

Monthly Newsletter

February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers, a very warm welcome to the second newsletter of 2026. I would like to start this newsletter by thanking all our parents and carers who have attended or will be attending one of our parental consultations, it is great to have such partnership. Please remember it is not too late to meet with your child's class teacher, simply contact them via ClassDojo.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our parents and carers, who have sent messages of support for Mrs. Kashouris during her unplanned absence. I know they are greatly appreciated. Please remember in the interim Mrs. Dawn Tate has taken over the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs. Tate can be contacted via the school office.



THE DOUBLE

On Friday 16th January 2026, we received TWO trophies for our phenomenal fundraising for the Poppy Appeal.

Rotary Club Statement:

"The total collected from the Schools & Colleges, this year, was a magnificent £8378.18. The school raising the most was Throstion Primary School, achieving a record £1286.53, a quite remarkable total. Not only did Throstion retain their Trophy, but they also achieved the most per pupil, at £3.18 per pupil for which they were awarded a second trophy".

This is the first time we have received the £ per pupil trophy. The trophies were presented by Rotary President Roderick Thompson. Well done, Throsties!

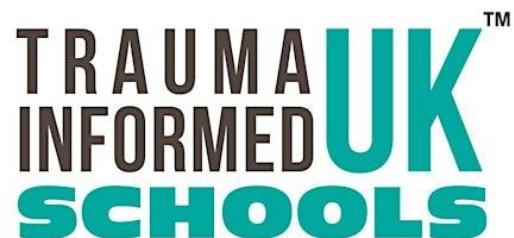


NEW FACES

A very warm welcome to the following new Throsties: Isaac Ankers, Vincent Bolton, Poppy Butterly, Penny Corbett, Fatima Khan Mughal, Hassan Khan Mughal, Axel Kirby, Gracie Morrison, Arthur Shaw, Jaxon Sladen, Ollie Slater, Chester Stokoe, Bobby Storer and Sonny Williams. All the children have joined Nursery with the exception of Vincent who has joined Reception. We hope they are enjoying school and adapting to daily life as a Throstie.

NEW QUALIFICATION

I am delighted to announce that Miss. Younghusband has now achieved a Level 5 Diploma in 'Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools'. This is great news for the school to have our own practitioner with so much expertise to support many of our pupils. Well done to Miss. Younghusband - all your hard work and dedication has paid off.



COMPUTER SUCCESS

We are delighted to confirm that Throston Primary School has been awarded The National Centre for Computing Education Quality Mark for excellence in computing curriculum delivery. A **HUGE** thank you to Mrs. Sharp (our computing lead) for ensuring we obtained this prestigious award.



MATHS SUCCESS

I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Ord has just been awarded the National Professional Qualification for Leading Primary Maths. This will ensure Mrs. Ord continues to ensure we have a high-quality evidence-informed approach to developing our maths curriculum. Well done Mrs. Ord - all your hard work, study and dedication was worth it!

NPQLPM

National Professional Qualification
Leading Primary Maths

PLEASE REMEMBER!

Please remember to send in your child's Acceptable User Agreement. This is all about helping them stay safe and responsible when using technology at school and at home.

VOUCHERS

If you are eligible and have not collected your 'Household Support Vouchers' please contact the school office.

POLITE REQUEST

Just a polite request for car drivers to think of our residents when dropping off and collecting their children. Recently, a disabled resident was unable to use their space after a medical procedure. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



DATES

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

BADGES

Below is a quick reminder as to what score your child needs to obtain in one of our internal checks to achieve one of our multiplication badges.

Number Bonds to 20

Year 1 and Year 2	
Score	Badge
20 to 25	Copper
16 to 19	Green

Times-Tables Award Scheme

Year 3 and Year 4	
Score	Badge
25 in the Official Check (June 2026)	Ultimate
25 in an Internal Check	Champion
21 to 24	Gold
17 to 20	Silver
13 to 16	Bronze

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

Last month will be remembered for having snow, a rare event at our school. It was lovely to see children making the most of it!

Wednesday 7th January 2026: Year 5 pupils benefited from a nurse led workshop on the dangers of smoking and vaping.

Thursday 8th January 2026: 'Online Learning and Safety Event' for Parents and Carers. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Friday 9th January 2026: We presented a cheque to the Alice House Hospice, for our children's fabulous effort in the Reindeer Dash. Throston raised a magnificent £574.00. Well done everyone!



Tuesday 13th January 2026: A representative from Cleveland Police spoke to Year 6 about Cyberbullying. He spoke about age restrictions, and what happens if children bully online. He also explained what happens if children continue to bully online despite warnings, for example the use of anti-social behaviour orders, confiscation of phones and disconnection to the Internet. All children were very attentive and able to answer his questions.

Wednesday 14th January 2026: Year 5 participated in a school nurse led workshop on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

AGE RESTRICTIONS ON MAIN UK SOCIAL MEDIA SITES	
	Facebook 13+
	Instagram 13+
	Snapchat 13+
	TikTok 13+
	YouTube 13+
	WhatsApp 16+

WELL DONE

Please find below details of how our houses are doing in relation to weekly Dojo points.

Week Commencing	1st	2nd	3 rd	4 th
05/01/2026	Pegasus (640)	Griffin and Sphinx (615)		Dragon (597)
12/01/2026	Sphinx (633)	Dragon (592)	Griffin (576) and Pegasus (576)	
19/01/2026	Dragon (551)	Sphinx (529)	Pegasus (495)	Griffin (463)
26/01/2026	Dragon (503)	Pegasus (481)	Sphinx (459)	Griffin (404)

UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

Monday 9th February 2026 to Sunday 15th February 2026: Children's Mental Health Week (<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>).

Tuesday 10th February 2026: Internet Safety Day (<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>).

Thursday 12th February 2026: Year 5 STEM Lego Robotics Workshop at Cummins Darlington.

Friday 13th February 2026: CPR Training for Year 6.

Monday 16th February 2026: JAPP Event at Hartlepool Sixth Form (1.30pm to 2.30pm).

Monday 16th February 2026: Year 6 SATs Information Workshop for Parents and Carers (3.15pm to 4.00pm).

Tuesday 17th February 2026: Chinese New Year Themed Lunch.

Friday 20th February 2026: Children break up for spring half-term.

Monday 2nd March 2026: Children return to school after spring half-term.

Monday 2nd March 2026: Police Drop-in (5.00pm to 6.00pm) in the school library. Opportunity to discuss issues in the community.

Thursday 5th March 2026: World Book Day 2026 (<https://www.worldbookday.com/>).

Friday 13th March 2026: Sea Shanty Day 2026 (this event was originally planned for Friday 27th March 2026).

Tuesday 17th March 2026 to Monday 23rd March 2026: Neurodiversity Celebration Week.

Tuesday 17th March 2026: Key Stage 1 Snappy Spring Music Event at Thornaby Pavilion (1.00pm to 2.30pm).

Thursday 19th March 2026: Class 12, Year 5 Macbeth Festival.

Monday 30th March 2026: Special 'Open the Book' Easter Assembly (9.15am).

Wednesday 1st April 2026: Easter Parade 2026.

Thursday 2nd April 2026: The school closes for the Easter holidays.

Monday 13th April 2026 to Wednesday 15th April 2026: Year 6 Easter SATs School (9.00am to 2.00pm).

Thursday 16th April 2026: National Primary Offer Day 2026.

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20th April 2026: School reopens after the Easter holidays.

Monday 27th April 2026: Benedetti Foundation Key Stage 2 Assembly Music Workshop (singing and percussion), 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

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

Monday 11th May 2026 to Thursday 14th May 2026:
Year 6 SATs Week.

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

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

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.

School Nurse Drop In

Your School Nurses are
Rebecca Smith and Mardia Ali

We will be holding drop-in sessions in school on:

EXAM WORRIES 	MENTAL/EMOTIONAL WELLBEING 	HEALTHY LIFESTYLES 	TOILETING 	SOCIAL MEDIA 	SLEEP
BULLYING 	HEADLICE 	PUBERTY / BODY CHANGES 	DENTAL HYGIENE 	LGBTQ 	BEHAVIOUR

Wednesday 8th October 2025
Wednesday 21st January 2026
Wednesday 25th March 2026
Wednesday 13th May 2026

All 08:45-09:45am
Please come and see us.

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL