

# Monthly Newsletter

## July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to the last official monthly newsletter of the academic year. It is hard to believe we now have less than three weeks until the end of term. Below you will find all the details of our remaining activities and shows. Hopefully, I will get to see you at one of our shows, if not, I would like to say thank you for your support this year and wish you the very best for a safe and enjoyable summer. I will continue to share updates about school events, reports and assessments via ClassDojo.

### **STAFF RETURN AND STAFF ABSENCE**

It is great to have Ms. Neal back at school. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Sharp for teaching Class 10, and Mrs. Masshedar for teaching Class 11 on a full-time basis during Ms. Neal's absence. This has ensured consistency for the two classes.

Unfortunately, Miss. Younghusband is still absent due to family circumstances. In the interim Miss. Emily Shuttleworth continues to teach Class 8. Miss. Shuttleworth is with us prior to moving to a new teaching post at Rossmere Primary School in September. Miss. Shuttleworth, is very approachable and can be contacted via ClassDojo.

### **GOODBYE YEAR 6**

As this is the last official monthly newsletter of 2025/2026, I want to specifically mention our Year 6 superstars. We will officially say goodbye to Year 6 on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (1.30pm), bring your tissues. Here are the superstars leaving us:

## Goodbye Year 6

Good luck on your  
new journey and  
remember to be you!

|                  |                   |                         |                        |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Lily Ackroyd     | Archie Donovan    | Charlie Martin          | James Shipley          |
| Bradley Anderson | Jacob Fox         | Monica-Lee Matthews     | Nicholas Simmons-Giles |
| Emmie Ansell     | Katelyn Galloway  | Harry Metcalfe          | Daisy Smith            |
| Rose Banks       | Willow Hanley     | Ashley Moss             | Mason Taylor           |
| Mia Bates        | Rose Hetherington | Orla Murphy             | Evelyn Thurston        |
| Isla Collings    | Isaac Hicks       | Amelie Neill            | Miley Wager            |
| Riley Conniff    | Amelia Howe       | Leila Northey           | Emily Walker           |
| Ava Cook         | Jade Ingram       | Kate Parker             | Thea Wass              |
| Harper Crowe     | Isla Jackson      | Sonny Joe Parker        | Allyssa Watson         |
| Ted Cullum       | Nina Jordan       | Lucan Picken            | Robyn Weston           |
| Evie Cussons     | Samuel Kidd       | Joel Pringle            | Abella Whittingham     |
| Morgan Dack      | Gracie Lawson     | George Proudlock        | Finlay Wilkinson       |
| Lilja Davis      | Grace Lilley      | Matilda Reed            | Harper Winchurch       |
| Alfie Donaldson  | Ashton Littlewood | Sidney Reeder           | Macie Woodward         |
| Isaac Donnison   | Amber Malone      | Arabella Royal-Blackett |                        |

## LUCAS

Needless, to say the Year 6 leavers' assembly will also be very emotional as we all know this is the year group which lost their friend and classmate Lucas Tarran. I know how he is still greatly missed by everyone at the school. His mum has made me aware that his inquest has been confirmed as Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 and will run for approximately one week. Mum has given us this advanced notice as the proceedings are likely to attract significant media attention. Mum wants our families to prepare their children in case they hear anything upsetting. This is so thoughtful of mum, and I really appreciate her letting me share this news.



## GOODBYE

Last month we said a tearful goodbye to Alfie McDermott from Year 2. Best wishes for your new school. Please keep in touch!

## WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to all our Year 4 campers, who participated in a residential to the Pybus Campsite. All the children made the most of the experience despite the weather. We are so proud of their attitude, behaviour and teamwork. A HUGE thank you to Mr. McMorris, Mr. Staff, Miss. Hatfield and Miss. Leister, as without them the visit would not have been possible.



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Thank you to our school nurse who visited Year 3 to deliver a workshop on health eating.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Thank you to everyone who attended our Reception Induction Meeting. We hope you collected your book bag and enjoyed your lunch. If you have any questions before our transition day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026, please don't hesitate to contact the school via visiting the school office, sending a message on ClassDojo, phoning the school (01429) 288291 or e-mailing the addresses below:

**School Office:** [admin@throstonschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@throstonschool.org.uk)

**Early Years Leader:** [adavies@throstonschool.org.uk](mailto:adavies@throstonschool.org.uk)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Congratulations to our Upper Key Stage 2 Cricket Team, that were crowned Hartlepool Town Cricket Champions. This means we have done the double - with our boys recently being crowned town football champions. Well done to all our cricketers, whose amazing teamwork, talent and skill ensured we were victorious.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to Year 2, for their outstanding behaviour and attitude during a wet and windy visit to Souter Lighthouse. We are very proud of you!



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to our athletes who participated in the Cluster Athletics Competition. Qualifiers from this competition qualified for the 'Athletics Town Final' on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026. During the town final our children helped Hartlepool earn the following medals: Year 5 Boys: Silver, Year 5 Girls: Silver and Year 6 Girls: Bronze.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Thank you to everyone that attended our getting ready for Nursery meeting. It was lovely to meet many new faces and ex-Throsties.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Two of our Year 5 pupils, Oliver Kerr and Harry Sexton attended the 'Jam Coding Grand Final' at Kingston University in London. As part of Code Club, they designed and built their own retro video game. This is an amazing achievement. Many thanks to Mrs. Sharp for running our Code Club.



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to everyone that participated in our annual 'Throston's Got Talent' competition. It was a great day with so many children showcasing their talents. A HUGE thank you to Olive Aveyard our 2025 TGT Winner for coming back to sing for us. Another HUGE thank you to Angel Hanlon, a former Throstie for performing for us. Angel was our outstanding special guest! The results:

### **EARLY YEARS TGT26 COMPETITION:**

**Winner:** Ariana Wass (the 1<sup>st</sup> ever pupil to win the Early Years competition twice, Ariana will move to the main competition next year). Many congratulations.

**Runner-up:** Ava-Grace Donnelly.

**Third Place:** Ada Wearmouth.

### **YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 TGT26 COMPETITION:**

**Winner:** Paisley Collins - for her tap-tastic routine! Many congratulations.

**Runner-Up:** Hollie Dougherty.

**Third Place:** The Spice Girls (Sophie Fletcher, Georgia Hilder, Neave Lloyd, Lily Swinburne and Amelie Surtees).

**Golden Buzzer:** Our Golden Buzzer winner for best audience reaction: Lily Ackroyd, Ashton Littlewood, Daisy Smith and Thea Wass.

Watch TGT26 via this link: <https://throston-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/throstones-got-talent-2026-1>

Well done to everyone who entered the competition this year, we could not have a talent competition without you! Thank you also to our judges: Miss. Hatfield, Mr. Millward, Olive Aveyard, Henri Wood, Nina Jordan, Bea Robinson and Mason Taylor.



### **The TGT Hall of Fame:**

2026 Winner: Paisley Collins - Tap Dancing.  
2025 Winner: Olive Aveyard - Singing.  
2024 Winner: Shauna Thomas - Dancing.  
2023 Winner: Jessie Crutchley - Dancing.  
2022 Winner: Maisie Gofton - Singing.  
2021 Winner: Luke Smart - Singing.  
2020 Winner: Layden Wyness - Drumming.  
2019 Winner: Beth Branfoot - Singing.  
2018 Winner: Harriett Devine, Jessica Flint and Holly Jensen - Singing and Dancing.  
2017 Winner: Nancy Rowbotham - Musical Theatre.  
2016 Winner: Faith Green - Dancing/Cheerleading (a finalist in Britain's Got Talent in 2026).  
2015: Winner: Tia Andrews - Singing whilst playing the Piano.  
2014 Winner: Naomi Park-Hanson and Laura Jukes-Bell - Comedy Act.  
2013 Winner: Billy Littlewood - Tap Dancing (a finalist in Britain's Got Talent in 2024).  
2012 Winner: Evie Andrews - Singing.  
2011 Winner: Daniel Hill - Gymnastics.  
2010 Winner: Katie Kennedy - Gymnastics.



### **Early Years Competition:**

2026 Winner: Ariana Wass - Tap Dancing.  
2025 Winner: Ariana Wass - Musical Theatre.  
2024 Winner: Jay Hann - Impressions.  
2023 Winner: Maggie Keighley - Singing.  
2022 Winner: Alice McBride - Dancing.  
2021 Winner: Hugo Shepherd - Dancing.  
2020 Winner: Taylor Ord - Singing.

### **Golden Buzzer Winner (best audience reaction):**

2026 Winner: Lily Ackroyd, Ashton Littlewood, Daisy Smith and Thea Wass\*.  
2025 Winner: Poppy Carney, Maddison Green, Bella Thompson and Jessica Wakelam\*\*.  
2024 Winner: Daisy Atkinson - Dancing.  
2022 Winner: Mrs. D. Tate - Dancing.  
2021 Winner: Summer Hurst - Dancing.

*\*Michael Jackson Tribute.*

*\*\*Banana Act.*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to our footballers that came second in a north eastern football tournament! Outstanding performances in every position! The results: Riverside (1) vs. Throston (1), Newker (3) v Throston (1), Easington Colliery (1) vs. Throston (5), Broom Cottages (1) vs. Throston (6) and Biddick (1) vs. Throston (4).

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026:** A HUGE thank you to all the adults who supported our Year 1 puppeteers. We hoped you enjoyed working with our Throsties.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026:** Our Phoenix Room had a fabulous day at the beach; it was the perfect day for a dip in the sea!



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done Drama Club, for your amazing performances of Moana at High Tunstall. We are incredibly proud of all our drama cast members. I know Mrs. Gibson and her daughter Beth, were both amazed at the talent on stage and were grateful to the school for dedicating the show to the beloved Mr. Dave Gibson.



You can watch all the performances via this link:

<https://throston-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/moana-jr>



During the shows we received £84.84 in donations and raised £324.80 via our refreshment stand, thank you.



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jue 2026:** Year 6 participated in a school nurse led workshop on personal hygiene and body changes.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** On this day our RotaKids, spent time with the RotaKids at Park End Primary School in Middlesbrough. They shared what they have been doing, explored the school and planned future projects. All the RotaKids were fantastic ambassadors and were praised by the staff at Park End. Well done RotaKids!

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Year 3 visited the Roman site of Binchester, although it is located in County Durham, the temperature felt like Italy!

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to Year 2 on being crowned Hartlepool skipping champions! We also had individual successes in varying events. Way to go Throstie skippers!



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Well done to everyone who participated in our Year 1 to Year 6 Sports Day. A second thank you to everyone who gave up their time to come and cheer on our children. The results:

**Year 1 to Year 3 Competition:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Year 3 Pegasus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Year 2 Sphinx and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Year 1 Griffin.

**Year 4 to Year 6 Competition:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Year 4 Sphinx, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Year 6 Griffin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Year 5 Dragon.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Year 4 participated in a school nurse led workshop on emotions, coping strategies and mindfulness.



## DATES

You can access our 2026 to 2027 annual school calendar via this link:

<https://www.throston.school.org.uk/page/?title=Annual+School+Calendar&pid=187&action=saved>

## UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026:** Phoenix Room Sports Day (2.30pm).

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Drama Visit to London.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Summer/Leavers' Shows (Nursery to Year 6).

### **SUMMER SHOWS 2026:**

| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>July 2026 | Wednesday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> July<br>2026 | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup><br>July 2026 | Tuesday<br>14 <sup>th</sup> July<br>2026 | Wednesday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> July<br>2026 | Thursday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> July<br>2026 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Year 5                              | Reception                                 | Year 6                               | Year 2                                   |                                            | Year 3                                    |
| 9.15am and<br>1.30pm                | 9.15am and<br>1.30pm                      | 1.30pm<br>Leavers<br>Assembly        | 9.15am and<br>1.30pm                     |                                            | 9.15am and<br>1.30pm                      |
|                                     | Nursery                                   |                                      | Year 1                                   | Year 4                                     |                                           |
|                                     | 10.30am<br>and 2.30pm                     |                                      | 10.30am<br>and 2.30pm                    | 10.30am<br>and 2.30pm                      |                                           |

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Key Stage 2 SATs Results.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Phoenix Room II (The Library) visit to Souter Lighthouse.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Drama Club Cinema Visit (morning).

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Year 5 Maths Event at High Tunstall.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Annual Reports to be distributed (Nursery to Year 5).

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Year 6 Secondary School Transition.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Whole School Transition Day. On arrival to school children should head to their new classrooms, there will be staff outside on the morning to help direct. Children should also be collected from their new classrooms at the end of the school day. If your child will be in Reception in September 2026, we will assume that your child will have a school dinner, unless you inform us you prefer your child to have a packed lunch. Reminders of classes for next year are shown below:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Optional Parent's Evening (3.30pm to 5.00pm).

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Early Years Teddy Bear Picnic.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** ColourMudder at High Tunstall for Year 5 and Year 6. If you would like your child to participate please use our school shop and pay the £5 flat fee. All money will go to charity. It is expected Year 6 will have their ColourMudder at the end of the day, so they can go to High Tunstall ready to participate in the ColourMudder.

<https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Stay and Play in the Phoenix Room (8.45am).

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026:** Annual Awards Evening (5.00pm onwards).

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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! Special leavers lunch.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026:** Professional Development Day (children do not attend school).

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026:** First Day of the 2026/2027 Academic Year.

### **WELL DONE**

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

| <b>Week Commencing</b> | <b>Winners</b> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 20/04/2026             | Sphinx         |
| 27/04/2026             | Sphinx         |
| 04/05/2026             | Sphinx         |
| 11/05/2026             | Pegasus        |
| 18/05/2026             | Sphinx         |
| 01/06/2026             | Pegasus        |
| 08/06/2026             | Sphinx         |
| 15/06/2026             | Sphinx         |
| 22/06/2026             | Dragon         |

### **AMAZING KINDNESS**

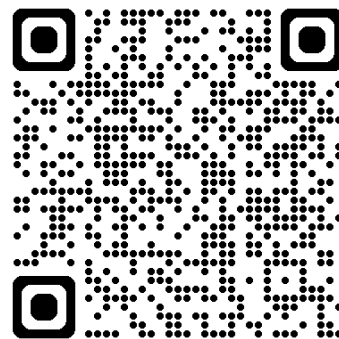
Our final cheque for <https://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/> was an amazing £600. Thank you everyone!

### **IN THE PRESS**

Please click on the link to read our latest articles in the local press: [Coding Final](#)

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? Eligibility for free school meals is changing from September 2026. If you are in receipt of Universal credits, and have earnings over £7400 per year, your child may now be eligible for a free school meal. To make a claim for free school meals from September 2026 please scan the QR code to complete an application or visit Hartlepool Borough Council website to apply. If your child already receives free school meals, you do not need to apply .



## **PRIMARY SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE**

I write to advise that the Executive Leadership Team of the Council has agreed the school meal price from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 will be set at **£3.43** per meal (£17.15 per week). The new adult meal price will be £4.00 (plus VAT) from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026. The council have stated "We fully appreciate that this is a large increase in meal prices for Hartlepool schools but it does reflect the true cost of providing a school meal currently. We believe that the catering service continues to offer good value to schools and families while meeting all aspects of the governments School Food Standards. We remain committed to providing the best possible service and ensuring pupils enjoy good quality meals served in healthy portion sizes".

## **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

During the last week of term, we will be launching our Summer Reading Challenge 2026. It is always very popular and a fun way to encourage summer reading. The challenge will involve completing different fun, reading-related tasks. One of the promoted activities within our Summer Reading Challenge, is the Reading Agency reading challenge, which is hosted by libraries across the country. This year, the theme is 'Read to the Beat'. You can sign up online or by visiting your local library. We would like to see lots of children sign up for this.

### **[Summer Reading Challenge](#)**

There will be prizes for all who enter and related prize draws. Look out for the Summer Reading Challenge task sheets.



## **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.



## CLASS TEACHERS - SEPTEMBER 2026

Please find below details of class teachers for September 2026.

| CLASS    | TEACHER - September 2026      | Current Class Number<br>2025/2026                                          |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery  | Mrs. Davies                   | n/a                                                                        |
| Class 1  | Mrs. Cleveland/Mrs. Parker*   | If you have not received a class list<br>please contact the school office. |
| Class 2  | Mrs. Rathmell/Mrs. Bell**     |                                                                            |
| Class 3  | Miss. Harding                 | 2                                                                          |
| Class 4  | Mrs. Fleetham-Reid            | 1                                                                          |
| Class 5  | Mrs. Martin                   | 3                                                                          |
| Class 6  | Mrs. Hall                     | 4                                                                          |
| Class 7  | Mr. Staff                     | 6                                                                          |
| Class 8  | Miss. Younghusband            | 5                                                                          |
| Class 9  | Mrs. Sharp                    | 7                                                                          |
| Class 10 | Ms. Neal                      | 8                                                                          |
| Class 11 | Mrs. Masshedar/Mrs. Samuel*** | 10                                                                         |
| Class 12 | Miss. Moody                   | 9                                                                          |
| Class 13 | Mr. McMorris                  | 11                                                                         |
| Class 14 | Mrs. Ord                      | 12                                                                         |

\*Mrs. Cleveland (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs. Parker (Wednesday to Friday)

\*\*Mrs. Rathmell (Monday) and Mrs. Bell (Tuesday to Friday)

\*\*\*Mrs. Masshedar (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs. Samuel (Thursday and Friday)

# 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