



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to a new month. I would like to start by congratulating all our Throsties for settling into a new school term so well. We are very proud of you all. The aim of this newsletter is to provide a catch-up on events from last month and prepare for this month and next.

NEW THROSTIES

I would like to start this newsletter by welcoming all our newest Nursery Throsties. I hope they all settle in quickly and have a 'flying start to success'. Our new faces are Oliver Allison, Leo Armstrong, Harrison Ashby, Amelia Bennett, Magnus Bolton, Harry Connolly, Florence Cranney, Theo Hammond, Addison Harbottle, Hendrix Higham, Lorenzo Moore, Tommy Noble-Payne, Liam Pournaser, Arthur Proudlock, Oscar Robinson, Margot Shaw, Isla Skirving, Myla Skirving, Avery Stainsby, Ada Weegram-Hall, Elizabeth Wilson, Talia Wilson and Ocean Winlow.

THANK YOU, MISS. ALLEN.

On Friday 2nd October 2026, we say a very tearful goodbye to Miss. Gail Allen, as she leaves Throston Primary School. Miss. Allen will be leaving us to spend more time with her family. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for everything she has done for the children at our school.

During her time at Throston, Miss. Allen has built fantastic relationships with our children, supporting and comforting them when they have needed it most and helping them to progress both emotionally and academically. She has been a key figure in our Phoenix Room II, helping children to regulate their emotions and providing caring, patient and consistent support for pupils with SEMH needs. Her kindness, dedication and commitment have made a real difference to so many children, and she will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike.

We must also thank Miss. Allen for taking such wonderful care of our two guinea pigs, Chocko and Rocko, both during school time and throughout the holidays. They have certainly been spoilt with plenty of green treats!

We wish Miss. Allen and her family every happiness for the future and hope she will stay in touch. Once a Throstie, Always a Throstie! We are currently advertising for a replacement: <https://www.throston.school.org.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=16>



NEW STAFF

Hopefully many of you have now met our newest member of staff - Mrs. Nicola Hornsey. Mrs. Hornsey has settled in very well into our Early Years Environment. She is currently doing a fantastic job supporting Class 1. Thank you for making her feel so welcome.



Later this month, we will have another new face Mrs. Sarah Devine. Mrs. Devine is joining as a member of support staff from Eldon Grove Academy. We hope she settles in quickly and enjoys working with our superstar Throstities.

STAFF SUCCESS

We are incredibly proud of Mrs. Davies on achieving her NPQEYL (National Professional Qualification for Early Years Leadership). This is a fantastic achievement and reflects her hard work, dedication and commitment to developing her leadership and ensuring the very best provision for our youngest children. A huge congratulations to Mrs. Davies from everyone at Throston - very well deserved!



Another HUGE well done to Mr. McMorris who ran in the Great North Run 2026 for the following charity: DS43 Community Defibrillators. You can still help him raise more funds via this link:

<https://ajbellgreatnorthrun2026.enthuse.com/pf/liam-mcmorris>. He ran the whole race with a defibrillator on his back - congratulations.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

Monday 7th September 2026: Well done to all our candidates for Head Girl and Head Boy who shared persuasive speeches about how they will improve our school on this day.

Friday 11th September 2026: Children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a brass music demonstration. If you would like your child to learn to play an instrument via Tees Valley Music Service, please contact our fabulous Music Lead - Mrs. Masshedar or click on this link: <https://www.tvms.org.uk/register>

Friday 11th September 2026: Well done to all our children who received summer reading challenge certificates and books in a special celebration assembly. Finley Plant was our special winner of a £10 book voucher. Congratulations summer readers!



Monday 14th July 2026: Following on from our brass demo, Year 4 and Year 5 had a guitar demonstration. Please contact Mrs. Masshedar if your child is in these year groups and is interested in taking up the guitar or use this link: <https://www.tvms.org.uk/register>

Friday 18th September 2026: Year 1 participated in a hand hygiene workshop, with our school nurse. Year 2 also had a refresher from last year.

Friday 18th September 2026: Well done to our Year 6 footballers who represented our school in a league competition. We finished third and remained undefeated! Great teamwork and a fabulous attitude shown by all of our players. We are so proud of you. The scores: Throston (1) vs. Kingsley (1), Throston (1) vs. St. Aidan's (0), Throston (0) vs. Sacred Heart (0), Throston (0) vs. West Park (0) and Throston (0) vs. Fens (0).



Thursday 24th September 2026: Some of our children participated in orienteering and den building activities at Summerhill. Great skills for the future.

Friday 25th September 2026: Year 2 worked with our school nurse to learn the importance of good dental hygiene.

Monday 28th September 2026: Antonia Fawcett from Cleveland Fire Brigade spoke in assembly about bonfire, firework and sparkler safety.

Monday 28th September 2026: Some of Year 6 children attended Playleader CPD in Seaton Carew. They will soon try out their new skills and ideas at playtimes and lunchtimes.



NEW PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND ROTA KIDS

A HUGE congratulations to all the children listed below who have been elected to represent the school, and improve Throston Primary School:

Head Boy: Hugo Shepherd;

Head Girl: Lauryl Hogg;

Deputy Head Boy: Rory Wilkinson;

Deputy Head Girl: Sophie Fletcher.



PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM REPRESENTATIVES AND ROTAKIDS - 2026/2027			
Nursery		Class 1	Class 2
Harry Sexton	Tilly Dickson	Isla Cook	Lily Swinburne
Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Lauryl Hogg	Rory Wilkinson	Toby Armstrong	Sophie Fletcher
Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10
Lydia Gallagher	Sienna Swift	Isaac Paul	Winston Aveyard
Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14
Henry Wilkin	Flynn Atkinson	Hugo Shepherd	Henri Wood

Dragon House Captains: Oscar Allen and Esmae Lloyd;

Griffin House Captains: Ella Dodds and Ellis Graddon;

Pegasus House Captains: Clara-Grace Cafferkey and Leighton Oldham;

Sphinx House Captains: Reilly Draper and Phoebe Waite.

PREVIOUS HEADS AND DEPUTIES

Year Elected	Head Boy	Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Sep-26	Hugo Shepherd	Lauryl Hogg	Rory Wilkinson	Sophie Fletcher
Sep-25	Mason Taylor	Thea Wass	Harry Metcalfe	Nina Jordan
Sep-24	Isaac Hamilton-Bowen	Halle Fleetham-Reid	Isaac Kelly	Emily Arnell
Sep-23	Alex Watson	Antonia Cutting	Harry Flounders	Faith Anderson
Sep-22	Lucas Murphy	Lilly Ward	Cian Coyle	Paige Long
Sep-21	Layden Wyness	Harriett Devine	Jack Bolton	Angel Hanlon
Sep-20	Luke Smart	Abigail Watson	Zachary Green	Ava Robins
Sep-19	Lucas Anderson	Izzy Davies	Cohen Aveyard	Christy Howe
Sep-18	Samuel Bolton	Taylor Guttridge	Toyoy Tyers	Emily Lynn
Sep-17	Sammy Dhaliwal	Tionne Wyness	Harry Nicholson	Sophie Pattison
Sep-16	Vinny Rowbotham	Macey Fleetham-Reid	Thomas Short	Sienna Williams
Sep-15	Max Haughian	Katie Pattison	Brynn Fothergill	Amber Gavillet
Sep-14	Lewis Lundrigan	Lucy Burgess	Basil Al-Mashharawi	Ami Ingham
Sep-13	Nathan Currell	Anjalee Dhaliwal	Jak Brown	Megan Stoddart
Sep-12	Lewis Stoddart	Victoria Lynn	Henry Bushnell	Grace Gardner
Sep-11	Jordan Brough	Natasha Sutton	Joshua Vaughan	Janain McCluskey
Sep-10	Joel Currell	Chloe Bartley	Joseph Horton	Madeline Stoddart
Sep-09	Matthew Guffick	Jamie Leigh Fletcher	Euan Gordon	Katie Foster
Sep-08	Joshua Chapple	Amy Forsyth	Christopher Wilson	Courtney Bloor

POLITE REMINDER

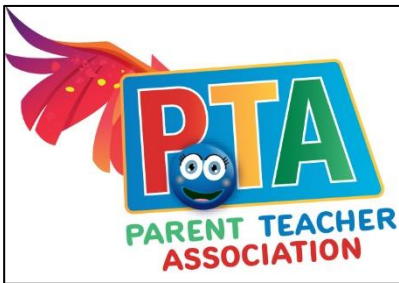
We have received a number of concerns from our neighbours regarding driveways being blocked during school drop-off and collection times. Please park safely and considerately, ensuring that you do not block residents' driveways or access to their properties, even for a short period of time. We really value our positive relationship with the local community and appreciate everyone's support in being respectful of those who live around our school. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



SCHOOL OFFICE - SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6 and you pay for school meals, the payment is due on a Monday morning for the week ahead via SchoolMoney. Any absences are removed on a daily basis and the credit for that day will show on your account. Swapping between school meals and packed lunches on a daily or weekly basis is not an option. Swapping meals options needs to be done on a Monday at the start of a new month. Please inform the school office if you change your child from meals to packed lunches or vice versa. The criteria for claiming a Free School Meals has changed, and we are finding more families are now eligible. You are able to apply online following the link below alternatively collect a form from the school office. Link:

https://online.hartlepool.gov.uk/service/Free_School_Meals_apply



P.T.A REQUEST

We are planning to hold a Christmas Raffle and Tombola to help raise much needed funds for our school, with all money raised going towards supporting and enriching the experiences and opportunities we can provide for the children. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations that could be used as prizes. This could be chocolate, sweets, toiletries, toys,

bottles, vouchers, hampers, or any other new items that you feel would help make prizes. Every donation, no matter how big or small, is hugely appreciated as is your continued support - it really does make a difference.

READING UPDATE FROM MRS. HALL

At Throston, we love seeing our children grow as confident, enthusiastic readers. To help us continue supporting their progress, you will have noticed a small change to how reading is recorded at home. From this term onwards, children should continue to read at least three times per week. Please record each reading session in their yellow Reading Record book. These records are incredibly helpful - they allow us to monitor progress, celebrate effort, and work together to build strong reading habits. This update replaces our previous online system, BoomReader. We hope the return to a simple, shared Reading Record will make things easier for families and give children a sense of pride in their growing collection of reading entries. As always, we kindly remind families that lost or damaged school reading books will be charged for, in line with our school policy. This helps

us keep our library and class collections well stocked for all children. Thank you for your continued support.

MATHS UPDATE FROM MRS. ORD

We are excited to introduce our new 'Primary Maths Homework Books', which have been designed to support your child's learning, deepen their mathematical skills, build confidence and help them make continued progress. Following feedback and conversations with parents and carers, we have listened to your views and have made the decision to move away from online homework, helping to reduce screen time and provide children with more opportunities to practise their maths skills in a written format. Homework will be sent home every Monday and should be completed and returned to school the following Monday. If your child is finding any part of their homework difficult, please speak to your child's teacher before the homework is due so that we can offer support and guidance. As always, we kindly remind families that lost homework books will be charged for, in line with our school policy. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop their mathematical knowledge, skills and confidence.

WEEKLY HOUSE WINNERS

Winning House	Week Ending	Number of Points
Dragon	Friday 4 th September 2026	383
Sphinx	Friday 11 th September 2026	509
Sphinx	Friday 18 th September 2026	522
Sphinx	Friday 25 th September 2026	635

SCHOOL WEBSITE

You can access more information about our school from our school website.



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AUTUMN I 2026

Friday 2nd October 2026: 'Rock Your Socks' Day to raise awareness of Down's Syndrome.

Saturday 3rd October 2026: Half-time Penalties @ Pools.

Thursday 8th October 2026: Year 5 School Nurse Led Body Changes and Personal Hygiene Workshop (1.30pm to 3.00pm).

Friday 9th October 2026: Wear Green for Glitch Day - <https://panspandasuk.org/wear-green-for-glitch/>. On this day we will raise awareness of PANS and PANDAS, with the help of Teddy McIver from Year 6. Teddy has experienced first-hand the devastating impact of PANS and PANDAS, a debilitating neurological condition, often mistaken for many mental health conditions, that is still not understood or recognised widely enough. Teddy has received specialist treatment from a professor in neurology in Birmingham, and his family would now like to help raise awareness and vital funds to support research, education and better treatment for other children affected by this condition. We would love our school community to get behind 'Go Green for Glitch Day' and help make a difference. On this non-uniform day, children can wear green and bring in a contribution for the charity. Thank you in advance.



Monday 12th October 2026: Black History Day 2026.

Monday 12th October 2026 to Friday 16th October 2026: Autumn Parental Consultation Week.

Tuesday 13th October 2026: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm), <https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Wednesday 14th October 2026: Hartlepool Mayor to visit the school and Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit (afternoon).

Monday 19th October 2026: Harvest Assembly. On this day children can bring in donations for the Hartlepool Foodbank. All donations will be gratefully received.

Tuesday 20th October 2026: High Tunstall Annual STEM Lecture.

Wednesday 21st October 2026: School Photographs Day.

Friday 23rd October 2026: Planned Author Day with Beth Walker for Year 4 to Year 6 (1.30pm).

Friday 23rd October 2026: Children break up for the autumn half-term.

AUTUMN II 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026: Children return to school after the autumn half-term.

Tuesday 3rd November 2026: Road to Wembley Football Tournament (12.30pm to 3.00pm) at High Tunstall.

Tuesday 5th November 2026: Class 9, Year 4 Educational Visit to the Tees Barrage.

Friday 6th November 2026: Class 10, Year 4 Educational Visit to the Tees Barrage.

Tuesday 10th November 2026: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm), <https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Wednesday 11th November 2026: School Immunisation Day (Reception to Year 6).

Friday 13th November 2026: Children in Need 2026.

Wednesday 25th November 2026: Early Years Open Evening 2026 (4.00pm to 6.00pm).

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Wednesday 9 th December 2026 Morning & Afternoon	Friday 18 th December 2026 Morning	Monday 14 th December 2026 Afternoon	Wednesday 16 th December 2026 Afternoon
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Thursday 17 th December 2026 Afternoon	Friday 18 th December 2026 Morning	Thursday 17 th December 2026 Afternoon	Tuesday 15 th December 2026 Afternoon

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Wednesday 16 th December 2026 10.30am and 2.30pm	Wednesday 16 th December 2026 9.15am and 1.30pm	Thursday 17 th December 2026 9.15am and 1.30pm	Tuesday 15 th December 2026 9.15am and 1.30pm
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday 15 th December 2026 10.30am and 2.30pm	Thursday 17 th December 2026 10.30am and 2.30pm	Monday 14 th December 2026 9.15am and 1.30pm	Monday 14 th December 2026 10.30am and 2.30pm

Wednesday 2nd December 2026: West View Project Nursery Event.

Wednesday 2nd December 2026: School Christmas Lunch and School Christmas Jumper Day (more details coming soon).

Wednesday 2nd December 2026: My Money Day. From 3.30pm to 4.30pm parents and carers can purchase items made by our Throsties. We will then see which class is crowned 'Entrepreneurs 2026'.

Monday 7th December 2026: P.T.A Christmas Disco. This event is solely arranged by the P.T.A. If you would like to join this group who raise invaluable funds for our school, please contact Miss. Currell via the school office.

Early Years Christmas Disco: 2.45pm to 3.30pm;

Year 1 to Year 3 Christmas Disco: 3.45pm to 4.30pm;

Year 4 to Year 6 Christmas Disco: 4.45pm to 5.30pm.

Price: £3.50 (this includes a goody bag with refreshments).

Tuesday 8th December 2026: Throsties Tots Christmas Party.

Tuesday 8th December 2026: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm), <https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Wednesday 9th December 2026: West View Project Reception Event.

Friday 18th December 2026: Toy Day (morning) and Cards and Calendars Assembly (afternoon).

Friday 18th December 2026: Children break up for the Christmas holidays.

SPRING I 2027

Monday 4th January 2027: Children return to school after the Christmas holidays.

Thursday 7th January 2027: Year 5 School Nurse Led Smoking and Vaping Workshop (1.30pm to 2.30pm).

Tuesday 12th January 2027: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm), <https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Thursday 14th January 2027: Year 5 School Nurse Led Drugs and Alcohol Workshop (1.30pm to 2.30pm).

Monday 25th January 2027 to Friday 29th January 2027: Spring Parental Consultation Week.

Tuesday 9th February 2027: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm),
<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Friday 12th February 2027: Children break up for February half-term.

SPRING II 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027: Children return to school after the February half-term.

Wednesday 3rd March 2027: Year 6 School Nurse Led Emotions and Transition Workshop (1.30pm to 3.00pm).

Tuesday 9th March 2027: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm),
<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Thursday 25th March 2027: Children break up for the Easter holidays.

SUMMER I 2027

Monday 12th April 2027: Children return to school after the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 13th April 2027: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm),
<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper>

Monday 3rd May 2027: May Bank Holiday.

Monday 10th May 2027 to Thursday 13th May 2027: Year 6 SATs week, please ensure your children are NOT absent from school.

Wednesday 12th May 2027: Year 1 School Nurse Led Keeping Safe Workshop (10.30am to 12.00pm).

Monday 24th May 2027 to Wednesday 26th May 2027: Year 6 Residential to Newby Wiske.

Thursday 27th May 2027: Children break up for the summer half-term.

Friday 28th May 2027: Professional Development Day (children do not attend school).

SUMMER II 2027

Monday 7th June 2027: Children return after the summer half-term.

Monday 7th June 2027: Year 4 Multiplication Check Commences (2 weeks).

Monday 7th June 2027: Year 5 Canoeing Day (1 of 5).

Tuesday 8th June 2027: Year 5 Canoeing Day (2 of 5).

Thursday 10th June 2027: Year 4 Pybus Camping Residential (1 of 2).

Thursday 10th June 2027: Year 3 School Nurse Led Healthy Eating Workshop (9.30am to 11.00am).

Monday 14th June 2027: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

Monday 14th June 2027: Year 5 Canoeing Day (3 of 5).

Tuesday 15th June 2027: Year 5 Canoeing Day (4 of 5).

Monday 21st June 2027: Year 5 Canoeing Day (5 of 5).

Thursday 24th June 2027: Year 6 School Nurse Led Puberty Refresher Workshop (1.30pm to 2.30pm).

Thursday 24th June 2027: Year 4 Pybus Camping Residential (2 of 2).

Wednesday 30th June 2027: Year 4 School Nurse Led Emotions and Wellbeing Workshop (9.30am to 11.00am).

Friday 9th July 2027: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (1.30pm onwards).

Monday 12th July 2027: Summer Parental Consultation Evening.

Friday 16th July 2027: Children break up for the summer holidays.

AUTUMN I 2027

Thursday 2nd September 2027: Children return to school after the summer holidays (Wednesday 1st September 2027 is a Professional Development Day).

ADOPTED FROM CARE

Is your child currently living with you under a Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangement Order, but has been looked after in the past under the Care of a Local Authority?

You may be aware that schools receive additional funding for children in receipt of Free School Meals, however you may not know that this additional funding is also available to schools for some pupils who:

- left care under a Residential Order;
- left care under a Special Guardianship Order;
- were adopted from care.

For confidentiality reasons, the local authority does not identify these pupils, and it is for you as the parent/guardian to decide whether to disclose this information about your child to the school. If you are willing to share this information with the school, the school will be able to claim funding each year.

Whilst the Pupil Premium funding is not ring-fenced for individual previously looked after children, often **all children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its pupil premium, such as a teaching assistant in the class or specific interventions available**. National statistics show that children who have been in care face unique challenges at school and often struggle to keep up with their peers. It is vital that they are given the targeted support they need and the education they deserve to help them get on in life.

The process for the school to claim the Pupil Premium Plus is through self-declaration in early October. If you would like us to claim, you must declare your child/children's status to the school before then. The Department for Education requires you to provide evidence of your child's status by sharing your Adoption/Special Guardianship/Child Arrangement Order or showing a letter from the local authority confirming that they placed your child with you. Please be reassured that this information will be treated with the strictest confidence and that names and details are not part of the census. Please contact us should you wish to declare your child's previously looked after status. Please be aware that you must declare your child's status **each time they move to a new school**. If you have previously declared their status to us, you do not need to do so again.

There is no obligation for you to share this information with us, but doing so will help both your child and the school to benefit from this funding. Any information received will be treated with the strictest confidence. If you wish to share information regarding this, please contact Mrs. Tate via the school office.

ALLERGIES

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, all staff at Throston Primary School have now completed allergy awareness and emergency response training. Benedict's Law is named in memory of Benedict Blythe, a five-year-old boy who sadly died following an allergic reaction at school in 2021. From September 2026, new statutory requirements strengthen allergy safety in schools in England, including having a whole-school allergy policy, training staff to recognise and respond to allergic reactions and anaphylaxis, and ensuring appropriate emergency arrangements are in place.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping every child safe, we are also creating clear allergy information posters, like the examples shown below, to identify allergens in food and drink provided at school. These will help children, staff and families make informed choices and further strengthen allergy awareness throughout our school community.

THE SNACK shack

ALL ITEMS
50p

REFUEL
AT SCHOOL



Kellogg's
Winders



Strawberry



Strawberry & Apple



Strawberry & Blackcurrant

Kellogg's
Rice Krispies
Squares



Marshmallow



Caramel & Chocolate



Chocolatey Orange



Totally Chocolatey



Honeycomb & Chocolate

Other
Snacks



Penn State
Sea Salted Pretzels



Penn State
Sour Cream & Chive Pretzels



Kellogg's
Rice Krispies



Kellogg's
Frosties



Kellogg's
Coco Pops



Kellogg's
Corn Flakes Chocolate

PRODUCTS MAY
CONTAIN ALLERGENS

ALLERGENS
INCLUDE:



Cereals
containing Gluten



Milk



Soya



Sesame

Tuck Shop Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Please speak to Mrs. Atkinson if you have any questions.

Happy
Snacking!





Always Children

Special treats for children at our school



Haribo Starmix



Star Biscuit
(made by our school cook)



Crisps



Juice Drink



Ice Pop

The star biscuit is made by our school cook and does contain the allergen Gluten.

These treats may contain the following allergens:



Cereals
containing gluten



Milk



Egg



Soya



Mustard



Sesame

Please check the product packaging for full ingredient information.
If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff.



Kind Ready Safe

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.

