social media channels, such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, all have live streaming capabilities, but there are many apps which children can use to live stream, including Omegle, Live.me, BIGO Live, YouNow and many more.



ANYONE CAN BE A PREDATOR

The internet has made the ability to interact with strangers online easy. Many sites and apps are reliant on individual users entering their own information when signing up. However individuals can remain anonymous if they choose to enter inaccurate information and many online predator cases are due to groomers using impersonation techniques. However, often the greater threat comes from adults who 'hide in plain sight', choosing to befriend young children without hiding their real identity.



CAN BE DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Unfortunately, most children find the 'grooming' process (before any meeting) an enjoyable one as the predator will compliment, encourage, and flatter them to gain their trust, friendship and curiosity - 'a wolf in sheep's clothing' scenario. This often means children fail to disclose or report what is happening. If the groomer is also previously known to the child, their family and their friends, then this can make detection even harder.



FROM OPEN TO CLOSED MESSAGING

Online predators may contact their victims using any number of ways including social media, forums, chat rooms, gaming communities or live streaming apps. Sometimes there is little need to develop a 'friendship / rapport stage', as the victim has already shared personal information online and is communicating openly with others. Children may also be prepared to add other online users they don't know so well to gain 'online credibility' through increasing their friends list. Predators will often seize this opportunity to slowly build a relationship and then move their conversation with the child to a more secure and private area, such as through direct messaging.

EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENTS

Online predators will use emotive language and aim to form close, trusted bonds with their victims through showering them with compliments and making them feel good about themselves. Often victims will refer to them as their 'boyfriends' or 'girlfriends' and it can be difficult to convince some young people that they have been groomed, often leading to lasting psychological effects.



Safety Tips for Parents & Carers



IT'S GOOD TO TALK

It's unlikely that you can stop your child using the internet, nor can you constantly monitor their online activities, but you can talk to your child on a regular basis about what they do online. By talking openly with them about online relationships, they can quickly ascertain the kind of behaviour which is appropriate or inappropriate. Ask them whether they have any online friends or if they play online games with people they haven't met. This could then open up conversations about the subject of grooming.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

In order to give your child a safer online experience, it is important to check privacy settings or parental controls on the networks, devices, apps, and websites they use. Disable location sharing if you can. If you use location-sharing apps to check where your child is, remember that these could always be used by strangers to follow your child without their knowledge. Ensure that you check options so that location information is never shared with anyone except those they have permission to share with.



MONITOR SOCIAL MEDIA & LIVE-STREAMING USE

It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing on social media and with whom. Create your own profile and become 'friends' with them or follow them so that you can monitor their activity. Similarly, always check on them if they are live streaming and implement privacy controls. Choose a generic screen name and profile picture that hides their identity. You may also feel more comfortable being present each time they live stream.



STICK TO 'TRUE FRIENDS'

Make it clear to your child that they should not accept friend requests from people they don't know and to verify friend requests with people who they do know. Encourage them to only interact and engage with 'true friends' i.e. those friends who don't ask personal questions such as close family and friends. Remind them to never agree to chat privately with a stranger or someone they don't really know and to never divulge personal information, such as mobile phone numbers, addresses, passwords or the name of their school.



DISCUSS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Talk to your child about what a healthy relationship looks like and how to detect someone who might not be who they claim to be. Explain that groomers will pay your child compliments and engage in conversations about personal information, such as hobbies and relationships. They may admire how well they play an online game or how they look in a photo. Groomers will also try and isolate a child from people close to them, such as parents and friends, in order to make their relationship feel special and unique.

BE SUPPORTIVE

Show your child that you will support them and make sure they understand that you can come to you with any concerns they may have. They need to know they can talk to you if someone does something they are uncomfortable with, whether that is inappropriate comments, images, requests or sexual comments.



Meet our expert

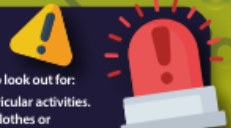
Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Covert Internet Investigator for the Metropolitan Police. He is a specialist in online grooming and exploitation and has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, social media apps and platforms.



LOOK OUT FOR WARNING SIGNS

Child safety experts have identified key grooming patterns and advise parents to look out for:

- Secretive online behaviour.
- Late night internet or smartphone usage.
- Meeting new friends in unusual places.
- Becoming clingy, develop sleeping or eating problems or even bedwetting.
- Lack of interest in extra-curricular activities.
- Having new items, such as clothes or phones, unexplainably.
- Seem withdrawn, anxious, depressed or aggressive.
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends.



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Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years

Registration
forms can be
found on the
School
Website



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am

Early Starters from 8:30

September 2024
Please book sessions required for Breakfast Club
in September 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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What have we been up to recently?



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