



Thursby Primary School

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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin another exciting academic year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children and families. I would also like to offer a special welcome to the new children and families who have joined our school community this year. We are delighted that you have chosen to become part of our school family and look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and months.

It has been wonderful to see the school come alive again this week, filled with smiling faces, enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn. I have been incredibly proud of how positively the children have returned to school. They have settled quickly into their new classes, demonstrated excellent behaviour, embraced new routines and approached their learning with confidence and enthusiasm.

The start of a new school year brings many exciting opportunities, and we are looking forward to working closely with you to ensure every child continues to thrive, achieve and enjoy their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will make this another successful and memorable year for all of our children.

Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that all children must be pre-booked into breakfast and after school club. Both clubs have a maximum capacity and therefore it is essential that pre-bookings are made. We are able to accept late bookings in certain circumstances; however, this will depend on how many spaces are available each day. We ask that all children are booked in by 5pm for the following day.

Details, including how to book, are available to view on our school website. Please follow the link below to the dedicated breakfast and after school club page. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. You may be entitled to tax free childcare and universal credit childcare which can be used towards the cost of breakfast and after school clubs. Further details and how to apply can also be found via the link below.

[Breakfast and After School Club | Thursby Primary School](#)

If you have any questions or need help with bookings please contact Mrs Shaw in the school office.

Secondary School and Reception applications

It may seem early to be thinking about next academic year. However, Cumberland Council have now opened the application process for both Secondary School and Reception place applications. All admissions for Secondary School and our Reception year are processed by Cumberland Council. To support parents, they have created information packs for both. This includes details on how to apply as well as some useful information regarding the application process. These can be found by following the link below to the admissions section of our school website.

The deadline for applications is as follows;

Reception applications – **Friday 15th January 2027**

Secondary applications – **Saturday 31st October 2026**

[Thursby Primary School - Admissions](#)

If you require any support with the application process please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Toys / Squishes in school

A polite reminder that children should not bring toys from home into school, including squishies, trading cards and other similar items. Unfortunately, these can become a distraction to learning, cause disagreements between children,



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become lost or damaged. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all toys remain at home unless specifically requested by the school for a particular activity or event.

PFA Annual General Meeting

Our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) are hosting their AGM at Thursby Parish Hall on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm.**

The PFA plays a vital role in supporting our school community. Through fundraising events, community activities and volunteering opportunities, they help provide additional resources, experiences and enrichment opportunities that benefit all of our children. In recent years, the support of the PFA has enabled the school to enhance learning experiences, purchase additional resources and contribute towards memorable events and activities for pupils, including supporting the development of our new EYFS outdoor area.

Being part of the PFA is a rewarding way to become involved in school life, meet other parents and carers, share ideas and help make a positive difference for our children. There is no expectation to commit large amounts of time, and all levels of support are valued, whether that is helping to organise events, volunteering occasionally, assisting with fundraising initiatives or taking on a committee role.

If you are interested in joining the PFA and are unable to attend the meeting, you can contact the PFA via email at thursbypfa@gmail.com.

Contacting School

A polite reminder that staff will not respond to direct messages sent on Class Dojo. We please ask that the usual methods of contacting school continue. Teachers can be contacted via the class email addresses or by contacting the school office.

Please can any messages sent, that require a same day response or acknowledgement, are done so by calling the school office. Teacher's will not check emails regularly during the school day, especially during teaching time.

Class 1 – class1@thursby.cumbria.sch.uk
Class 2 - class2@thursby.cumbria.sch.uk
Class 3 - class3@thursby.cumbria.sch.uk
Class 4 – class4@thursby.cumbria.sch.uk
School office – admin@thursby.cumbria.sch.uk / 01228 711180

Term Dates

Term dates for this academic and next academic year can be found via the links below.

[2026-2027 Term Dates](#)
[2027-2028 Term Dates](#)

Diary Dates

We are busy finalising important dates for this term. These will be shared asap and will also be added to the events section on Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

C. Barnes

Mr C. Barnes
Headteacher