

Monthly Newsletter

May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers, a very warm welcome to our May 2026 Newsletter. This newsletter contains news from last month and plans for the rest of the summer term. Next month I hope to share class and teacher details for September 2026.

STAFF CHANGES

Please note following the departure of Mrs. Kashouris, Mrs. Tate and Miss. Currell are now the main points of contact for any safeguarding concerns. They can be contacted via the school office or via ClassDojo. Mrs. Tate has now assumed the role of deputy head teacher.

Mrs. Tate: Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Miss. Currell: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

WELL DONE YEAR 6 AND GOOD LUCK

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Year 6 pupils and staff who gave up part of their holiday to attend/run our annual 'Easter SATs School'. Each day we had over 60% of the year group attending. I am sure this will only enhance SAT outcomes when the tests are taken during the week commencing Monday 11th May 2026. Good Luck Year 6.



I would also like to thank those who attended our recent meetings, as shown below. All presentations can be located on ClassDojo.

- Tuesday 21st April 2026: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and Camping Meeting.
- Tuesday 28th April 2026: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL 2026

Between Monday 18th May 2026 and Wednesday 20th May 2026, our Year 6 cohort will embark on a visit to Newby Wiske (<https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/newby-wiske-hall/>). Due to this residential there will be a few staffing changes as detailed below. If you have any concerns about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Mrs. Ord will cover Class 7, Year 3 whilst Mr. Staff attends the residential.
- Mr. Powell, Mrs. Shaw and an additional member of staff will cover Class 3, Year 1 whilst Miss. Harding attends the residential.

Other staff accompanying the visit are Mrs. Jackson, Mr. McMorris and Mrs. Tate.

Year 6 parents and carers can watch all the fun and adventure unravel via ClassDojo. Year 6 children not attending will be taught by Mrs. Ord. Year 6 have a fantastic time, making memories for life.

MRS. CLEVELAND

Please note Mrs. Cleveland will undertake a placement at Clavering Primary School from Tuesday 19th May 2026 for six weeks to broaden her teaching experience under the guidance of our former deputy headteacher, Mrs. Black. Whilst at Clavering, Mrs. Parker will take over Mrs. Cleveland's teaching commitment at Throston Primary.



OFSTED INSPECTION 2026

Please note our latest Ofsted Inspection Report is now on the official Ofsted Website. In addition you can now also use the connected QR Code to access the report.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/111612>



NEW FACES

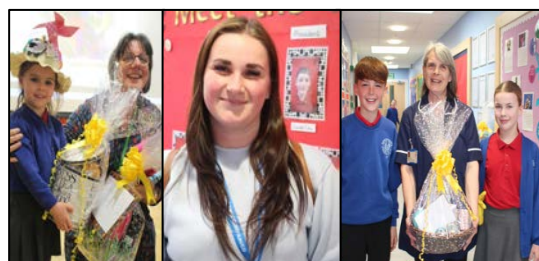
A very warm welcome to Jasper Gallagher, Arlo Lowery, Orla Lynn and Saul Parkin who have recently joined our Nursery. We hope they are enjoying school and adapting to daily life as Throsties.

RECEPTION STARTERS - SEPTEMBER 2026

Thank you to all the Nursery parents and carers that have selected Throston Primary for their child. All 60 of our places have been offered. Dates for induction and transition are shown below.

GOODBYE

Recently we said goodbye to Mrs. Kashouris, our Phoenix room assistant Savannah, our mid-day cleaner Liz and pupil Angel Watson (Class 14, Year 6). We miss you all! Please keep in touch.



NEW REWARD SCHEME

Well done to our RotaKids who were awarded the 'RotaKids Excellence Award' from the current Rotary Club secretary for all their fabulous work on Friday 24th April 2026.



One of their successes was the introduction of a new reward scheme. Staff now have tickets which they can distribute to children for exemplary behaviour. Children can then exchange the tickets for prizes! Well done RotaKids on this fabulous initiative. The RotaKids used money they had raised via the sale of raffle tickets to purchase the prizes.



PRICE INCREASE AHEAD

On Monday 30th March 2026 the full governing body decided to increase the price of breakfast club and after school club from September 2026 due to rising costs. We still feel our prices are very competitive.

- Breakfast Club, will increase from £3.00 to £3.50 (7.45am to 8.45am).
- After School Club will increase from £7 to £9 (3.15pm to 6.00pm).

THANK YOU

The P.T.A would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers for the support they have received with our Easter raffle this year. Well done to our 27 lucky raffle winners. The big winners were 1st prize: Matthew Polasik, 2nd prize: Locklin Devine and 3rd prize: Rose Banks.



EASTER WINNERS 2026

Please find below details of our egg decorating winners, and bonnet/scarecrow winners from our Easter Parade last term.



Egg Decorating Winners:

Year	Nursery	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
1 st	Xander Ierubino	Bobbi-Jae Stewart	Heidi Fletcher	Marcus Armstrong-Carr
2 nd	Orla McIver	Abel Jackson	Alfie Mason	Isla Cook
3 rd	Chester Stokoe	Cailen Kelly	Sam Neill	Ellis Graddon
Year	Reception	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
1 st	Grace Hepple	Finley Plant	Hollie Dougherty	Samuel Kidd
2 nd	Oscar Hegarty	Rosie Hanson	Flynn Atkinson	Evie Cussons
3 rd	Bradley Wright	Sienna Sladen	Frankie Abbott	Amber Malone

Bonnets and Scarecrows:

Year	Nursery (Morning/FNB)*	Year 1	Year 4
1 st	Penny Corbett	Hallie McDonald	Charlie Flounders
2 nd	Marcus Walsh	Noah Davies	Paisley Collins
3 rd	Constance-Ada Graham	Zac Booth	Emma Gough
Year	Nursery (Morning/FNE)*	Year 2	Year 5
1 st	Ava Abbott	Jack Bielby	Lily Brown
2 nd	Ronnie Manby	Zach Hann	Connie Young
3 rd	Emmett Robinson	Max Wood	Ella Dodds
Year	Reception	Year 3	Year 6
1 st	Henry Buglass	Anna Dodds	Isaac Hicks
2 nd	Rose Bowman	Jamie Hunt	Evelyn Thurston
3 rd	Ariana Wass	Isaac Sullivan	Emily Walker

**Flexible Nursery Beginning of the Week (FNB) or Flexible Nursery End of the Week (FNE).*

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

Friday 27th March 2026:

On this day our Throstonesses took part in the town 'Girls League Cup' competition. I am delighted to say the girls progressed to the final. Well done girls we are so proud of you. The scores: Throston (5) vs. Fens (0), Throston (0) vs. Sacred Heart (3) and Throston (2) vs. Barnard Grove (0).

Monday 30th March 2026:

A HUGE thank you to our friends at Open the Book and Reverend Claire Mead for helping us launch our Easter Week in school. They brought the Easter Story to life during a special assembly with the assistance of Mr. Staff and three Year 6 girls.

Tuesday 31st March 2026:

Thank you Easter Bunny for visiting Throstie Tots and distributing chocolate eggs.



Wednesday 1st April 2026:

Well done to our Year 3 superstars that were crowned champions at a tennis festival held at High Tunstall. We are so proud of you all.

Thursday 2nd April 2026:

On this day Key Stage 2 were visited by Gillian Bell the parliamentary engagement officer. Gillian provided lots of information about parliament for example the difference between the House of Commons and the House of Lords and the difference between a bill and an act.



Thursday 2nd April 2026:

On this day our Upper Key Stage 2 football team qualified for the Town Finals at Pools on Thursday 23rd April 2026. Results: Throston (1) vs Fens (0), Throston (0) vs Kingsley (1), Throston (1) vs Sacred Heart (0) and Throston (1) vs West Park (1).

Thursday 2nd April 2026:

Well done to all our children who received a prize from our 100% spring term attendance raffle. Thank you Miss. Currell for organising.



Tuesday 21st April 2026:

Well done to our chess team that competed in a local chess tournament at Hardwick Green Primary Academy in Stockton. All players represented the school incredibly well, especially knowing most of the other schools entered Year 6 players! We came 4th overall. Well done everyone.

Historic Roll of Honour - Chess Team Competition

2011: Ings Farm and Throston

2012: Ings Farm and Billingham South

2013: Throston

2014: Errington

2015: Throston

2016: Sacred Heart

2017: Westgarth

2018: Westgarth

2019: Westgarth and Billingham South

2022: Fairfield and Throston

2023: Fairfield

2024: Wheatlands, Hemlington Hall and Preston

2025: Wheatlands, St. Pius X, Billingham South and Throston

2026: Park End and Billingham South

Tuesday 21st April 2026:

Well done to our golfers who participated in a golf festival at Hartlepool Golf Club. Every child was a credit to the school.



Thursday 23rd April 2026:

Well done to our Throstonesses, who played at Pools against a very strong football team from Sacred Heart in the primary school girls town cup final. Every player gave 100% and kept on battling to the very end. We scored a wonderful goal before the final whistle, a great reward for all the amazing teamwork. Some great defending and saves too! Heads up girls, you played so well, and we are very proud of you. Not many schools make a final. Score: Sacred Heart (4) vs. Throston (1).

Thursday 23rd April 2026:

Well done to our boys, who lifted the 'Year 6 Primary School Premier Town Cup' after a very impressive performance against Sacred Heart. There were four wonderful goals, sublime passing and titans in defence. Well done 'Team Throston', just like our Throstonesses we are equally proud of you. Score: Sacred Heart (1) vs. Throston (4). Another trophy for our school entrance.



Monday 27th April 2026:

On this day children in Year 3 to Year 6, enjoyed a very interactive musical assembly. The aim of the assembly was to help children understand and enjoy music. The assembly was led by 'The Benedetti Foundation'.

Tuesday 28th April 2026:

On this day children in Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed an athletics festival at High Tunstall. Effort, teamwork and behaviour were all exemplary!



Wednesday 29th April 2026:

We had a 'Rubbish Assembly' in which Joanne Taylor, the team leader for waste services, taught children about how to use our green, black and new food bins. By the end of the assembly children showed fantastic knowledge about what should go in which bin.

Thursday 30th April 2026:

Well done to our Year 4 skipping team, who were crowned silver medallists today in the 'Annual Hartlepool Skipping Competition'. A great achievement, with many children also obtaining individual certificates. Go Team Throston!



WELL DONE

Please find below details of how our houses are doing in relation to weekly Dojo points. Well done to Sphinx House, for achieving the most weekly wins last term.

Week Commencing	Winners
20/04/2026	Sphinx



DATES

You can now access our 2025 to 2026 and 2026 to 2027 annual school calendars via this link:
<https://www.throston.school.org.uk/page/?title=Annual+School+Calendar&pid=187&action=saved>

UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

WEEK 2 OF 5

Friday 1st May 2026: NSPCC Workshops for Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

Friday 1st May 2026: Mr. Sowerby's last day at Throston!

WEEK 3 OF 5

Monday 4th May 2026: No School - due to a Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 6th May 2026: Year 1 at Preston Park.

Wednesday 6th May 2026: Year 4 'Energy Efficiency' workshops (afternoon).

Wednesday 6th May 2026: Meeting for Parents and Carers of children joining Reception in September 2026, who are new to the school (3.45pm onwards). Meeting 1 of 2.

WEEK 4 OF 5

Monday 11th May 2026 to Thursday 14th May 2026: Year 6 SATs Week. Please note on the days of the tests there will be a free breakfast club (from 8.15am) for all Year 6 children. This will ensure all children are relaxed ahead of the tests. Children should enter via the main entrance.

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

Tuesday 12th May 2026: Year 1 School Nurse Led Workshop on Keeping Safe (morning).

Wednesday 13th May 2026: Meeting for Parents and Carers of children joining Reception in September 2026, who are new to the school (3.45pm onwards). Meeting 2 of 2.

WEEK 5 OF 5

Monday 18th May 2026 to Wednesday 20th May 2026: Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske.

Thursday 21st May 2026: Themed Lunch - World Culture Day.

Thursday 21st May 2026: Non-Uniform Day. The latter will be for one of our future Throsties - Baby Charlotte. We will be raising funds for: <https://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/>. The Sick Children's Trust is a charity that provides a welcoming 'Homes from Home' where families with a sick child in hospital can stay.



Thursday 21st May 2026: Children break up for summer half-term.

Friday 22nd May 2026: No school, due to professional development day.

WEEK 1 OF 7

Monday 1st June 2026: Children return to school after summer half-term.

Monday 1st June 2026: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Commences.

Monday 1st June 2026: Year 5 Canoeing Day (1 of 5).

Tuesday 2nd June 2026: Year 5 Canoeing Day (2 of 5).

Wednesday 3rd June 2026: Reception and Year 6 photographs (starters and leavers).

Wednesday 3rd June 2026: Year 4 Camping Preparation Day (Class 10).

Thursday 4th June 2026: Year 4 Camping Day (Class 10).

Thursday 4th June 2026: Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Cricket Festival at Seaton (morning).

Friday 5th June 2026: Year 4 Camping Day (Class 10).

WEEK 2 OF 7

Monday 8th June 2026: Year 5 Canoeing Day (3 of 5).

Monday 8th June 2026: Year 1 Phonic Screening Check Commences.

Tuesday 9th June 2026: Year 5 Canoeing Day (4 of 5).

Wednesday 10th June 2026: Year 3 Healthy Eating and Exercise Workshop (morning).

Wednesday 10th June 2026: Welcome to Reception Meeting for children joining in September 2026 and a free meal trial (11.00am). Please could you let your child's key worker know if you would be able to attend the induction meeting and let us know how many meals you will require so that we can give our cook numbers. Thank you.

Wednesday 10th June 2026: Year 5 and Year 6 Boys Cricket Festival at Seaton.

Wednesday 10th June 2026: Year 4 Camping Preparation Day (Class 9).

Thursday 11th June 2026: Year 4 Camping Day (Class 9).

Thursday 11th June 2026: Year 2 planned visit to Souter Lighthouse.

Friday 12th June 2026: Year 4 Camping Day (Class 9).

WEEK 3 OF 7

Monday 15th June 2026: Year 5 Canoeing Day (5 of 5).

Tuesday 16th June 2026: Year 5 and Year 6 Athletics Festival.

Monday 16th June 2026: Welcome to Nursery Meeting for those joining Nursery in September 2026 (3.45pm to 4.30pm).

Friday 19th June 2026: Throston's Got Talent 2026 (morning).

Saturday 20th June 2026: Moana Dress Rehearsal (time to be arranged).

WEEK 4 OF 7

Monday 22nd June 2026 to Thursday 25th June 2026: Moana Shows (6.00pm) at High Tunstall. The first night will be a rehearsal.

Tuesday 23rd June 2026: Year 1 'Puppet Making' workshop with parents and carers (1.30pm).

Wednesday 24th June 2026: Year 6 Puberty Refresher (afternoon).

Thursday 25th June 2026: Year 3 visit to Binchester Roman Fort.

Friday 26th June 2026: Year 2 Skipping Festival at Brierton.

WEEK 5 OF 7

Monday 29th June 2026: Year 1 to Year 6 Sports Day. Year 1 to Year 3 (9.15am to 10.15am) and Year 4 to Year 6 (10.30am to 11.30am).

Tuesday 30th June 2026: Year 4 Emotions, Coping Strategies and Mindfulness workshop (morning).

Wednesday 1st July 2026: Early Years Sports Day. The first session will be 9.15am to 10.15am for morning and beginning of week Nursery. Between 10.30am and 11.30am it will be the turn of the two Reception classes. Then at 1.15pm to 2.15pm it will be the turn of afternoon and end of the week Nursery children.

Saturday 4th July 2026 to Sunday 5th July 2026: Drama Visit to London.

WEEK 6 & 7 OF 7

Tuesday 7th July 2026: Key Stage 2 SATs Results. Year 6 reports to be distributed.

Wednesday 8th July 2026 to Thursday 16th July 2026: Summer Shows (Nursery to Year 5).

Friday 10th July 2026: Annual Reports to be distributed (Nursery to Year 5).

Monday 13th July 2026: Whole School Transition Day (more details to follow).

Monday 13th July 2026: Optional Parent's Evening (3.30pm to 5.00pm).

Monday 13th July 2026 to Thursday 16th July 2026: Year 6 Secondary School Transition.

Thursday 16th July 2026: Annual Awards Evening (5.00pm onwards).

SUMMER SHOWS 2026:

Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Friday 10 th July 2026	Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Thursday 16 th July 2026
Reception	Year 6	Year 2	Year 5	Year 3
9.15am and 1.30pm	1.30pm Leavers Assembly	9.15am and 1.30pm	9.15am and 1.30pm	9.15am and 1.30pm
Nursery		Year 1	Year 4	
10.30am and 2.30pm		10.30am and 2.30pm	10.30am and 2.30pm	

Friday 17th July 2026: Last day of school (and Toy Day) for the 2025/2026 academic year. Year 6 children to return for a cinema visit and to say a final goodbye!

LEGO SUCCESS

Well done to Year 5 who via persuasive letters have managed to obtain funding from the Local Authority to help purchase LEGO Education resources.

IN THE PRESS

Please click on the articles below to read our latest articles in the local press:

[Poppy Success](#)

[Ofsted Success Link 1 of 2](#)

[Ofsted Success Link 2 of 2](#)

INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ON THE NURSERY PARENTAL DECLARATION

An early years parent declaration is a mandatory agreement between parents/carers and childcare providers that formalises the take-up of funded early education hours, ensuring funding is paid correctly. It outlines attendance patterns, claimed funded hours, any optional chargeable extras, and provides consent for sharing data to confirm eligibility.

Nursery staff will soon be distributing the declarations, with additional information.

This information intends to give you an easy-read explanation of the **Parental Declaration**. The declaration is a form that you fill in to confirm where your child will receive their **funded early education and childcare hours**. It tells us how many hours you want to use and which childcare provider you want to use them with. A Parental Declaration will be completed at the start of every new funded entitlement. The purpose of the declaration is to make sure that:

- your child receives the correct number of funded hours,
- the childcare provider can claim the right funding, and

- public money is used properly and fairly.

It is **very important** that the number of funded hours is not exceeded. Funded entitlement is limited to **570 hours per funded year**, commonly known as 15 hours per week term-time, and **1140 hours per funded year**, commonly known as 30 hours term-time. If more hours are claimed than your child is allowed, this can lead to funding errors that providers must correct. This may also mean parents or providers could become responsible for extra costs.

Please tell your childcare provider straight away if anything changes or you may intend to change. This includes:

- increasing or reducing hours,
- moving to a new provider, or
- the provider changing their delivery model part-way through a term. An example of this could be that your child is accessing their funding on a **stretched offer** with a private provider then move to a school provision **term-time only**.

Monitoring these changes is essential so that funding stays accurate and your child continues to receive the correct entitlement without any disruption. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Filling in the declaration clearly and keeping your provider updated helps everyone stay on track.

YOUR COMMENTS

If you have any comments on this newsletter or any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact me. Kindest regards, Mr. Atkinson, Head Teacher.

Community Connect @ Throston School



Monday 9th March
Wednesday 1st April
Monday 18th May
Monday 8th June
Monday 13th July

2.30-3.30pm

- ▶ No need to book
- ▶ Come along to Community Connect, a friendly session for all parents and carers
- ▶ Suitable for anyone wanting to know more about community support

Meet other parents and families

Find out what support and activities are available locally

Learn more about unpaid carers and how Hartlepool Carers can help

Ask questions and access advice in a relaxed setting



Free Refreshments Included