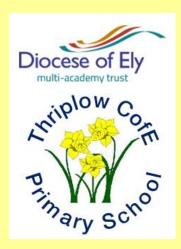
Thriplow School Newsletter

19th September 2025







We've had a wonderful week in school. It was great to welcome Reverend David in to school yesterday for our service of Holy Communion. We were so impressed with our youngest children in Ants who joined in beautifully. On Tuesday, we had 'Vision and Values' day. The children all focused on one or two of our school values and created some lovely artwork for a display in the hall. Do have a look at the photos further down.

The teachers of the children in Year 1-6 are very much looking forward to meeting you at Parent Consultations next week. Please remember to check your time and arrive in good time. If you are unable to find childcare, then your children are welcome to come with you but please ensure that they have an activity so that they can sit quietly.

Could I politely remind you of a couple of things? Firstly — please ensure that you and your children do not come into the school grounds until 8.45am and please note that before and after school, the children must not play with equipment. This includes the trim trail. They have all been reminded of this in school. Finally, if your child has long hair, please ensure that it is safely tied back.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on Monday 29th September at our MacMillan Coffee Morning. This will be run by the Year 6 children. They are already planning the event and would love to see lots of you there! Apologies for the change of date. Another date

change to note is the Harvest Festival which will take place on Thursday 9^{th} at 2.30pm rather than the 7^{th} as originally advertised.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes, Lucy







https://www.facebook.com/thriplowschool/



https://x.com/thriplowschool

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*

22nd September Parent Consultations

25th September Parent Consultations

29th September MacMillan Coffee Morning. 9am in the hall. Everyone welcome. NOTE CHANGED

DATE

9th October Harvest Festival in the church. 2.30. Everyone welcome.

15th October Flu Vaccinations

23rd October Individual photos for all children

6th November Holy Communion. 9.10am in the hall. Everyone welcome

WB 10th November Anti-bullying week

28th November Decoration Day. Parents welcome in the morning.

1st December DEMAT Carol Service (Year 6)

9th December Nativity Dress rehearsal (KS1)

10th December Nativity Performance (KS1) 2.30pm

11th December Nativity Performance (KS1) 6pm

12th December Festive Friday

16th December KS2 Concert

17th December Christingle (children need to bring an orange)

19th December Carol Service in church. 2.30. Everyone welcome

20th January Young Voices

WB 2nd February Relationships and Sex Education Week

24th February Parent Consultations

26th February Parent Consultations

5th March World Book Day

WB 9th March Science Week

21st – 22nd March Daffodil Weekend

27th March Year 3/4 Bikeability level 1

WB 11th May SATS week

WB 18th May KS2 Residential (Year 5 and 6)

Fortnight beginning Multiplication Check fortnight (Year 4)

1st June

5th June DEMAT Art Exhibition

WB 8th June Phonics Screening check week (Year 1)

WB 15th June Poetry Recital Competition

24th June Sports day (First thing — will finish 11.15ish)

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term		
INSET Day	Friday 24 th October	
Half Term	Monday 27 th October — Friday 31 st October	
End of Term	Friday 19 th December	

Spring Term		
Start of Term	Monday 5 th January	
INSET Day	Friday 13 th February	
Half Term	Monday 16 th February — Friday 20 th February	
End of Term	Friday 27 th March	

Summer Term		
Start of Term	Monday 13 th April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May	
Half Term	Monday 25 th May — Friday 29 th May	
INSET Day	Monday 1⁵t June	
End of Term	Friday 17 th July	
INSET Day	Monday 20 th July	

Salar Salar

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 quidance here.

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-andfamilies/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-childprotection

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/ez20Y0f



Our certificate winners this week are: -

- Teddy (Reception)
- Eliza (Year 1)
- Jenson (Year 3)
- Susannah (Year 4)
- Isabella (Year 4)
- Monty (Year 5)
- Erin E (Year 6)

Thriplow Church of England Primary School		
I shone		
my light		
Presented to		
for		
On		
Ву		
Teacher		

The following children were added to the 'Vision and Values' tree for living out our Thriplow and DEMAT values.

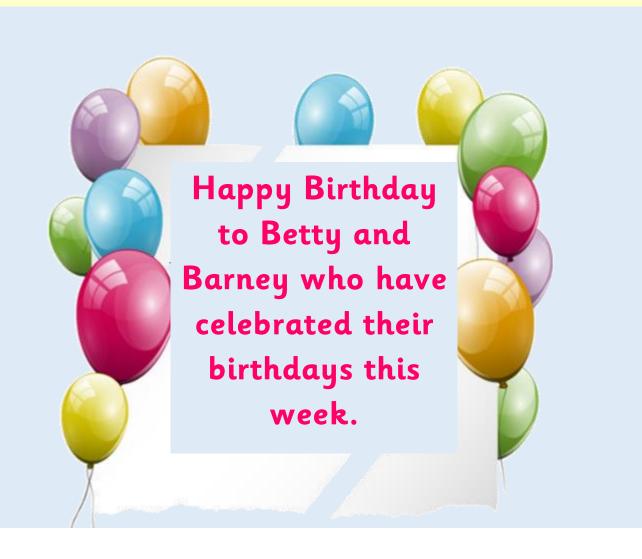
- Arthur (Kindness)
- Evelyn (Compassion)
- Josie (Kindness)
- Ellie (Kindness)
- Oliver (Respect)



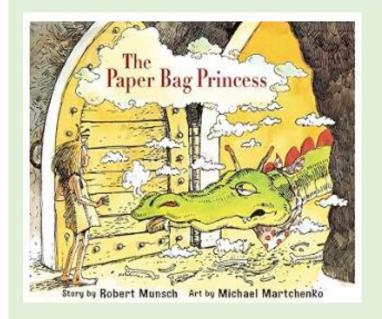
House Points

Our totals for this week!

	Total this week	Total this term
Bacon	40	118
Barenton	37	72
Bury	46	107
Bassett	90	165

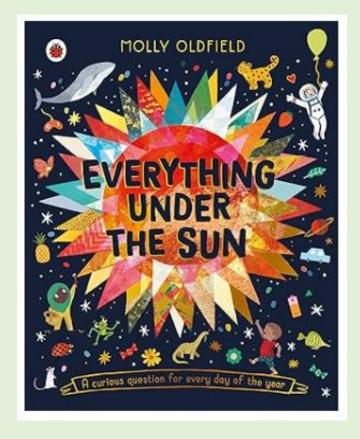


Birthday Books



Many thanks to Tristan's for donating this book on the occasion of his 5th birthday.

Many thanks to Betty and Barney for donating this book on the occasion of their 10th birthday.



Your child's learning

Ants

In Ants class this week we have been learning about the different parts of our body and the amazing things they let us do. We have explored pictures of x-rays, learnt about our bones, and started thinking about what we might want to do when we grow up.

On Tuesday for Vision and Values day we thought about the value 'compassion' and listened to the story of the Good Samaritan. We learnt about what it means to 'Shine our Light'.

In Maths we have been singing some counting songs and practiced counting objects one at a time up to 10.

We have continued unit 1 of phonics learning the sounds a, i, m, s, t and the children are doing very well with identifying each sound and reading some simple cvc words!

Next week we will be moving onto unit 2 in phonics, exploring the sounds n, o, p, and in maths we will be looking at the compositions of numbers 2, 3 and 4. We will also be learning about our families and the different people families around the world are made up of.

Butterflies

Butterflies class have continued to work hard this week. The Year 2 children had their first session in Wildspace this week and enjoyed their experience. In Maths this week the children have been looking at the place value of 2-digit numbers. Please encourage your child to read numbers and tell you their place value using the vocabulary 'tens and ones.' Year 1 children have been practising to read numbers in words.

In English, the children have been introduced to the story of 'Aladdin and the Magic Lamp.' They wrote

dictated sentences to show what happened at the beginning of the story and finished the week with the year 1 children making masks and role playing the characters they have met so far, and the year 2 children imagining how Aladdin felt when he was trapped in the cave and writing sentences to express his emotions.

In PSHE we looked at expressing different emotions and discussed when we might feel like that and how it may affect other people. We also listened to the story, 'Silly Billy' by Antony Browne.

In Phonics we have been looking at the alternate /ae/sounds. Please encourage your child to identify these in their reading books.

In science we have continued our work on the human body by looking at the digestive system and in art the children have enjoyed making their Christmas card designs, which they can't wait to share with you. In RE we have completed our final lesson in our Ways of Knowing unit where the children have met Sophie the philosopher and have challenged their thinking with "thunks" (questions that make our brains hurt!) and have thought up their own "thunks" to ask each other. They might like to share some of them with you too! If you would like to share activities that your child has done over the weekend with us, then please send it via Tapestry.

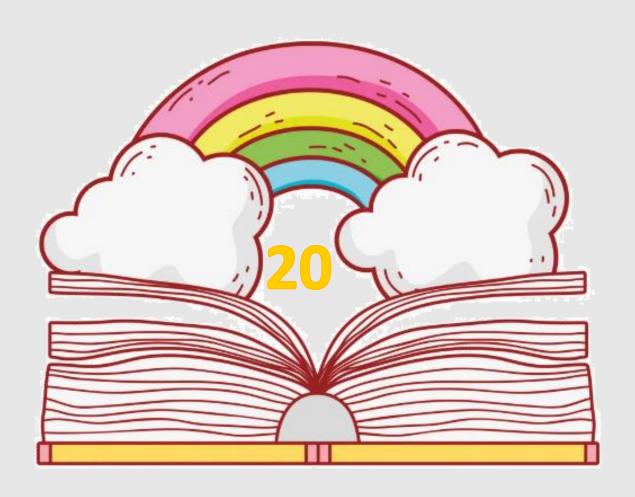
Bees

We have had another lovely week in Bees. On Monday, we enjoyed learning about St Etheldreda's role in Ely Cathedral's history as part of our DEMAT together challenge. On Tuesday, we learnt our school vision and considered the values of confidence and achievement as part of our Vision and Values day. The children did some wonderful artwork which is now on display in the hall. In English, the children wrote their own biographies about Charles Dickens. I was so proud of all the children as everybody wrote at least a

page - well done! In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting 1, 10, 100 (and 1,000 in yr4). We have also enjoyed practicing our running skills, learning how to use a baton as part of relay races. Next week will be another enjoyable week as we make Christmas Cards in Art and read the famous scene in Oliver Twist where he asks for more. The children will also be welcoming the Blue Cross to school to talk about their charity work on Thursday. I look forward to seeing you all at Parents Consultations.

Dragonflies

We have had another great week in Dragonflies. In our English learning, we have been working hard on writing sentences with adverbials as an opener. We have continued writing our biography about David Almond and have been reading our class text, Skellig. In PE we have been working on our running technique and building up our stamina for long distance running. On Wednesday, we enjoyed the first in a series of lessons as part of the DEMAT together challenge; the children learned about St Etheldreda and her contributions towards Ely Cathedral. We enjoyed thinking deeply about our values of kindness and hopefulness. The children have produced some artwork inspired by these values, which is on display in the hall. Next week, our Y6s will be undertaking their playleaders training. We will also be welcoming the Blue Cross to school for a talk about their charity work. Look out for information that was sent out on Thursday in your emails about the Y5/6 residential. Y6 parents will also be receiving further information via email next week regarding cake for the MacMillan Coffee Morning. I look forward to meeting you all next week during our Parent Consultations.



Hopefully your child will know all about the 20 Books Challenge. We have carefully selected 20 Books for each child to read in each year during their time at Thriplow. When they have read them, send us an email and we will be able to celebrate this with your child.

If your child would prefer to listen to an audio version or an adult reading to them, then this is absolutely fine.

We were delighted to see Evelyn and Izzy's certificates for completing the Story Garden Library Challenge over the summer. If any other children completed the challenge, I would love to see their certificates! I am aware that some libraries have issued certificates yet...





Our Harvest Festival will now take place on Thursday 9th October at 2.30pm. Apologies for the change in date. All the children will be performing and they are invited to bring in donations of non-perishable food. Please ensure donated food is in date.



PTA Meeting!

23rd September @ 2.15pm

Please join us for our first PTA meeting of the school year. The meeting will be held in the school hall and with another exciting year of events we'd love to see you mums and dads there, old and new!

MACMILLAN



Coffee time

In aid of

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER THRIPLOW SCHOOL HALL 9:00AM

A reminder that we are a nut-aware school. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox does not include any nuts.



- Let your child help you pack their lunch box and choose what to include from a list of options.
- To keep children fuller for longer, give them a 'main' lunch item that includes carbohydrates, such as whole grain bread, rice or pasta.
- Try pasta salads, stir-fried rice, wraps or crackers and low-fat dips as alternatives to sandwiches.
- Choose lean meats, such as chicken breast as sandwich fillings, and try to include oily fish like tuna once or twice a week.
- Include vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, carrot or celery sticks or homemade vegetable crisps (slice vegetables like sweet potato or beetroot, toss in olive oil and bake).
- Always put salad (lettuce, cucumber) in sandwiches it all counts towards their five a day.
- · Swap the crisps for plain popcorn or vegetable crisps (see above).
- · Pre-peel citrus fruits like oranges or satsumas to make them easier to eat.
- Include tinned fruits but make sure they are in juice not syrup which is high in sugar.
- Fruit bars are generally not healthy try dried fruit like apricots or sultanas instead.
- If your child insists on having crisps or chocolate in their lunchbox, try to limit this to one day per week and let them choose what their 'treat' will be.

According to the NHS, the perfect lunch box for a child should contain:

- a serving of starchy foods (wholegrain bread or pasta, brown rice);
- · a protein (lean meat, egg or oily fish);
- · a dairy item (low-fat cheese or sugar-free yoghurt);
- a portion of vegetables (celery sticks, carrot pieces);
- · a portion of fruit (berries, grapes, melon, apple slices);
- water.

We've put together five balanced lunch boxes here - one for each day of the school week You can copy them exactly, swap items around or get rid of them all together - whatever works for your family is fine.



Attendance Reminders

Days off school add up to lost learning 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments 0 15 19 DAYS ABSENCE DAYS ABSENCE DAYS ABSENCE DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE OR MORE OR MORE (190 school days) 96% 92% Below 90% 100% Persistent SATISFACTORY REQUIRES Absentee: ATTENDANCE EXCELLENT **IMPROVEMENT** ATTENDANCE CAUSE FOR Harder to make CONCERN Less chance of Best chance of good progress success

Three-Year Period

First Term Time Leave 10 sessions (5 days) or more. £80 for each child per parent.

SUCCESS

E.g. if two parents take 3 children away, the fine would be £80 x 3 = £240 per parent.

The total would be £480.

If you pay after 21 days it rises to £960.

If you don't pay after 28 days = a prosecution.

Second Term Time Leave 10 sessions (5 days) or more. £160 for each child per parent.

E.g. if two parents take 3 children away, the fine would be £160 \times 3 = £480 per parent.

The total would be £960.

If you don't pay after 28 days = a prosecution.

Third Term Time Leave 10 sessions (5 days) or more. Prosecution.

Serious concern Possible court action

Apply now



for a Reception school place for September 2026



Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Apply now



for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

If your child will be aged 11 by 31st August 2026



SCANNE

For further information please visit or contact your local School Apply by 31st October 2025

Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Melbourn Village College Open Evening

Join us to explore our vibrant school community

Mrs Rachel Spencer Principal





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

Foxton Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 4th October 12pm to 6pm





FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FOXTONSCARECROW.ORG

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

De*H

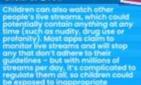
way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions. oc#% 10

LIVE



UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS



DANGER OF GROOMING



Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING



CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter September 2025

A Bit About Me

Hi, my name is Sarah Dilley, I'm your school's link EIFA. As an EIFA I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child that may be experiencing some challenges such as routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem. If you'd like a chance to chat about any of these topics, just contact me on the details below.

Parenting Top Tip - Back to school toolkit for Parents.

- Model calmness Children pick up on your energy. Stay positive, even if you're a little nervous yourself.
- Validate emotions Instead of saying "don't worry," try: "I know this feels scary, but I believe you can do this."
- Create good routines Set morning and after school routines. Consistency helps children feel safe.
- Role-play scenarios Practice everyday interactions such as, introducing themselves to new classmates, asking teachers questions, or managing breaktimes.
- Stay connected Give your child/ren a small comfort item (note in their lunchbox or a small keychain) as a reminder of your support.

Activity Idea - Getting your children to school.

- Rainbow walk Spot something from each colour of the rainbow.
- Secret agent game pretend you're on a mission and whisper secret instructions, like "walk past the yellow house without being spotted".
- Steps challenge "lets take giant steps like a dinosaur", "can we walk like a bear/crab/meerkat?"
- Story chain you start the story with a sentence and your child adds the next.
 Building a silly or suspenseful story together.

Ensure that you keep in mind, some days your child may want a high energy morning, some they may not. Also sensory preferences matter, try to avoid overloading with too much information if they are already anxious.

Another Resource - EIFA Workshops

To book, please see the EIFA workshops poster or contact your EIFA.

- Sibling Rivalry 23/09/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- Understanding and responding to Challenging Behaviours 02/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- Sleep 07/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- Supporting your Child with Feelings of Anger 09/10/2025 @ 12:00–13:30
- Supporting your Child with Feelings of Worry 23/10/2025 @ 12:00-13:30

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer

Contact me directly on Sarah.dilley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for <u>September and October</u>.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 23 September 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours	Thursday, 2 October 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Sleep	Tuesday, 7 October 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Anger	Thursday, 9 October 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Thursday, 23 October 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact <u>earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u>





