

Thriplow C of E Primary School

Newsletter: 9th May 2025



We had a glorious day yesterday celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day. The children's costumes looked fabulous! Please see the bottom of the newsletter for photos. We started the day by coming together to learn We'll meet again, and to hear a recording of Winston Churchill announcing the end of the war in Europe. The children then enjoyed a day of art work, picnic lunching, dancing and lots of other VE Day related activities. If you use Facebook or Twitter (X), and don't already follow us then do follow the links below to see more photos and videos of our day.

A huge thank you to the Pashley family and the Schneider family for taking things to the tip for us. There was quite a lot to be taken – this was not a small job! As ever, we feel so grateful to our families who are so supportive.

There are lots of sporting commitments coming up in the next few weeks. Could I ask that you help us out by replying to emails as promptly as you can to avoid us having to chase things up?

Next week is an important week for Year 6 as they complete their SAT's papers. Please make sure you have read the email sent out earlier today carefully for changes in logistics. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked and wish them the very best. More importantly, they look forward to their End of SAT's tea party on Friday afternoon which will be thoroughly well-deserved!

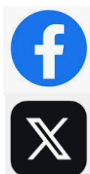
Have a wonderful weekend,

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

Week Beginning 12 th May	SATs week (year 6)
16 th May	SATs tea party. 2pm. All Year 6 parents invited – don't forget to sign up on the foot rota!
16 th May	Celebration Collective Worship at 9am
16 th May	Ice cream sale after school
19 th – 23 rd May	Year 5/6 trip to the Isle of Wight
23 rd May	NO Celebration Collective Worship
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
11 th June	Year 5/6 cricket tournament
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) 4pm
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	
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

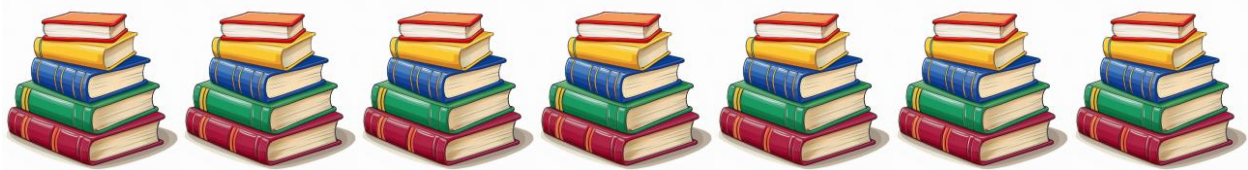
Summer Term	
Start of Term	Monday 13 th April
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 4th May</i>
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st June</i>
End of Term	Friday 17 th July
<i>INSET Day</i>	<i>Monday 20th July</i>

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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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SUNCREAM

Throughout summer, we would advise you to apply an 8 hour sun cream on your child before school. If you feel your child needs a top up at some point during the day, you will need to bring sun cream in its original bottle (i.e. not a 'solar buddy' or equivalent) and give it to your child's teacher to be stored securely. Children will need to be able to apply the cream themselves, and it will be at a set point during the day. Because of a severe allergy in school, please ensure that the sun cream does not contain prunus amygdalus dulcis. This is an almond oil present in some creams. It has been removed from Nivea creams but may be present in old bottles. Because of the allergy, it would be easier if an 8-hour cream would suffice, but we recognise that this is a problem for some children.

HATS

Please make sure that your child has a named sunhat in school every day this term. The reason for bringing it every day is so that it becomes part of the routine meaning that when the sun does make an appearance, we are well-prepared and sun-safe. Please note that as the term progresses, and the weather gets hotter and sunnier, we will not be able to let children out to play without a hat for health and safety reasons.



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Happy Birthday to **Isabella Q** who has celebrated her birthday this week!



HOUSE POINTS

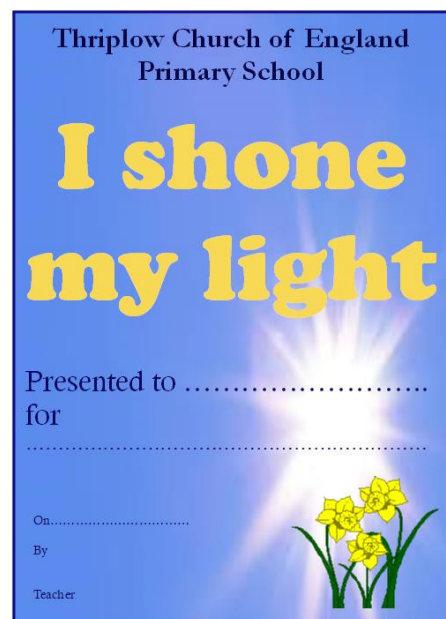
	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	36	154
Barenton	52	167
Bassett	27	111
Bury	39	138

Well done **Barenton**!

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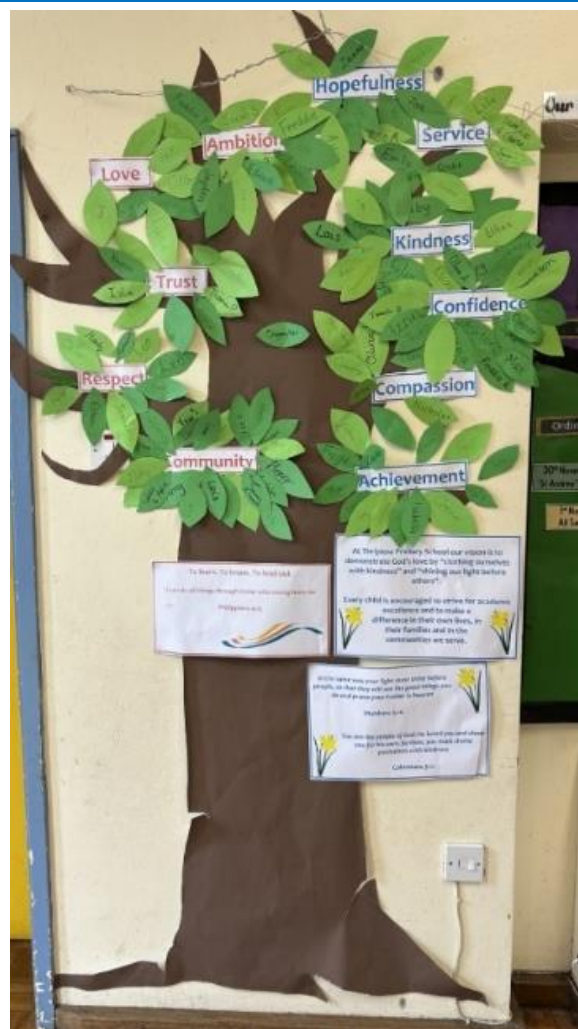
Our certificate winners this week are: -

- All of Ants Class
- Olivia (Year 1)
- Max (Year 2)
- Theo (Year 3)
- Ruby (Year 4)
- Barney (Year 4)
- Sophie (Year 5)
- Esme (Year 6)



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

- Elwyn (Kindness)
- Henry (Hopefulness)
- Hollie (Trust)
- Tom (Ambition)
- Elias (Ambition)



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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

School Transitions

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on supporting the transition to Primary school and Secondary school, running online.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Transition from Early Years to Primary school	Tuesday 6 May 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Transition from Primary to Secondary school	Thursday 8 May 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Transition from Primary to Secondary school	Tuesday 13 May 2025, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Transition from Early Years to Primary school	Thursday 15 May 2025, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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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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VE Celebrations

A reflection written by Ruby (Year 4)



The soldier's in WW2
sacrificed alot for us to live
in peace. They died not knowing
if it would be worth it
or not, because they can't
tell the future. I've loved
celebrating today. I find it a
bit sad but I'm thankful.

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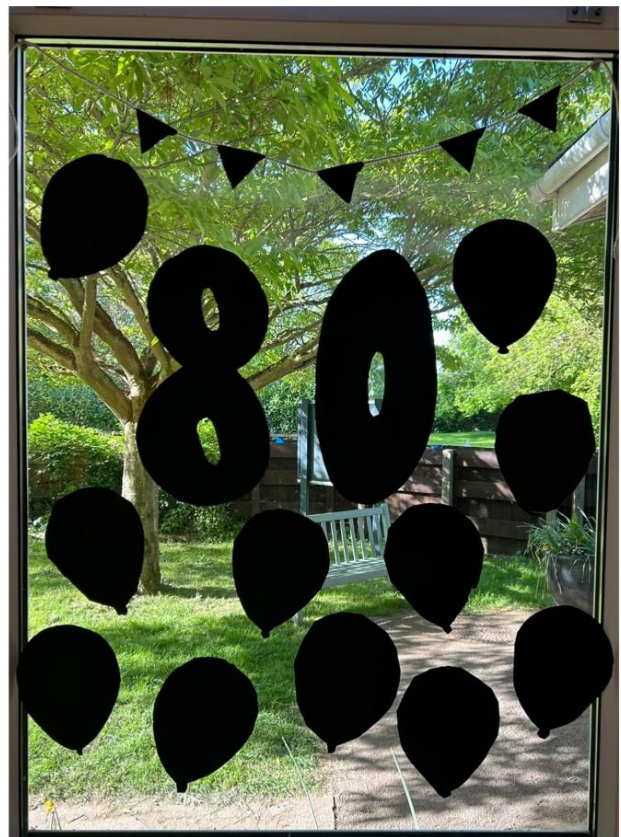
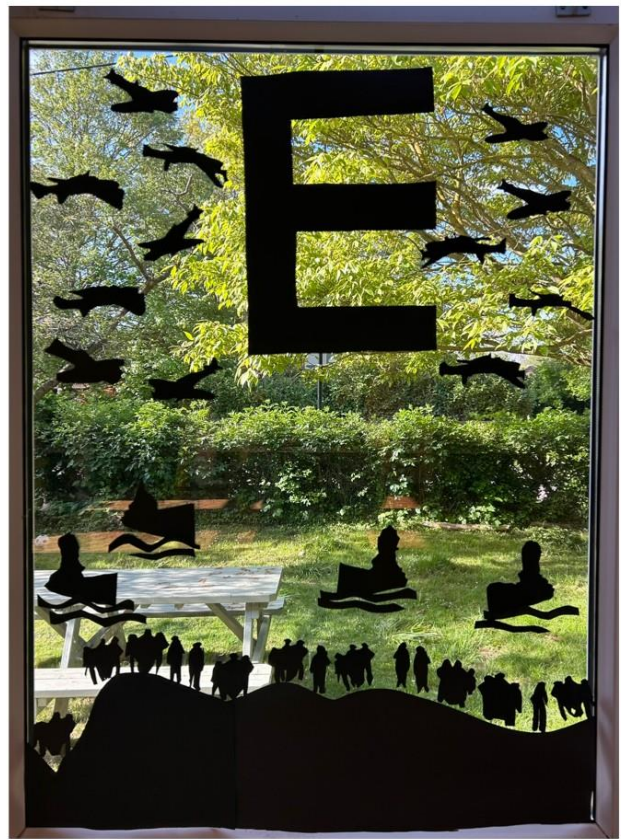
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