



Thursby Primary School

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Tuesday 6th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move further into the Autumn Term, it has been wonderful to see the children fully engaged in their learning and making such a positive start to the year. This newsletter contains important updates, celebrations and reminders, including an updated list of diary dates.

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events and welcoming you all into school over the coming weeks.

Parents' Book Look and Meetings

We are delighted to be welcoming parents into school for our upcoming Parents' Book Look and Parents' Meetings. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's learning, look through the work they have completed so far this year and discuss their progress and achievements with their class teacher.

Parents' Meetings are an important part of the partnership between home and school, giving families the chance to share information, ask questions and work together with teachers to support each child's development and success. We value the strong relationships we have with our families and are excited to welcome parents into school to share in the children's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

School Food Standards

We would like to make parents aware that updated school food standards mean there may be some changes to the food and drinks provided at our Breakfast Club and After School Club. These changes include a reduction in sugary foods and drinks, along with revised portion sizes, to ensure that we continue to comply with national requirements.

While some items may change, we remain committed to providing nutritious, balanced and enjoyable options for all children. Thank you for your support and understanding as we implement these required changes.

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting nursery applications for children who are due to start in September 2027, January 2028 and April 2028. Our nursery continues to grow and become increasingly popular, therefore we advise that applications for the above dates are submitted as soon as possible as places are limited.

We welcome personalised tours of our school not only for new children and families thinking of joining our nursery, but also for current families who wish to visit. To book a tour or for an application form, please contact Mrs Shaw in the school office.

Nasal Flu

A reminder that Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 will take place in school on Wednesday 21st October. The link for this has been sent out directly by email to parents. The NHS ask that all parents complete the online form, even if you are choosing for your child to not have the vaccination in school. The deadline to complete these is Wednesday 14th October.

Diary Dates

Please find below some important dates for your diary. Further information for each event will be sent out closer to the date. Further dates may also be added throughout the term. All of these dates will also be added to Class Dojo.

Wednesday 7th October – Parents' Book Look 3.30pm-4.30pm – Parents are invited into school to share and celebrate children's work and achievements.

Friday 9th October – Class 4 Trip to Tullie House

Monday 12th October – Friday 23rd October – Parents' Meetings – Parents meetings for all classes will take place during these dates. Specific dates for each class have been shared.



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Wednesday 21st October – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term

Saturday 31st October 2026 – Secondary School application deadline

Monday 9th November – Class 3 Trip to Tullie House

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Service – Children will be taking part in a special Remembrance Day service in school led by Reverend Richard Cox.

Friday 13th November – Children in Need – Children may come to school in non-uniform.

Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 16th November – Wednesday 18th November – Year 5 and 6 Robinwood Residential

Tuesday 8th December - Christingle Service at St. Andrew's Church, 6pm – Families and children are welcome to join us in Church for the special service

Wednesday 9th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30pm

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December - PFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30pm-5.30pm

Monday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 15th December - Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church, 1.30pm – The whole school will be attending. Families are invited to join us in Church.

Wednesday 16th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th December – School Closes at 2pm for the Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 5th January – School returns for Spring Term

Friday 15th January 2027 – Reception places application deadline

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

Kind Regards,

C. Barnes

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Headteacher