



# NEWSLETTER

Easter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge well done to all the children at Thursby Primary School for a tremendous Spring term. Their commitment to learning is amicable and a pleasure to see. It has been wonderful to have so many of you join us in school for our recent events and we look forward to you joining us for a busy Summer term.

Going forward the way in which we share your children's successes and celebrations will change. As a school we are reviewing how we share information related to your child's learning with you. As part of this we are exploring exciting new ways to share the children's learning with you on a more frequent basis. This includes increasing the opportunities for you to come into school to celebrate the children's achievements. Please look out for further details after the Easter holidays.

Our Thursby family is growing and we have received an increasing number of applications for our Nursery for next academic year. If you have a child, or know of a family of a child, that is due to turn 3 and therefore is of nursery age before or during the 2025/2026 academic year, I would strongly advise that you complete an application form for our nursery to avoid disappointment, if you have not already done so. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Mrs Shaw in our school office.

Thank you to our wonderful PFA for their recent fundraising efforts. Our recent Mother's Day shop and chocolate bingo have been a great success and help support all the children of Thursby Primary School. A grand total of £475 was raised from the two events. Thank you to you all for supporting these events.

As always, if you require any support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A reminder that school closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm and reopens on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.45am.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break.

Kind Regards,

*C. Barnes*

Mr. Carl Barnes  
Headteacher

## **Foundation Stage Miss Butler and Mrs Gibson**

Spring is certainly happening in Class 1 – Nursery and Reception children are blooming! We have some amazing active learners that have been enjoying all our Weather books and activities.

Our children are always busy with their new learning experiences especially exploring our Little Wandle phonics scheme and related reading books, number work, making their own creations and

## **Class 2 Mrs Milburn & Miss Gregson**

We have had such a busy and exciting half term.

We explored our own village of Thursby through a local study. The children used maps and fieldwork skills to spot human and physical features on our village walk. From old farm buildings to modern houses, the children identified and compared how our local area has changed over time. We welcomed Jean from the Cumbrian Dialect Society.

displays in and outdoors. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

In these last weeks we have enjoyed our Archery sessions with Mr Armstrong, celebrating World Book Day, creating cards and gifts for Mother's Day and finally finishing off with our Easter activities.

In Summer 1, we will be exploring our 'Animals' topic with Rumble in the Jungle, Oi Frog and Oi Cat stories, exploring animal habitats and different animals around the world. We will be celebrating Earth day as soon as we return!

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter holiday.



She shared her passion for our local 'Fell Talk', teaching us words and phrases unique to Cumbria.

In DT we worked on creating moving mechanisms. The children designed, made, and evaluated their very own moving monsters—a fun link to our Traditional Tales topic. There was much excitement as they tested their designs, learning about pivots and levers along the way. We also became chefs for a day, tasting and improving the Three Bears' porridge recipe—adding a sprinkle of this and a drizzle of that until we created the perfect bowl!

In science we investigated materials and their properties by testing which would make the best waterproof cloak for Little Red Riding Hood. The children predicted, tested, and recorded their findings, showing super scientific thinking.

We celebrated our love of books in the most delicious way—by turning our classroom into a Reading Café for World Book Day. Everyone found something they loved, proving there really is a book out there for everyone.

Our new topic for Summer 1 is 'How to make our planet a better place'. We will be thinking globally and acting locally—exploring how the choices we make every day can reduce waste, protect the natural world, and help us live more sustainably.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.





**Class 3  
Mrs Brown & Miss Gregson**

A great second half of the spring term from Class 3, well done everyone!

The children have been working hard in maths, learning about fractions. In English, they have written some excellent descriptions for a finding tale. Our class text has been 'Armistice Runner'. We have really enjoyed reading the text, exploring new vocabulary and improving our inference skills. The children have all improved their swimming and archery PE.

In D&T, the children have been exploring frame structures and have built an earthquake-resistant pavilion. They thoroughly enjoyed making their final products and demonstrated fantastic teamworking skills!

In Science, the children have continued their learning all about plants and have explored how water is transported in flowers. In Geography, the children have been developing their fieldwork and mapping skills using compasses and Digimaps for Schools.

Next half term, the children will learn about the Border Reivers as part of their local history study. In Science, the children will be learning about

**Class 4  
Mr Colombi**

Class 4 have continued to work extremely hard with increased effort and concentration by all children.

In Design and Technology, we have been looking at toys and how they are made. The children have now made their own Automata Toy learning a variety of new skills including using a junior hacksaw safely. The teamwork has been a credit to see.

In Computing, the children working on 'google sites'. This involves working on a live document and creating their own website page, including sub-pages. The content was animal related which linked to our Science topic on Living things and their Habitats. Another great effort and further developing their skills in technology.

During the Online Safety sessions, the children looked at how to be 'SMART' when accessing different online platforms. We learnt that we can have a great time online but we have to be alert and aware of anyone phishing for personal details. The children responded in a very mature manner. In RE, we studied Christianity and focussed on whether it is still a strong religion 2000 years later.

rocks. They will be grouping different types of rocks together based on their appearance and simple physical properties. In Art, the children will be exploring craft and design. Our class text will be 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. In PE, we will be developing our gymnastics and tennis skills.

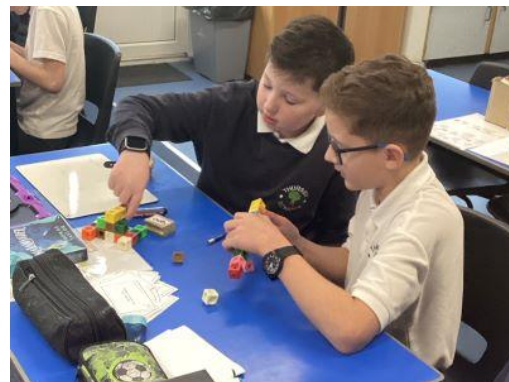
PE will be on a **Tuesday & Wednesday** next half term. We are really looking forward to another busy half term filled with lots of new learning.



NISCU also visited us to lead a workshop on the Easter story where we created our own Easter bags.

Next half term, we will be learning about Healthy Me, a study of monarchs through time, animals including humans, computer science, comparing famous artists and finally and not forgetting it is SATs!

I hope you have a lovely Easter Holidays!



### Upcoming dates

The School photographer will be in school on 30<sup>th</sup> April to take individual portraits. If you have a preschool child, who you would like to be photographed with their sibling/family, please can you be at the school hall at 8.30am.

All other siblings/family groups will be taken when the children are individually taken.

**Attendance**

**Congratulations to Class 1 (Nursery & Reception) who have the highest attendance during the Spring 2 half term (up to and including 28 March), 98.63 %**

**House Points**

**There will be a non-uniform day for Ash (Red) house on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April as they have gained the most house points this half term.**