

Monthly Newsletter

October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to the October 2025 newsletter. It not only contains important information about what happened last month, it also contains important information about our upcoming events such as our parental consultations.

WELCOME NEW THROSTIES

A very warm welcome to all our new children who have joined us this academic year: Ava Abbott (Nursery), Olivia Allen (Nursery), Poppy Baron (Nursery), Riley Bate (Class 12, Year 5), Abuzar Bayat (Class 8, Year 3), Karar Bayat (Class 9, Year 4), Milana Bresnen (Nursery), Amelia Brown (Nursery), Tommy Davies (Class 2, Reception), Hollie Dawson (Nursery), Levi Gofton (Nursery), Constance-Ada Graham (Nursery), Nova-Bleu Hamilton (Nursery), Toby Hand (Class 1, Reception), Lucy Hepple (Nursery), Harper Hunt (Nursery), Xander Ierubino (Nursery), Georgie Malton (Class 2, Reception), Millie McKie (Nursery), Finn-Lee Mcloughlin (Nursery), Tyreece Mcloughlin (Class 1, Reception), Luke Moody (Nursery), Alexander Moore (Nursery), San Pournaser (Class 2, Reception), Iris Rae (Nursery), Evianna Reay (Class 1, Reception), Emmett Robinson (Nursery), Lennon Robson (Nursery), Lottie Sanderson (Class 1, Reception), Dahlia Taylor (Class 1, Reception), Rueben Watson (Class 2, Reception) and Leo Wisdom (Nursery). We hope they are enjoying school, adapting to routines and making lots of new friends.

AUTUMN 2025 PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Dear Parents and Carers, I hope your child is enjoying being a Throstitie and are becoming familiar with their new school routine. During the week beginning Monday 6th October 2025, we will be hosting online/face-to-face parental consultations. **The purpose of the QUICK autumn parental consultations is to discuss with your child's class teacher how your child has settled into their new class.** Parents and Carers of Nursery* to Year 6 children will be able to book their appointment online from 9.00am on Wednesday 1st October 2025. Slots will last 5 minutes. If your child has an Individual Education Plan, teachers will contact you for a longer face-to-face appointment.

 **schoolcloud**
Parents Evening

Parents' evenings, simplified

We will use your primary e-mail to allow you to book on the 'SchoolCloud' site. If you are unable to book or require a separate appointment for another family member please e-mail: admin@throston.school.org.uk

To book a slot simply click on: <https://throston.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

*Please note Nursery appointments will only be for children who joined prior to summer 2025. Mrs. Davies will contact parents and carers of Nursery children who have joined Throston this term for a longer consultation.

LUCAS ❤️

This Thursday (2nd October) marks the second anniversary of the passing of our beloved pupil Lucas Tarran. Year 6 will write class messages on two eco-friendly orange balloons and release them into the air.

NEW WEBSITE

You may have noticed that our school website, has had a makeover, this is to ensure important information is more accessible and the website is more user-friendly. We will gradually add more content as time progresses.

<https://www.throston.school.org.uk/>

ROUNABOUT

Not only have we revamped our school website; we have also updated our Throston roundabout near the Tall Ships Public House. The roundabout advertises Throstie Tots and our Breakfast and After School Club.



NEW LEADERS

On Tuesday 16th September 2025 many of our Year 6 boys and girls delivered imaginative and persuasive head boy and head girl speeches to the entire school. They were so well prepared, confident and full of new ideas on how to improve the school. The children should be very proud of themselves. The votes have now been counted and verified and I am delighted to announce that Nina Jordan, Harry Metcalfe, Mason Taylor and Thea Wass have been elected to be our Heads/Deputies this year. Congratulations.



PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The above four children will join our Pupil Leadership Team, as will the following children who were elected in Key Stage 2. The Key Stage 2 Pupil Leadership Team will represent Early Years and Key Stage 1.

Nursery: Amelia Howe and Charlie Martin, **Class 1:** Riley Conniff, **Class 2:** Thea Wass, **Class 3:** Samuel Kidd, **Class 4:** Mason Taylor, **Class 5:** Nina Jordan and **Class 6:** Harry Metcalfe.

Class 7: Ava Howlett, **Class 8:** Skye Johnson, **Class 9:** Agnes Aveyard, **Class 10:** Alice McBride, **Class 11:** Bea Robinson and **Class 12:** Henri Wood, **Class 13:** Ava Cook and **Class 14:** Amelie Neill.

This year the Pupil Leadership Team will be led by Mrs. J. Kashouris.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Our House captains for this academic year are :

DRAGON	GRIFFIN	PEGASUS	SPHINX
Finlay Wilkinson	Lucan Picken	Alfie Donaldson	Joel Pringle
Mia Bates	Harper Crowe	Emmie Ansell	Amber Malone

ROTAKIDS

The image below shows the members of our newest leadership group that will help our community namely our 'RotaKids'. You can read more about their role via: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/rotakids/>. Congratulations - your application forms were astounding. This is the first such group in Hartlepool.

Key Roles: **Treasurer:** Evie Cussons, **President:** Jacob Fox and **Secretary:** Abella Whittingham.



HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN 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 in 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Please label ALL items of clothing for your child - including coats and shoes! We know how expensive it can be buying everything ready for a new school year so let's make sure that everything that you have for your child can be returned to them if anything gets misplaced. Thank you.

SAFETY UPDATES

- A polite reminder - we kindly ask that parents do not speak to children through the school gates during playtimes and lunch times if you are passing the school. We are aware it is tempting to wave and call children's names but for the safety and security of all children, please refrain from doing this. Thank you.
- Please remember to cut all grapes or small tomatoes that you send into school in half lengthwise, as they can be a choking hazard. We ask this of everyone just in case one escapes a lunchbox, rolls away and proves too tempting for one of our younger children. Thank you so much for helping to keep all our children safe.
- If your child has a food allergy or a medical condition that needs lunchtime staff to have raised awareness, they may mention that they have been given a special yellow bracelet to wear at lunchtime. We have introduced this system as more than 10% of our children now need this extra support and this will make sure all lunchtime staff are aware.
- Please can you help us remind our children that they should dismount their scooter or bike when on school grounds. We would not want any accidents at the start of the new school year.
- I thought it would be useful to provide some clarification over food being brought to school to celebrate a birthday. There has been some confusion at the start of term, due to the wording in the September 2025 newsletter. As a school we love to celebrate a birthday, however we have to be mindful of the ever-growing number of children with allergies. We therefore ask if you wish to bring in food (sweets/cake etc.) to celebrate your child's birthday, that it is brought in INDIVIDUAL sealed packets. Parents and carers can then make the decision whether their child can have the birthday treat. Unfortunately, staff often do not have time to cut whole cakes and locate sealed bags for distribution. Thank you in advance, for your understanding.



WALK SCOOTERS + BIKES

PUNCTUALITY

A polite reminder of the importance of children arriving to school on time. A lot of children are entering through the main office and are missing their morning mark. Please make every effort to use the correct entrance to ensure a settled start to the day for your child. Children must enter through their allocated door between 8.45am and 8.50am (unless it has been agreed otherwise). Arrivals after this time will receive a late mark and if after 9.05am this will then be an unauthorised mark as registers are closed. If you have any concerns, please contact Miss. Currell our attendance officer.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we ask you not to change dinner choices without notifying the school office. Swapping between meals and packed lunches on a daily basis cannot be accommodated. Changes can be made at the beginning of each half-term or after 4 weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

WE NEED YOU!

Dear Parents and Carers, if you would like to join our PTA, and organise events and raise funds for children in the school, please can you pass your name to the school office. Miss. Currell currently leads our PTA and would be delighted to have new members.



WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

Summer 2025: Well done to all of the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. They all received prizes during a special assembly. Evie Hamilton won the prize draw for taking part in the 'Reading Agency' library summer challenge. Congratulations.

Thursday 18th September 2025: Year 1 were shown the importance of hand hygiene by our school nurse team. Something our older know so much about due to the pandemic.

Friday 19th September 2025: On this day we had our first sporting event of the new academic year, a Hartlepool Upper Key Stage 2 Boys Football Competition. I am delighted to say we won the competition! We have now advanced to the FA Pokémon Schools Primary Cup on Monday 20th October 2025 at Middlesbrough Sports Village. The purpose of the event is so that Cleveland has a representative to attend the Northern finals, normally in March. Scores on the Doors: Throston (4) vs. Fens (0), Throston (2) vs. Kingsley (0), Throston (2) vs. Sacred Heart (0) and Throston (2) vs. Barnard Grove (1). Well done boys, not just for the win, but also because of your team work and great sportsmanship.



Thursday 25th September 2025: Year 2 participated in school nurse led workshops about how to look after your teeth.

Thursday 25th September 2025: Town Cross-Country Competition 2025. Well done to our Key Stage 2 cross-country team that participated in the town competition. To make it to this stage was already a HUGE achievement. I am delighted to announce we have 7 children who have progressed to the Tees Valley Cross Country Finals and will represent Hartlepool on Wednesday 8th October 2025. A special mention to Olivia Little and Emma Gough who were both first in their races. Well done runners!

Saturday 27th September 2025: Penalties @ Pools: Well done to our two amazing teams, who have both advanced to the next round of the school penalty competition. We are so proud of you! Thank you to everyone who attended to support our footballers.



Monday 29th September 2025: On this day representatives linked to the charity Danny's Legacy - Forever 31, visited the school to officially donate a new buddy bench. It will help to promote friendships.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2968042263477291/?scrlybrkr=03fd1ff5>



HOMEWORK

Below is a table which shows a brief overview of homework at Throston Primary School. If you have any difficulties accessing online resources, please contact your child's class teacher. If you need support with hardware, please contact Mrs. Sharp (our new computing lead) via ClassDojo. More guidance can be obtained via Mrs. Hall (English lead) and Mrs. Ord (Maths lead).

Year Group/Software	Nursery	Reception to Year 1	Year 2* to Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
<u>BoomReader</u>	Record reading to your child once per week .	Record your child's reading 3 times per week .	Record your child's reading 3 times per week .	Optional: Record your child's reading 3 times per week .
<u>NumBots</u>	Ensure your child uses this program once per week .	Ensure your child uses this program 2 times per week (15 minutes per session).		
<u>Times Tables Rock Stars</u>			Ensure your child uses this program 2 times per week (15 minutes per session).	Ensure your child uses this program 2 times per week (15 minutes per session).
<u>Reading Plus</u>				Ensure your child uses this program 2 times per week (15 minutes per session).

**Year 2 may be set NumBots as an alternative.*

TESCO

We are delighted to inform you that our application to 'Tesco Stronger Starts' has been successfully selected for the customer vote in Tesco stores. We are raising funds for after school club.

Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026. The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £1,500, the second placed project up to £1,000 and the third placed project £500.



Participating stores are as follows: Hartlepool Extra, TS25 1UP, Throston Grange Express, TS26 OXP and Catcote Road Express, TS25 2LS.

Thank you in advance of putting the blue tokens into the Throston Primary box and thank you to Mrs. Feroz for her successful application.

RELATIONSHIPS AND HEALTH EDUCATION UPDATE FROM MRS. SAMUEL

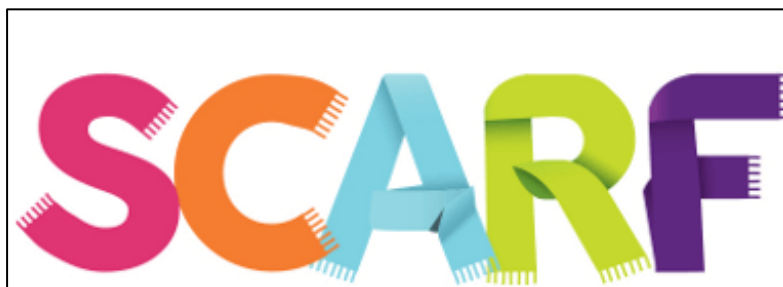
From September 2020, schools have been required to teach Relationships and Health Education (RSE).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

The DfE also strongly encourages primary schools to deliver sex education to help prepare children for their transition to secondary school.

Up to now, we have used a PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) resource called Jigsaw across our school. However, from September 2025 we are changing the programme we follow. After lots of research, we have chosen to use resources from the leading children's health and wellbeing charity, Coram Life Education (CLE) to support us in meeting these legal requirements. More information about Coram Life Education can be found on their website: <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/>

We will be using a resource called SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.



We are taking this opportunity to consult you about the content of our curriculum. We are working with our Vice-Chair of Governors John Leary who is Assistant Head at High Tunstall College of Science who has responsibility for Personal Development to ensure our curriculum meets the needs of our pupils and prepares them for the next stage of their education.

If you haven't already done so, please click on the link below to answer our survey. We have until September 2026 to make sure we are following the guidance correctly. Thank you in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/fXtEFsqJpp>

UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

Saturday 4th October 2025: 30th Yarm Team Chess Championship.

Monday 6th October 2025: Autumn Term Parental Consultations Commence.

Monday 6th October 2025: Year 6 Cycling Training Commences.

Tuesday 7th October 2025: Year 6 Crucial Crew (afternoon).

Wednesday 8th October 2025: Tees Valley Cross Country Finals (afternoon).

Wednesday 8th October 2025: Body Changes and Personal Hygiene – Year 4 Nurse Led Workshop.

Thursday 9th October 2025: Body Changes and Personal Hygiene – Year 5 Nurse Led Workshop.

Friday 10th October 2025: Reception Balance Bikes (Class 1).

Monday 13th October 2025: Harvest Festival (9.45am). On this day children can bring in donations for St. Aidan's Food Bank. The food bank will appreciate any donations and in particular tins, rice and pasta.

Tuesday 14th October 2025: Reception to watch 'The Smeds and the Smoos' at Billingham Forum.

Friday 17th October 2025: Reception Balance Bikes (Class 2).

Friday 17th October 2025: Dr. Bike (morning) and Year 5 'Fix-It' bike session (afternoon).

Monday 20th October 2025: FA Pokémon Schools Primary Cup at Middlesbrough Sports Village (morning).

Monday 20th October 2025: Class 9 Tees Barrage Visit.

Monday 20th October 2025: Year 1 at St. Luke's Church.

Tuesday 21st October 2025: Class 10 Tees Barrage Visit.

Tuesday 21st October 2025: Reception and Year 6 Height and Weights.

Wednesday 22nd October 2025: School Photograph Day.

Thursday 23rd October 2025: Year 4 Cycling.

Friday 24th October 2025: Year 4 Cycling.

Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025: Autumn Half-term Holidays.

Monday 1st December 2025: Snappy Christmas.

Monday 1st December 2025: Year 4 at St. Luke's Church – Wreath Making (morning).

Tuesday 9th December 2025: Throstie Tots Christmas Party.

Christmas Shows 2025:

Monday 15 th December 2025	Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Thursday 18 th December 2025
Year 5 9.15am and 1.30pm	Year 2 9.15am and 1.30pm	Reception 9.15am and 1.30pm	Year 1 9.15am and 1.30pm
Year 6 10.30am and 2.30pm	Year 4 10.30am and 2.30pm	Nursery 10.30am and 2.30pm	Year 3 10.30am and 2.30pm

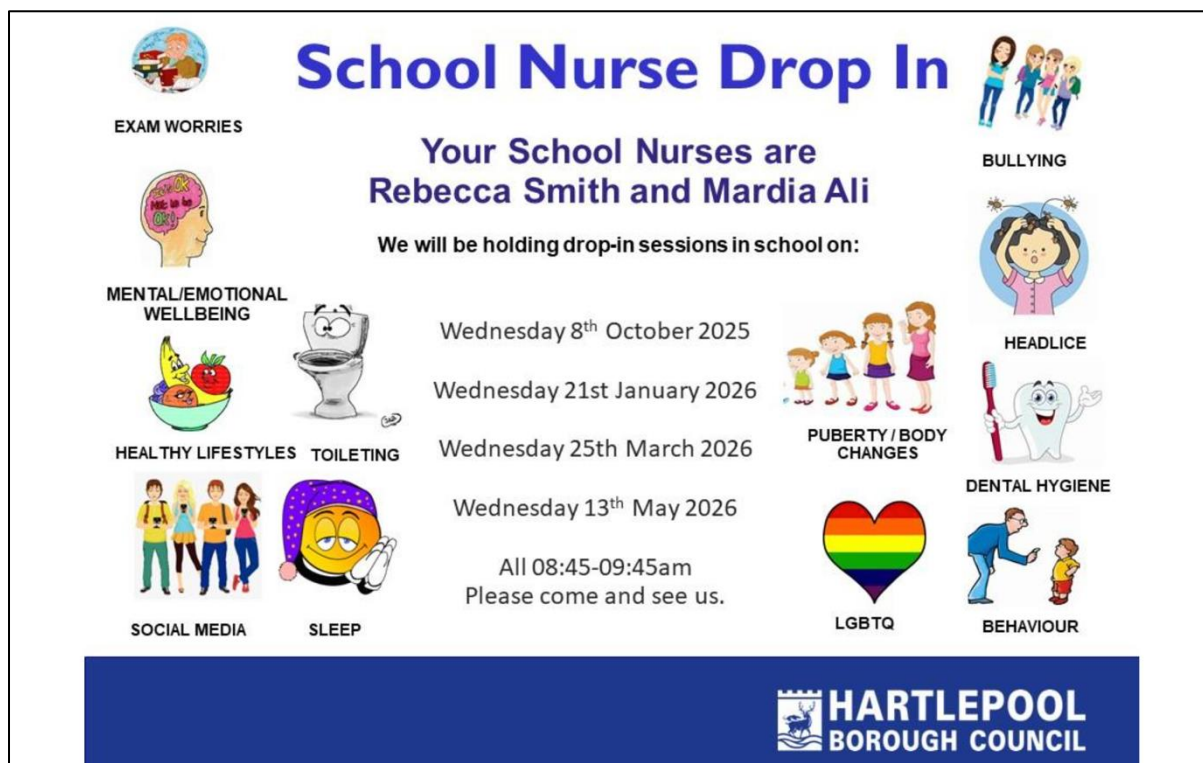
Christmas Parties 2025:

Date	Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Thursday 18 th December 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Morning	Nursery (Party 1 of 2)				Reception, and Year 3
Afternoon	Nursery (Party 2 of 2)	Year 6	Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5	Year 2	

COMMUNITY POLICE DROP-IN

Monday 10th November 2025: Police-Drop-in (5.00pm to 6.00pm).


Monday 15th December 2025: Police-Drop-in (5.00pm to 6.00pm).





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



BULLYING



MENTAL/EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING



HEADLICE



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



TOILETING



PUBERTY / BODY
CHANGES


DENTAL HYGIENE


SOCIAL MEDIA


SLEEP


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**

1 HART, 1 MIND, 1 FUTURE COFFEE MORNING



Parent Carer drop-in coffee mornings 10.30am–11.30am

Monday 6th Oct 2025

Monday 3rd Nov 2025

Monday 1st Dec 2025

Monday 8th Jan 2026

**Our parent carer forum will be holding drop-in information mornings at
Throston Primary School.**

**This is part of the PINs – Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools –
Project.**

NO DIAGNOSIS IS NEEDED



Together we are the change Visit www.1hart1mind1future.co.uk

1 Hart, 1 Mind, 1 Future Multi Agency Drop In Sessions 2025/2026



Tues 23rd Sep 25

Tues 21st Oct 25

Tues 25th Nov 25

Tues 13th Jan 26

Tues 10th Feb 26

Tues 10th March 26

Tues 21st April 26

Tues 19th May 26

Tues 23rd June 26

Tues 21st July 26

9.30am - 11.30am

**SOUTH HUB,
WYNYARD ROAD
TS25 3LQ**

www.1hart1mind1future.co.uk

For more information please contact
T: 01429 283095 staff@hartlepoolcarers.org.uk



Has your child missed their FLU vaccine?

It is not too late to protect them

Our nearest community clinics are:

Rossmere Family Hub
Thursday 2nd October 2025
3.00 – 6.00

Hartlepool Community Hub
Tuesday 28th October 2025
9.30 – 12.00

Hindpool Children's Centre
Tuesday 28th October 2025
1.0 – 4.00
2.0

(other clinic venues are also available)

To book onto a clinic please call
0333 358 3397 option 3 and 3

Monday – Friday 9AM – 5PM

Service provided by:

Children may bring their bike into school, to be serviced and have minor repairs carried out by the team from Sustrans on Friday 17th of October.



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.