



NEW SCHOOL YEAR - 2026/2027

Dear Parents and Carers, I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable summer and your children have many new memories to share. The aim of this newsletter is to provide a catch-up on events from last term and prepare you for the first term of the new 2026/2027 academic year. Needless to say, we are very excited for the year ahead. On behalf of the school I would like to wish all our children the very best for the new academic year - including all those former Throsties starting secondary school, college or university - please keep in touch. Once a Throstie always a Throstie!



NEW FACES

I would like to start this newsletter by welcoming all our newest Throsties. I hope they all settle in quickly and have a 'flying start to success'. Our new faces are:

Reception: Elliott Bloxham-Maguire, Pàdraig-James Cafferkey, Luca Carling, Harper Dunn, Archibald Fisher, Benjamin Foxon, Angel-Grace Hogg, Jesse Lindsay, Poppy Meadley, Noah Moir, Charlie Morris, Hallie Morris, Benjamin Price-Bird, Lily Whitehead and Harper Rose Williams.

Year 3: Anamelia McLoughlin.

Year 5: Shay Calvert-Louca and Thomas Harper.

Needless to say I will also mention our new Nursery starters as they join our school during the course of this year.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

At the end of last term and during the summer holidays we said goodbye to a few Throsties, (in addition to our Year 6 cohort). We hope they enjoy their new schools and stay in touch. The leavers are Abozar Bayat, Karar Bayat, Danieva Evans, Alfie McDermott, Rayah Mubaiwa, Oscar Thompson and Henry Winwood.

STAFF DEPARTURES

At the end of last term we also said goodbye to two members of staff namely Miss. Leister and Miss. Shuttleworth. Miss. Leister, supported children in our Phoenix Room, worked as a lunchtime supervisor, and worked in our after school club whilst Miss. Shuttleworth supported in Key Stage 2. On behalf of the school I would like to thank both members of staff, and wish them the very best for the future.

ANNUAL REPORTS

At the end of last term we distributed school reports via ClassDojo for every child in the school. If you did not receive your child's report please contact our school office.

SATS SUCCESS!

Well done to our Year 6 cohort for their SATs results last year. We had many individual successes. As a school our combined reading, maths and writing percentage was 8% above the national figure - Go Throsties!

WE ARE SUCH A SPORTY SCHOOL!

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the School Games Platinum Award in recognition of our outstanding



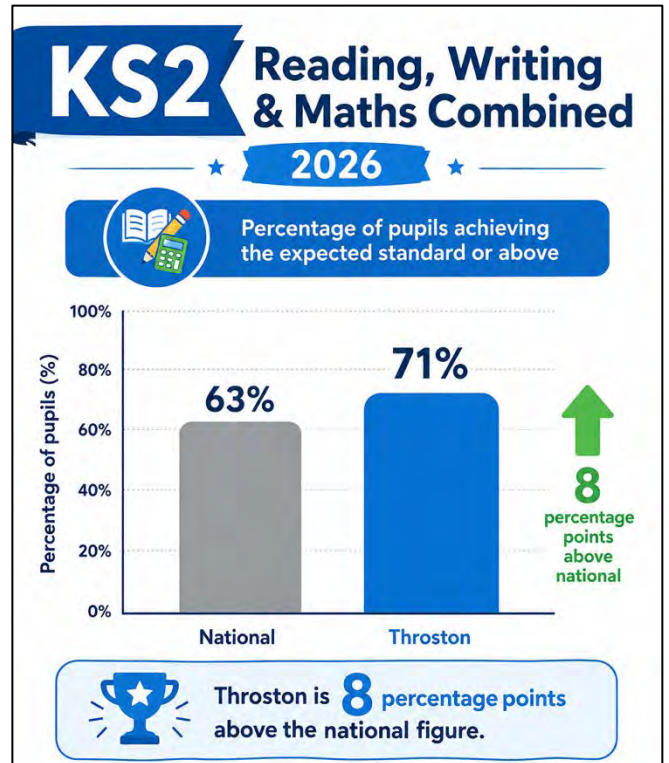
commitment to PE, school sport and physical activity. This prestigious national award celebrates schools that provide high-quality sporting opportunities, encourage all children to take part, promote healthy and active lifestyles, and offer a wide range of inclusive competitions and leadership opportunities. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Martin, our dedicated PE Lead, whose passion, hard work and commitment have been instrumental in achieving this fantastic accolade. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of all the children who have embraced sport with such enthusiasm throughout the year.

ECO SUCCESS

I am delighted to announce we have been awarded the Green Flag with Merit Level. The awarding body loved seeing sustainability embedded across the curriculum and that pupils are developing critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills whilst exploring topics such as plastic pollution, litter and marine conservation. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Rathmell for all her hard work collating evidence for this award.



Once we receive our new flag we will hoist it on our flagpole.



WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

Wednesday 1st July 2026: Our Early Years Sports Day. Thank you to everyone that attended our sports day and cheered on our youngest children. The weather was very kind to us this year.

Thursday 2nd July 2026: Well done to our Lower Key Stage 2 children that represented us so well at a cricket festival in Seaton Carew. A second well done to our Upper Key Stage 2 footballers that beat Sacred Heart 5-1 in a friendly match.

Saturday 4th July and Sunday 5th July 2026: Well done to the members of our drama group who enjoyed a visit to London. We received many compliments from members of the public. Whilst in London, children visited the Natural History Museum, went to see 'Wicked the Musical' and visited Madame Tussauds. Thank you to all the members of the drama team for making this visit possible.

Tuesday 7th July 2026: Thank you to everyone who attended our Throstie Tots Summer Party. Best wishes to the children moving into Early Years education.

Friday 10th July 2026: Well done to everyone who took part in a maths challenge at High Tunstall. We came 2nd overall!

Friday 10th July 2026: On this day we announced our drama show for summer 2027, namely 'Trolls the Musical Jr'. Children had to guess as we rearranged letters. We did this at the end of the drama reward - watching Moana at Hartlepool Vue Cinema. Invites to join drama club for this year will be distributed in early September.

Friday 10th July 2026: Thanks to the police for visiting Year 6 to remind them they should not be accessing social media aimed at much older teenagers. The police also reinforced the laws linked with the sharing of images.



Friday 10th July 2026: Well done to James Shipley, whose competition winning name was selected for one of the Hartlepool food waste trucks - you will see 'Food Waste Fitz' out and about in Hartlepool. Among his prizes was a £50 Amazon voucher for himself on one for the school. Thank you and congratulations!



Monday 13th July 2026: Our transition day, our Throsties spent the day in their new classes with their new teachers.



Wednesday 15th July 2026: Our World Cup non-uniform day, to mark England's progress to the World Cup semi-final.



Wednesday 15th July 2026: The annual ColourMudder at High Tunstall. Thank you to everyone who took part and raised money for local charities.

Wednesday 15th July 2026: The Nursery 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. Thank you to Silly Sloths for the soft play equipment.

Thursday 16th July 2026: Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Stay and Play' session in our Phoenix Room.

Friday 17th July 2026: Toy Day and Year 6 Cinema Visit.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you to our 11 High Tunstall students who attended our school for a work experience week last term. 10 of the students were former Throsties, it was great to have them back!



SUMMER SHOWS 2026

Thank you to everyone that attended our summer shows last term. You can watch the shows again via this link: <https://throston-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/shows-for-the-summer-2026>. If a show is not listed, it is because we do not have full consent from all parents and carers to publish the show online. Please be reassured we do however have a recording in school. The Year 6 show featured a fitting tribute to the late Lucas Tarran. After the Year 6 show, children enjoyed a leavers' party complete with double decker bus.



FIRST CLASS AWARDS 2026

At the end of last term (Thursday 16th July 2026) we held our annual First Class Awards. Well done to all our winners. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this event so special. I would also like to thank all the organisers and presenters who gave up their time. A special thank you to Bill Reid and his family, for obtaining and engraving all our awards. Another special thank you to Paisley Collins (TGT26 Winner), Hollie Dougherty, Daisy Smith and Thea Wass (from our Moana cast) for opening the awards with their fabulous performances.

Throston's Got Talent, Early Years Winners:

Winner: Ariana Wass

Runner-up: Ava-Grace Donnelly

Third Place: Ada Wearmouth

Throston's Got Talent, The Main Competition Winners:

Winner: Paisley Collins

Runner-Up: Hollie Dougherty

Third Place: Sophie Fletcher, Georgia Hilder, Neave Lloyd, Lily Swinburne and Amelie Surtees

Golden Buzzer (for best audience reaction during TGT26): Lily Ackroyd, Ashton Littlewood, Daisy Smith and Thea Wass

The Ellis Stewart Aspiration Award Winner: Hollie Dougherty



Danny's Legacy - Making a Difference Award Winner: Jacob Fox

Greta Green* Science Award Winners:

The overall winner in **Yellow**, was selected by Science Lead Mrs. Fleetham-Reid.

Nursery: Theodore Milburn and **James Hamilton**

- Class 1:** Elijah Klein
- Class 2:** Vincent Bolton
- Class 3:** George Bates
- Class 4:** Isabelle Cullis
- Class 5:** Finley Plant
- Class 6:** Dexter Matthews
- Class 7:** Jimi Watson
- Class 8:** George Crane
- Class 9:** Malcolm Matthews
- Class 10:** Alden Kelly
- Class 11:** Phoebe Campbell
- Class 12:** Miles Gollaglee
- Class 13:** James Shipley
- Class 14:** Amelie Neill

**donated by former pupil - Dr. Tara Belcher, after being inspired by former head teacher Greta Green to become a doctor.*

Shears Sports Award Winners:

The overall winner in **Yellow**, was selected by PE Lead Mrs. Martin.

Nursery: Isla Norris and Ronnie Manby

- Class 1:** Lottie Sanderson
- Class 2:** Ariana Wass
- Class 3:** Matthew Polasik
- Class 4:** Jack Mincher
- Class 5:** Edie Metcalfe
- Class 6:** Eva Nottingham
- Class 7:** Jacob Walshaw
- Class 8:** Winston Aveyard
- Class 9:** Albert Hunt
- Class 10:** Sofia McKie
- Class 11:** Toby Armstrong
- Class 12:** Phoebe Waite
- Class 13:** Gracie Lawson
- Class 14:** **Joel Pringle**

Reading Award Winners:

The overall winner in **Yellow**, was selected by Reading Champion Mrs. Hall.

Nursery: Xander Ierubino and Chester Stokoe

Class 1: Reuben Church

Class 2: Orla Jackson

Class 3: Gabriel Atumah

Class 4: Elsie Drake

Class 5: Kyle Keenan

Class 6: Hallie Mae Reed

Class 7: Ada Andrews

Class 8: Alfie Mason

Class 9: Willow Jobling

Class 10: Harvey M^cDonald

Class 11: Oscar Allen

Class 12: Poppy Drake

Class 13: Kate Parker

Class 14: George Proudlock

Playleader Award Winner: Isla Collings

'The Sonya Black Staff Award' Winners: Mr. Staff, Miss. Whitaker and Mrs. Wright

Children who achieving all 16 Throsties: Mia Bates, Evie Cussons, Amelia Howe, Isla Jackson, Ashton Littlewood, Amber Malone, James Shipley, Robyn Weston, Finley Wilkinson and Harper Winchurch.

Phoenix Awards: Jason Northey, Lilly Cooke and Mr. Millward

Drama Oscars:

Best Newcomer: Lauryl Hogg

Beyond Expectations: Amelie Neill

Most Comical: Alice McBride

Most Consistent: Evie Cussons and Mehrsana Sekhavati

Most Dedicated: Willow Hanley

Most Determined: Arthur Laing

Most Effort: Evelyn Weighill

Most Energetic: Elsie Billyard

Most Impressive: Hollie Dougherty

Most Improved: Phoebe Campbell

Most Professional: Thea Wass

Most Promising: Flynn Atkinson

Most Supportive: Amber Malone

The Alton Caring Award Winners:

The overall winner in **Yellow**, was selected by Miss. Currell and Mrs. Tate.

Nursery: Milana Bresnen and Madeleine Stephenson

Class 1: Myla Bell

Class 2: Rose Bowman

Class 3: Amoir Patterson

Class 4: Harper Wisdom

Class 5: Beau Cannon

Class 6: Zach Hann

Class 7: Abel Phillips

Class 8: Emily Lloyd

Class 9: Freddy Andrews

Class 10: Georgie Calvert

Class 11: Leighton Oldham

Class 12: Hugo Pape

Class 13: Isla Collings

Class 14: Ashton Littlewood

House Winners 2026:

If you wish to have your child's house medal engraved, please contact Mrs. Fleetham-Reid. The children in yellow received a trophy and not a medal.



Austen (English) House Winners:

The overall winners in **Yellow**, were selected by English Lead Mrs. Hall.

Early Years: Harper Hunt, Jacob Parsons, **Chester Sainty** and Sam Mincher.

Key Stage 1: Erin Rae, **Esmee Proffitt**, Etienne Jordan and Arthur Ackroyd.

Lower Key Stage 2: Jamie Hunt, **Heidi Fletcher**, Dolly Gibbon and Emily Smith

Upper Key Stage 2: Georgia Hilder, **Isla Cook**, Mia Bates and Amelie Howe.

Cook (History/Geography) Winners:

The overall winners in **Yellow**, were selected by History Lead Miss. Harding and Geography Lead Mr. McMorris.

Early Years: Archie Rose, Luke Moody, **Oscar Hegherty** and Ren Boswell.

Key Stage 1: Alfie Todd, Arthur Allison, **Harriett Robinson** and Charlie Allen.

Lower Key Stage 2: **Louie Chapman**, Eliza Pearson, Elsie Billyard and Jacob Kirton

Upper Key Stage 2: Arthur Laing, Esmee Lloyd, **Riley Conniff** and Mason Taylor.

Fleming (Maths) Winners:

The overall winners in **Yellow**, were selected by Maths Lead Mrs. Ord.

Early Years: Amelia Brown, Harri Manning, Jack Edwards and **Rueben Watson**.

Key Stage 1: Austen Morgan, Harry Scott, Theo Hoggart and **Leo Klein**.

Lower Key Stage 2: Elliot Wright, **Jenson Doughty**, Mehrsana Sekhavati and Henry Wilkin

Upper Key Stage 2: Rory Wilkinson, Walter Church, Leila Northey and **Amber Malone**.

Potter (Art) Winners:

The overall winners in **yellow**, were selected by Art Lead Miss. Younghusband.

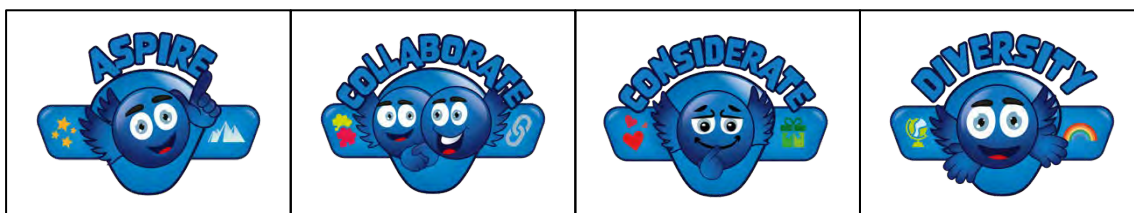
Early Years: Nancy Mole, Oscar Thompson, **Grace Piggford** and Grace Hepple.

Key Stage 1: **Bobbi-Jae Stewart**, Toby Davis, Sienna Swift and Lydia Gallagher.

Lower Key Stage 2: **Isaac Sullivan**, David Atumah, Basira Rahimi and Charlie Flounders

Upper Key Stage 2: Ella Winspear, **Clara Cafferkey**, Nicholas Simmons-Giles and Allyssa Watson.

Throstie Winners 2026:

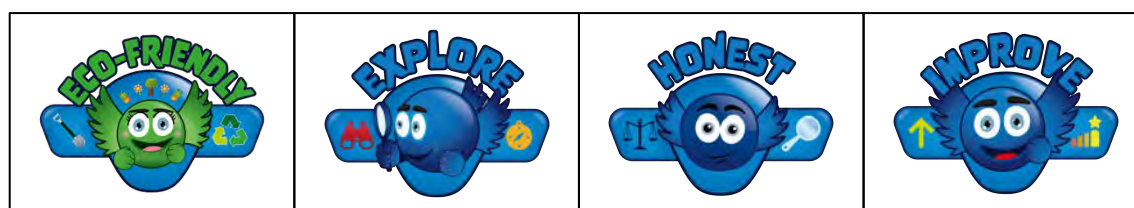


Aspire: Finlay Wilkinson

Collaborate: Olivia Little

Considerate: Isabella Quigley

Diversity: Rosie Hanson

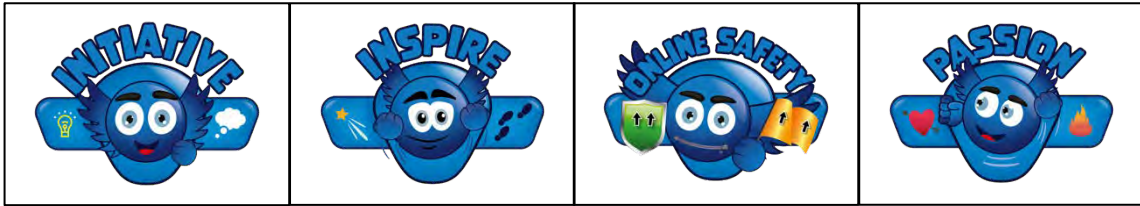


Eco-Friendly: Beth Rennie

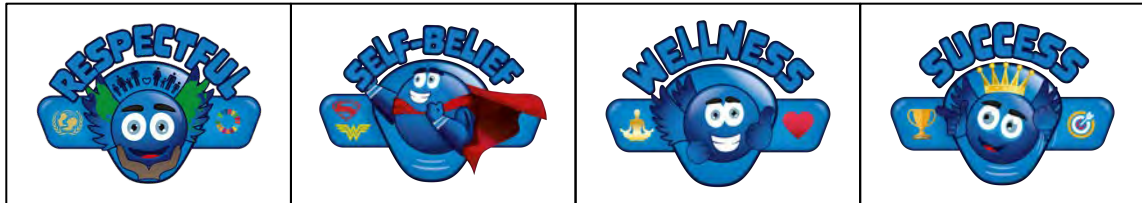
Explore: Abella Whittingham

Honest: Halle Gustavson

Improve: Rory Pout



Initiative: Harper Crowe
Inspire: Lola Bailey
Online Safety: Amelia Howe
Passion: Daisy Atkinson



Respectful: Nina Jordan
Self-Belief: Bella Cannon
Wellness: Freddie Ford
Success: Oliver Kerr and Harry Sexton

First Class Award Winners:

Nursery: Carson Dignen
Class 1: Evie Ingham
Class 2: Bradley Wright
Class 3: Sophie Bennett
Class 4: Skyler Parry
Class 5: Amara Brown
Class 6: Alfie Dawson
Class 7: Anna Dodds
Class 8: Oliver Proffitt
Class 9: Hallie Lloyd
Class 10: Harsukh Kullar
Class 11: Sophie Fletcher
Class 12: Riley Bate
Class 13: Lucan Picken
Class 14: Daisy Smith



The overall winner in **Yellow**, was selected by the full governing body after reading teacher nominations.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone supported our PTA led summer raffle, the 1st prize was a '2 in 1' health grill with a £50 gift card. The big winners were 1st Prize: Bobby Appleby, 2nd Prize: Beth Rennie and 3rd Prize: Erin Rae.



THANK YOU AGAIN

Thank you to Mrs. Fleetham-Reid's Nana Annie for making knitted characters for Class 4, last term. They are wonderful.

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your very generous gifts and cards sent to the school last term. They were very well received. It is great to have such kind and supportive Throstie parents!



BUSY SUMMER

Well done to Poppy for another successful year of sunflower growing, and well done to Clara and Clodagh for climbing Holy Mountain Croagh Patrick (The Reek) in Ireland. It is great to see them still reading!



WELL DONE

Congratulations to Sphinx House for achieving the most weekly wins last term. I hope the children from this house enjoyed their treat.



SPHINX

100% ATTENDANCE

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last academic year: Myla Bell, Halle Lee, Austin Morgan, Jesse Rowbotham, Ella Marshall, Ava Bailey, Anna Dodds, Heidi Flether, Isaac Simmons-Giles, Oscar Allen, Sophie Fletcher (now three years in a row!), Ella Dodds, Leila Northey, Alfie Donaldson, Emmie Ansell, Isaac Donnison, Samuel Kidd and Amber Malone. A magnificent achievement!

BUILDING WORK

During the summer holidays, we have made many improvements to our school. These are listed below:

- 1) Refurbishment of the Key Stage 1 toilets and the Year 3 and 4 boys toilet.
- 2) Completion of a full asbestos check for the school and school bungalow.
- 3) Class 13, Year 6, carpet replaced.



SCHOOL TIMES

- Breakfast Club (7.45am to 8.45am). Cost: £3.50.
Main contact: Mrs. Andrea Schofield.
- After School Club (3.15pm to 6.00pm). Cost: £9.
Main contacts: Mrs. Martha Feroz and Mrs. Rachel Norton.
- If you need to use the Breakfast or After School Clubs, you must use the booking system on SchoolMoney to book your sessions. If you are experiencing problems logging on, please just ask at the office and we can help. Thank you.
- Morning Nursery Session: 8.45am to 11.45am and Afternoon Nursery Session: 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Children starting at 8.45am will enter and exit through the nursery garden door. Children starting at 12.30pm will enter via the door next to Class 1, and exit through the nursery garden door.
- Children in Reception (Class 1), should be dropped off directly to the classroom door for 8.45am. Children will need collecting from the classroom door at 3.15pm.
- Children in Reception (Class 2), should be dropped off directly to the classroom door (in the Early Years garden) for 8.45am. Children will need collecting from the classroom door (in the Early Years garden) at 3.15pm.
- Children in Year 1 (Class 3 and Class 4) and Year 2 (Class 5 and Class 6) should be dropped off directly to the Key Stage 1 entrance for 8.45am. Children will need collecting from the classroom doors at 3.15pm.



- Children in Year 3 (Class 7 and Class 8) and Year 4 (Class 9 and Class 10) need to be dropped off at the Key Stage 2 entrance near the yellow bike shelter for 8.45am. At home time (3.15pm) Year 3 children need collecting from the hall corridor doors, whilst Year 4 will need collecting from the Key Stage entrance near the yellow bike shelter (unless they have permission to walk home).
- Children in Year 5 (Class 11 and Class 12) and Year 6 (Class 13 and Class 14) need to be dropped off at the Key Stage 2 entrance near the blue bike shelter for 8.45am. At home time (3.15pm) Year 5 and Year 6 need collecting at the same doors, unless they have permission to walk home.

Doors will open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am

Anyone arriving after 8.50am can enter the school via the main entrance

Registers close at 9.05am

COLLECTION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- You will soon be given a new form to let us know who can collect your child, please remember, only responsible adults over the age of 18, can collect children and only children in Year 4 and above can walk home unsupervised. The form should be returned to your child's class teacher.
- Please let us know ASAP if any of your contact details have changed (including your mobile phone number, address etc...).
- Please also let us know if your child's dietary/medical information has changed.

CLASSDOJO

- ClassDojo has now been updated for the 2026/2027 academic year, if you have any problems with this communication platform please contact the school office.
- Please note teachers set quiet hours on ClassDojo, this means message push notifications are muted at set hours to ensure a work/life balance for staff. Staff are not expected to reply to messages at weekends, or before 8.30am or after 4.15pm on weekdays. Please note teachers will be unable to reply when teaching



TOYS, BOTTLES AND BIRTHDAYS

- No stationery/toys need to be brought into school; school will provide all necessary equipment. Please note children who have sensory toys/items, can of course bring them into school.
- Water bottles are still encouraged, despite us having water fountains in the school. Please label them.

- We are still asking that you bring in birthday cake, sweets etc.... in sealed packets/boxes. This is so parents can decide whether or not children can eat the food, this is a precaution to help children with allergies.

PE, CLUBS AND HOMEWORK

- Class teachers will soon share information regarding PE Days and Homework. We will also soon share details of extra-curricular clubs via ClassDojo. If you cannot get on ClassDojo, please let us know.

RECEPTION BASELINE:

- Please note if your child is starting Reception this month, they will soon undergo a baseline assessment. More about this can be obtained from your child's class teacher or via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

BOOK SWAPSHOP

- We have a book 'SwapShop' in school (located in the hall corridor). Simply, take a book you no longer want and exchange it for a new one.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that ALL children in Reception to Year 2 are eligible for a free school meal (Universal Infant Free School Meal). For children in Year 3 and above you can check your eligibility for Free School Meals via the link below. Please note ALL parents should check their eligibility for Free School Meals (even those below Year 3) as we receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to help your child in school. Please contact the school office if you require more information. 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. If your child already receives free school meals, you do not need to apply.

<https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals>

PAID SCHOOL MEALS

The Executive Leadership Team of the Council has agreed the school meal price from 1st 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 1st September 2026.

ALLERGY/CHOKING HAZARD

- A quick reminder for everyone that we are a 'nut free school' and that no food containing nuts should ever be sent to school. Please also remember to cut grapes and tomatoes to avoid choking hazards. Thank you for keeping our school community safe.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

- Please remember Mrs. Tate is our Special Educational Needs Leader.

ATTENDANCE

- From September 2024 a new Attendance Policy was introduced nationally. New rules state that if a child is missing from school for 10 or more sessions (5 days) for any unauthorised reason within a rolling period of 10 school weeks a fine will be issued from the local authority. Unauthorised absences can now include holidays in term time*, being late to school after the register has closed (after 9.05am), not contacting school when your child is absent, not showing verification for medical appointments and not showing a legal licence for external sports/performances. If you have any questions regarding attendance, please contact our attendance officer Miss. Currell.

*term-time holidays will not be authorised unless exceptional circumstances are met.

1 Overview

Penalty notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution where parents have failed to ensure their child attends school regularly. They can be used in cases where absence has not been authorised by a head teacher.

The notices are used to prevent the need for court action, for example, when support has not been engaged with or is not appropriate (for example, leave of absence during term time). **Changes from September 2024 are shown below.**

2 Leave

Head Teachers are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation **would not** constitute an exceptional circumstance.

3 Absence

A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if there are **5 days / 10 sessions** of absence in a period of **10 school weeks** (where absence has not been authorised).

A notice may be issued where the 5-day level of absence has not been reached, for example, if there are several periods of leave.

4 Amount

Within a 3-year period:

The first penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).

SCHOOL UNIFORM (PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL CLOTHING)

- You can order official school uniform via the link below:

<https://motif8.co.uk/category/schoolwear/primary/throston-primary-school/>

The mandatory school uniform is as follows:

- Black or Grey Skirt*/Pinafore Dress or Culottes/Trousers.

*skirts should be of a suitable length namely just above the knee or knee length

- Blue Gingham Dress.
- Red Polo Shirt.

- Royal Blue Cardigan or School Sweatshirt.
- Plain, dark tights/socks (white socks are allowed with summer dresses).
- **Black School Shoes (NO TRAINERS).**

SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES:

- No make-up, nail varnish, tattoos, false nails, false eyelashes or fake tan.
- No brightly coloured dyed hair, excessive hair accessories or extreme haircuts (haircuts linked to cultural heritage are allowed).
- Watches & Stud (plain) Earrings Only. Earrings will need to be removed or covered during P.E.

PE KITS (children need to ensure that they consistently bring their PE Kits to school on the days they have PE).

At Throston Primary School parents can choose one of the two options:

Option 1 - Plain white t-shirt with short sleeves; Black Shorts or Skort and white socks.

Option 2 - Red PE shirt, shorts and socks (the red PE Kit is available to order via the link above).

- Tracksuit bottoms can be worn when outside; when the weather is cold.

We have PE hoodies that can be ordered via the link above. These are for PE and are not for day-to-day school uniform.

- **Children MUST wear gym shoes/plimsolls/trainers when doing PE. Due to health and safety children will NOT be allowed to perform PE in their bare feet. Trainers must be tied correctly.**

RECYCLING

- We have a container outside the school office where clothing can be recycled.

SWIMMING (you will be informed via ClassDojo if your child is swimming this term)

- Boys need to take trunks, baggy shorts are not permitted, and girls need a **One-Piece** Swimming Costume.
- Towel and Swimming Cap - the latter is available from the school shop priced **£3.50**.

- No Goggles (unless a letter is given to the class teacher; all goggles must carry the C.E. mark).
- No Jewellery.

SCHOOL TUCK SHOP

- Please remember that at playtimes children in Year 3 to Year 6*, can if they wish, bring in an apple, banana, orange or pear. They can also use our tuck shop for 50p. No other items should be brought to eat at playtimes.

Mrs. Atkinson's - Tuck Shop Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

*Children below Year 3 receive free daily fruit

SCHOOL HOUSES

At Throston, children are allocated a house. Children can earn ClassDojo Points for themselves and their house. Each week we announce the weekly house winner. The house with the most points gets a reward at the end of the term.



MOBILE PHONES

- Children are allowed to bring mobile schools to school (if parents and carers give consent). They should be turned off before children enter the school and handed to the child's class teacher who will lock them away securely, until home time. The phones should only be switched on again once the child leaves the school building.

THROSTON STARS

Children can also obtain 'Throston Stars' tickets by following our school rules. The tickets can be exchanged for prizes. There are tickets for 1, 5, and 10 stars.

THROSTIES

Children can also earn Throstie badges and certificates during their school career; the aim is to achieve all 16.





OUR SCHOOL RULES - BE KIND - BE READY - BE SAFE



THROSTIE TOTS



FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER AND PTA

Miss. Currell is our Attendance Officer and Family Support Officer; she is here to support our Throstie families as much as she can. She can be contacted via the school office, ClassDojo or via: lcurrell@throston.school.org.uk. Support may include:

- Being a listening ear;
- Supporting the emotional wellbeing of pupils;
- Signposting to other agencies and making referrals;
- Supporting with toileting;
- Assisting with transition;
- Supporting behavioural needs.



Miss. Currell also leads our PTA, please contact her if you wish to join. Our PTA has a crucial role in raising much needed funds for the school/

PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Below are listed our parental expectations as agreed by the school governing body.

- Support and reflect the school's ethos and values through your behaviour.
- Promote the health and safety of our school community for example by ensuring your child does not ride their bike or scooter on school grounds, you do not smoke or vape on school grounds and avoid using the school car park as a pedestrian.
- Set a good example to pupils through your behaviour and the way you interact with staff, pupils and other adults.
- Work together with staff members for the benefit of your child and to resolve any issues of concern by making an appointment to discuss any concerns.

- Not approach another pupil to discuss an incident within school.
- Treat all governors, staff members, pupils, other parents/carers and any members of the school community with dignity and respect.
- Where appropriate, discuss your child's version of events with the school to bring about a solution to any issue.
- Respect the school's property and environment by keeping it clean and tidy.
- Be considerate to local residents when dropping-off and collecting pupils from school.
- Use ClassDojo, social media and the school telephone (including the school answering machine) appropriately.

EXCITING NEWS

I am delighted to share that Mrs. Sharp (our computing lead) has successfully secured funding for our school through the NEC Software Solutions Digital Inclusion Fund. This funding will help us enhance our computing curriculum with new resources and hands-on activities, giving children across the school even more opportunities to develop their digital skills, creativity and confidence. We have also been awarded a certificate which shows our drive to improve gender balance in computer science.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

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



CLASS TEACHERS - SEPTEMBER 2026

Please find below details of class teachers for September 2026.

CLASS	TEACHER - September 2026	Previous Class Number 2025/2026
Nursery	Mrs. Davies	n/a
Class 1	Mrs. Cleveland/Mrs. Parker*	If you have not received a class list 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).



HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE & RESPECTFUL

Thank you for your support 



Please remember that
SMOKING OR VAPING
is not allowed on
school premises under
any circumstances.



Please be
**CONSIDERATE
WHEN PARKING**
when dropping off and
collecting your children.



Please remember
**CHILDREN SHOULD NOT
RIDE THEIR BIKES OR
USE THEIR SCOOTERS**
on school grounds.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A
Safe and Welcoming School

AUTUMN I 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026: Professional Development Day.

Wednesday 2nd September 2026: School opens for the Autumn Term.

Friday 4th September 2026: The deadline for returning all reading challenge sheets.



Tuesday 8th September 2026: Ward Surgery with Councillor Napper (3.30pm to 4.30pm), <https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/councillors/37/amanda-napper> and police drop in at 5.00pm.

Friday 18th September 2026: Year 1 School Nurse Led Hand Hygiene Workshop (9.30am to 10.30am).

Friday 25th September 2026: Year 2 School Nurse Led Dental Hygiene Workshop (9.30am to 11.00am).



Wednesday 30th September 2026: Planned Reception visit to Darlington Hippodrome to see 'The Gruffalo' (morning).

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

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).

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

Wednesday 21st October 2026: School Photographs Day.

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 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).

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

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).

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).

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.

