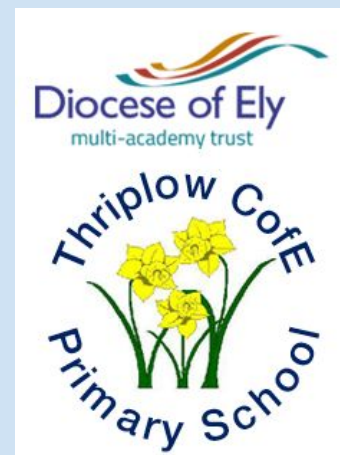


Thriplow School Newsletter

17th July 2026



Another year has passed! I can't quite believe we are at the end of another school year.

It's time to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. They've been amazing and we will miss them so much. We so enjoyed hearing them share their memories this afternoon in the Leavers' Service. I am so, so proud of the wonderful people that they are and I know they have brilliant futures ahead of them. Stay in touch, Year 6!

I also want to take this opportunity to say a personal thank you to Miss Hardege, Mrs Hirst and Mrs Fletcher who are leaving us. They have contributed so much to school. I wish them all well in their future plans and it goes without saying that as a school community, we will miss them very much.

Year 6 have taken part in 'Activities Week' this week, engaging in fun things to mark their last week at Thriplow. On Monday, they made their own lunch of pizza, potato wedges and Eton Mess. It looked (and I believe tasted, delicious!)

On Tuesday, all of Dragonfly Class spent the afternoon in the Wildspace. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They made smores and got very messy in the mud! Huge amounts of fun had by all!

Miss Hardege, Mr Baron and I took Year 6 to London on Wednesday. We had a lovely time exploring Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park before going to the Science Museum. We were so lucky with the beautiful weather and it was a lovely last school trip for them.

Yesterday was a special morning for everyone as they spent time in their new classrooms in their new classes. Everyone enjoyed their time in their new classes and the teachers really enjoyed getting to know them. We were so delighted to welcome our new Reception intake for September. We are really looking forward to getting to know them in after the summer holidays.

During transition morning, Year 6 spent time in the church with Reverend David reflecting on their time at Thriplow. He encouraged them to think about their school journey so far, and their journey moving forwards.

Yesterday afternoon, Year 6 enjoyed taking part in a quiz with their parents. Congratulations to 'The Raspberry Juices', comprising of members of Maddie and Sophia's families who were the winners!

Last week, as you know, the children took part in a fun run to raise money for the RNLI. The total at the moment stands at 244 pounds. It's not too late to donate!

<https://fundraise.rnli.org/fundraisers/lucyhow/thriplow-school-fun-run-for-rnli>

If your child would like a reading challenge over the summer, please look out for the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> We'd love to see any certificate earned at the end of the summer.

Finally I just want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the part that you play in your child's education and for your kindness and support over the last year. As a staff, we have been so grateful for the many lovely messages we have received this week.

I hope you all have the most wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing most of you in September!

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*

Important Dates -

for sporting events, you will be notified separately if your child is involved.

3rd September	Holy Communion in hall. 9.15am. All welcome
3rd September	Class information evening - after school
4th September	Reception half day Reception parents consultations
Week beginning 7th September	Bikeability
11th September	Reception half day Reception parents consultations

Important Dates

18th September	Open classroom - 3pm
19th September	Tipi Party
21st September and 24th September	Parent Consultations (Y1-6)
24th September	School photographs
25th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning/Uniform Swap
6th October	Harvest Festival in church - 9.15am
5th November	Holy Communion in hall. 9.15am. All welcome
6th November	Open classroom - 3pm
9th November	Flu vaccinations
Week beginning 16th November	Anti-bullying week
23rd November	Uniform swap/Coffee morning 9am
27th November	Decoration day
1st December	Grace Schools Carol Service (Y6 only)
8th December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
9th December	Nativity 2.30pm
10th December	Nativity 6pm
11th December	Festive Friday (Christmas Jumpers)
15th December	Key Stage 2 Concert

Important Dates

16th December	Christingle Day
18th December	Carol Service 2.30pm in church
7th January	Holy Communion in hall. 9.15am. All welcome
8th January	Open Classroom - 3pm
11th January	Uniform Swap/Coffee morning - 9am
19th January	Young Voices
Week beginning 8th February	RSE week
23rd February and 25th February	Parent Consultations (All children)
25th February	Holy Communion in hall. 9.15am. All welcome
26th February	Open Classroom - 3pm
4th March	World Book Day
12th - 13th March	Daffodil Weekend
17th March	Uniform Swap/Coffee morning - 9am
25th March	End of term service - 2.30pm in church
15th April (TBC)	Holy Communion in hall. 9.15am. All welcome
16th April	Open Classroom - 3pm
22nd April	Uniform Swap/Coffee morning - 9am

Important Dates

Week beginning 10th May	SATs week
Week beginning 17th May	Year 5/6 residential
Fortnight beginning 7th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Holy Communion	Holy Communion in hall. 9.15am. All welcome
11th June	Grace Schools Art Exhibition
Week beginning 14th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
24th June	Sports Day
Week beginning 28th June	Poetry Recital Competition
2nd July	Open Classroom
6th July	KS2 Dress rehearsal - 9.30pm
7th July	KS2 production - 2.30pm
8th July	KS2 production - 6pm
12th July	Uniform Swap/Coffee morning
15th July	Transition morning (9-10.30)
19th July	End of Term Concert

Term Dates

Summer Term 2025

Start of Term	Monday 13 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
INSET Day	Monday 1st June
End of Term	Friday 17 th July
INSET Day	Monday 20th July

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day	Tuesday 1st September
Start of Term	Wednesday 2 nd September
INSET Day	Friday 23rd October
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October
End of Term	Friday 18 th December

Spring Term 2027

Start of Term	Monday 4 th January
INSET Day	Friday 12th February
Half Term	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February
End of Term	Thursday 25 th March

Summer Term

Start of Term	Monday 12 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
INSET Day	Monday 7th June
End of Term	Tuesday 20 th July
INSET Day	Wednesday 21st July



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>

Useful websites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/>

House Points

Congratulations to Bury House who were awarded the most house points this term!





Happy Birthday

*to Thomas, Owen, and
Kitty who have
celebrated their
birthdays this week.
Happy Birthday also to
Florence and Leo who
will be celebrating their
birthdays later this
month!*



Birthday Books

If you would like to donate a book to our library to celebrate your child's birthday, then we would be so grateful. Please follow this link to see a list of books that we would like.

<https://amzn.eu/ez2OYOf>

Many thanks to Leo S for donating this book on the occasion of his 11th birthday!





Thriplow Primary School

Library

**Open on
Thursdays and
Fridays after
school.**

**Please pop in
and visit!**



We are so proud of the hard work our Year 6 have done this year in their leadership roles. As they pass the baton on to the Year 5 children, I am delighted to share with you the roles for next year!

Ambassadors	Ruby and Hamish
Bacon House Captain	Molly
Barenton House Captain	Sophie
Bassett House Captain	Leon
Bury House Captain	Joey
Friendship Champions	Annabel and Robyn
Charity Champion	Barney and Chris
Worship Team Leaders	Betty and Lois
Library Champion	Felicity
Ants Class Champions	Nelly and Betsy
Sport Champion	Ellie
Eco Champion	Alice

Thriplow ★ Tipi Party ★

An enchanting summer
send-off under the stars.



Date:
19/9/26



Time:
7pm - midnight

£45
plus
booking fee



Ticket includes a
welcome drink, delicious
hog roast, incredible live
band Worldy and
DJ til midnight



Proceeds go to
Thriplow Primary
School PTA.



The Thriplow PTA invites you to
an enchanting evening to mark
the last night of the summer under
a beautiful sail cloth marquee in
the grounds of Thriplow School.

Featuring a well stocked bar, auction of promises, raffle and more!

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Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thriplowtipiparty2026>

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Attendance

365 days in a year

190 days in a school year to support pupils to maintain and even exceed expected attainment outcomes.

175 days for other activities like holidays, appointments, days out, family events

100% attendance	zero days missed	Perfection!
99% attendance	Two days of absence across the year	Excellent!
97% attendance	Five days of absence across the year	Good
95% attendance	Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four days of learning missed. Lost learning is likely to start affecting pupil performance, confidence and self-esteem.	Satisfactory
90% attendance	Twenty days of absence across the year; four weeks of learning missed. Pupils will find it difficult to keep up with work and achieve their best.	Concerns
85% attendance	Thirty days of absence across the year: six weeks of	Serious

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child needs time off for a medical appointment, please provide an appointment card or printed confirmation for our records.

Where possible, please make appointments out of school time.

Attendance

If your child is late for school, please ensure that you sign the late book in the entrance hall, giving a reason for the lateness.

If it is a sensitive reason and you would rather not write it down, please chat to Mrs Sandford or Mrs How.

Please do not write 'late' as a reason.

Minutes late per day	School days lost per year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	13 days
30 minutes	19 days

A reminder that we are a nut-aware school.

Please ensure that your child's lunchbox does not include any nuts.



Keep them fuller for longer

Base the main lunchbox item on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



Freeze for variety

Keep a small selection of different types of bread in the freezer so you have a variety of options – like bagels, pittas and wraps, granary, wholemeal and multigrain.



DIY lunches

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day.



Cut back on fat

Pick lower-fat fillings – like lean meats (including chicken or turkey), fish (such as tuna or salmon), lower-fat spread, reduced-fat cream cheese and reduced-fat hard cheese. And try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.



Mix your slices

If your child does not like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from 1 slice of white bread and 1 slice of brown bread.



Always add veg

Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of reduced-fat hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.



Ever green

Always add salad to sandwiches and wraps too – it all counts towards your child's 5 A Day!



Cheesy does it...

Cheese can be high in fat and salt, so choose stronger-tasting ones – and use less of it – or try reduced-fat varieties.



Cut down on crisps

If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.



Add bite-sized fruit

Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved grapes or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown.



Tinned fruit counts too

A small pot of tinned fruit in juice – not syrup – is perfect for a lunchbox and easily stored in the cupboard.



Swap the fruit bars

Dried fruit like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Just remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad for teeth.



Switch the sweets

Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).



Yoghurts: go low-fat and lower-sugar

Pop in low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurts or fromage frais and add your own fruit.



Get them involved

Get your kids involved in preparing and choosing what goes in their lunchbox. They are more likely to eat it if they helped make it.



Variety is the spice of lunch!

Be adventurous and get creative to mix up what goes in their lunchbox. Keeping them guessing with healthier ideas will keep them interested and more open to trying things.



Plan to Eatwell

The guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a healthy, balanced diet. It can be really useful when thinking about what goes into kids' lunchboxes.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/>

Breakfast Club at Ladybird



Open to Thriplow School
Children & Ladybird
Children from 3 Years



Breakfast may vary



Opens at 8:00am



Early Starters from 8:30



Contact for more information:

Email: ladybirdplaygroupthriplow@gmail.com

Phone: 01763 208055

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

How many tips can you find?

UNSURE?
ASK A TRUSTED
ADULT

MAKE TIME FOR
OTHER HOBBIES

IGNORE
TROLLS &
BULLIES

DON'T GIVE OUT
PERSONAL INFO

AVOID
SCROLLING
AIMLESSLY

BE KIND

REACT AND
COMMENT
POSITIVELY

BUYING
ONLINE?
SPEND
CAUTIOUSLY

SHARE
UPLIFTING
CONTENT

WATCH OUT FOR
FAKE NEWS

REPORT
BAD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

TAKE REGULAR
SCREEN BREAKS

ACCEPT
PEOPLE'S
DIFFERENCES

THINK TWICE
BEFORE
POSTING



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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Summer Holiday Support

Would you like support from the EIFA team around parenting issues such as challenging behaviour, sibling rivalry, routines, sleep or anything else?

Then book onto one of your online group workshops covering a specific topic. Or book a 1:1 online drop-in session to discuss your individual need. Drop-in sessions are 30 minutes each.

Workshops:

Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 4 August 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Wednesday, 12 August 2026, 14:00-15:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or 
Sibling Rivalry	Thursday, 20 August 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or 

Drop-ins:

1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Friday, 7 August 2026, 10:00 – 14:45	Book onto a drop-in session at: EIFA drop ins August 2026 or via 
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Monday, 10 August 2026, 10:00-14:45	
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Thursday, 20 August 2026, 10:00 – 14:45	

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





