



Thursby Primary School

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Thursday 24th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter Break and have refrained from eating far too much chocolate! It has been a pleasure to welcome all of the children back to school for the beginning of the summer term this week. Their attitude towards learning has been excellent, as always, and they have already settled in extremely well. A warm welcome to our new families and children who have also joined us this term.

I write to you today with some exciting updates and information.

After School Provision

Formal processes for the introduction of our after-school provision is now underway. This includes the recruitment of staff for the provision. We have two vacancies for an after school club leader and after school club assistant now advertised on our school website. These can be viewed by following the link below to the vacancies section of our school website. Once successful recruitment has taken place we will be able to confirm when this provision will be made available along with further information regarding how to book, costings and what will be provided. We are excited to launch after school provision at our school and I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while arrangements are confirmed.

[Vacancies | Thursby Primary School](#)

Class Dojo

We have been reviewing the way in which we share and celebrate children's achievements with parents and carers. As part of this we are now excited to be introducing Class Dojo. Class Dojo is a communication platform to share celebrations and create clearer communications between school and home. All of the children will be bringing home an invite letter for all parents and carers to join Class Dojo today.

Class Dojo is a secure platform that can only ever be viewed by parents and carers of Thursby Primary School who have been invited to join by school. We please ask that all pictures and posts added to Class Dojo are not taken and posted on any other form of social media by parents and carers. If you have any further questions regarding this or would like to request that your child's pictures are not added to Class Dojo, please contact the school office.

All other methods of communication with school will remain open as usual. Please continue to contact school through the school office or via the class email addresses. Class Dojo does have a function to message staff directly using the platform. However, as this will not be checked on a regular basis we ask that communication with school continues using the usual methods. Staff will not respond to messages via class dojo.

Once established, Class Dojo will become our main method of sharing updates, such as newsletters, celebrating children's achievements, sharing our enriched curriculum and keeping you informed about upcoming events.

Any issues or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Uniform

Our uniform policy has recently been updated. This includes minor alterations to our policy and can be found via the link below. As part of this policy we will now require all nursery children to wear school uniform in line with the rest of the school. However, we understand that this has not previously been a requirement at Thursby Primary School. Therefore, nursery children may still wear non-uniform for the remainder of the summer term with the expectation that all children adhere to our uniform policy from September.

[School Uniform Policy](#)



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Our uniform policy has been formulated considering the current cost of living demands on parents. We aim to make the cost of our uniform as low as possible. Quality pre-loved uniform will be available to purchase at upcoming events during the summer term at a highly discounted price from our PFA. If you need any support with the cost of uniforms please do not hesitate to contact school and we will be happy to help.

Attendance

Thank you all for your continued support with your children's attendance. In line with our most recent policy we will continue to inform you of your child's attendance each half term. With the exception of nursery, you should all have received a letter this week to update you on your child's current attendance. If you require any support or have any questions regarding attendance, please contact the school office and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

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 and shared throughout next term. All of these dates will also be added to Class Dojo.

Thursday 24th April – Class 4 visit to Caldew Secondary School - Class 4 will be visiting Caldew for a workshop with author Dan Smith.

Wednesday 30th April – School Photos - A photographer will be in school for individual and sibling photographs.

Monday 5th May – School closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 8th May – VE Day - To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day, children will be taking part in special activities throughout the day.

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May – SATS Week - Our Year 6 children will be taking part in the statutory KS2 SATs.

Monday 19th May – Class 3 trip to Tullie House - Class 3 will visit Tullie house to take part in activities related to their current learning.

Friday 23rd May – Half Term - School closes at normal time for the start of the half term break.

Monday 2nd June – School returns

Monday 2nd June – Year 5 Taster Day at Nelson Thomlinson - All Year 5 children will attend a taster day.

Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - During this period all Year 4 children will take part in the statutory multiplication tables check.

Thursday 5th June – Wheelchair Basketball - All children will take part in a wheelchair basketball session alongside a specialist coach.

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Phonics Screening Check - All Year 1 children will take part in the statutory Year 1 phonics screening check during this week.

Monday 16th June – Sports Day - Our sports day for all children will take place from 1.15pm on the Jubilee field. All parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend.

Monday 23rd June – Year 5 Taster Day at Caldew - All Year 5 children will attend a taster day.

Tuesday 24th June – Sports Day Reserve Day - In the event of bad weather on the original date we have a reserve day organised for Sports Day.



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Monday 30th June – Transition Morning - The children will spend the morning in their new classes working alongside the adults who will be supporting them during the 2025/2026 academic year.

Wednesday 2nd July – Class Photos - A photographer will be in school to take whole class photos.

Tuesday 8th July – KS2 Summer Production - Our KS2 Summer production will take place in the school hall at 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Thursday 10th July – Class 1 trip to Stockswood - Class 1 will take part in a fun filled day of activities at Stockswood.

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly - We would like to invite the families of our Year 6 children into school at 9.30am for a special farewell leavers' assembly.

Friday 18th July – School closes for the Summer Holidays - School will close at 2pm for the Summer holidays.

Wednesday 3rd September – School returns - School returns for the beginning of Autumn term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards,

C. Barnes

Mr C. Barnes
Headteacher