

Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to a new month. I hope you and your family have had a fantastic autumn half-term break and are excited for a Throstie Christmas. The aim of this newsletter is to provide a catch-up on events from last month and to help you 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 Olivia Ashcroft, Matthew Back, Lily Cargill, Evie Cullis, Arthur Harrison-Whittingham, Maximus Hodge, Sonny Keating, William Lloyd, Olivia Morris, Luca Parry and Matilda Richardson-Booth.

GOODBYE

Last month we said a tearful goodbye to Beau and Bella Cannon, as they left us for a school closer to home. We will miss you both very much. Please stay in touch.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH

Wednesday 30th September 2026: Well done to our Throsties who represented our school in the town cross-country competition. We had five qualifiers for the next round!

Wednesday 30th September 2026: Well done to Reception, for representing the school so well on their educational visit to see the Gruffalo!

Thursday 1st October 2026: Thank you to David and Gabriel for helping us celebrate Nigeria's Independence Day.







Friday 2nd October 2026: Thank you so much to everyone who supported our 'Rock Your Socks' Day in order to raise awareness of Down's Syndrome. You helped us raise nearly £200 for Redcar Education & Development (RED). The RED team kindly left a friendship bracelet for all our children. You can read more about this charity day via the link below:

https://www.hartlepoolmail.co.uk/news/people/hartlepool-schoolgirl-raises-ps400-for-charity-9255106

Friday 2nd October 2026: On this day we said a HUGE thank you and goodbye to Miss. Allen as she left Throston Primary School to spend more time with her family. She will always be remembered fondly, and will always be a Throstie!

Saturday 3rd October 2026: Well done to our girls who advanced to the next stage of the school penalty competition after a shoot-out at half-time at Pools. They won 5-0! A second well done to our boys who also advanced to the next stage of the school penalty competition. The boys won 7-6 after a nail-biting sudden death competition.



Wednesday 7th October 2026: Well done to all our amazing cross country runners, who represented not just the school but Hartlepool in the Tees Valley Competition in Middlesbrough.

Friday 9th October 2026: Thank you to our Throston family who came together for a very special 'Wear Green for Glitch Day' - raising awareness of PANS and PANDAS. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Teddy McIver and his wonderful family for helping to educate our children and staff about these conditions. On the day we raised **£512**. You can find out more about PANS and PANDAS via this link:

youtube.com/watch?v=v6NrmJqCBfQ&scrlybrkr=73d081e7



Friday 9th October 2026: Congratulations to our girls who were victorious in the Year 6 League One 7-a-side competition at the Tech Community Sports Club. Every player played their part, ensuring we have another trophy at our school. Many of our girls were only Year 5 too! The results were: Barnard Grove (1) vs. Throston (0), Kingsley (0) vs. Throston (2), Sacred Heart (2) vs. Throston (4) and West Park (0) vs. Throston (3).

Friday 9th October 2026: There was an incident involving the police and fire brigade on Throston Grange Lane - this was NOT linked to our school. Unfortunately, despite a request - the police did not update us and what happened.

Monday 12th October 2026: The school celebrated Black History Month. Across the school, our children explored the lives and work of inspirational Black artists, learning about their unique styles, creativity and contributions to the world of art. A huge THANK YOU to Miss. Harding, our new History Lead, for organising such a successful and inspiring event.

Monday 19th October 2026: Thank you so much, to all our Throsties who brought donations for the Hartlepool FoodBank at St. Aidan's Kitchen. Your kindness was very much appreciated. A HUGE thank you to Reverend Claire and our friends from Open the Book for leading our interactive Harvest assembly.



Monday 19th October 2026: Well done to our girls who represented the school and town in a football competition in Middlesbrough Sports Village. We came joint second on points.

Tuesday 20th October 2026: Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating and informative lecture with Dan Fitzpatrick at High Tunstall College of Science, exploring the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Friday 23rd October 2026: Children in Year 4 to Year 6 participated in an interactive workshop with author Beth Walker.



NEW PLAYLEADERS

Here are out latest playleaders, who will ensure children at our school always have someone to play with: Toby Armstrong, Lola Bailey, Phoebe Campbell, Walter Church, Isla Cook, Tilly Dickson, Ella Dodds, Poppy Drake, Sophie Fletcher, Ellis Graddon, Dexter Hall, Georgia Hilder, Lauryl Hogg, Olivia Little, Esmae Lloyd, Neave Lloyd, Isabella Quigley, Bea Robinson, Lily Swinburne, Shelby Thomas, Phoebe Waite, Evelyn Weighill, Rory Wilkinson, Henri Wood and Connie Young.

WEEKLY HOUSE WINNERS SO FAR THIS TERM…

Winning House	Week Ending	Number of Points
Dragon	Friday 4th September 2026	383
Sphinx	Friday 11th September 2026	509
Sphinx	Friday 18th September 2026	522
Sphinx	Friday 25th September 2026	635
Sphinx	Friday 2nd October 2026	629
Dragon	Friday 9th October 2026	597
Dragon	Friday 16th October 2026	594
Dragon	Friday 23rd October 2026	634

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

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THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who ordered personalised Christmas products, via this link: shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock. We receive 25% commission to spend on our Throsties.

NO DOGS



We would like to remind everyone that, for health, safety and safeguarding reasons, dogs are not permitted on our school premises, with the exception of recognised assistance dogs, such as guide dogs. We fully appreciate that some families have wellbeing or emotional support dogs that provide valuable comfort and reassurance. However, these dogs do not automatically have the same legal access rights as trained assistance dogs.

As a school, we have a responsibility to consider the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff and visitors. This includes those who may have allergies, fears or anxieties around dogs, as well as ensuring that our busy school environment remains safe and manageable.

Recognised assistance dogs are permitted because they are trained to support people with disabilities and are protected under equality legislation. Emotional support or wellbeing dogs do not automatically have these same rights. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

FLAG WINNER



Well done to Emily Smith in Year 5 for being the winner of our Pool Together flag competition. Her flag clearly shows: Kindness, Connection and our school. The design will now be professionally produced into a real, full-sized flag. The flag will be displayed outside Hartlepool College of Further Education. The flag will also be showcased at the Hartlepool United football match on Wednesday 25th November 2026. Finally, the flag will be proudly hoisted on our very own school flagpole.

PARENT'S EVENING

Thank you to all our parents and carers that attended parental consultations. If you would still like to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact your child's teacher directly via ClassDojo to make an appointment. Miss. Younghusband will contact parents and carers to organise Class 8 appointments. A second thank you to everyone who purchased Halloween items and searched through our mountain of lost uniform.



FIVE STAR FOOD

Well done to our school kitchen for maintaining the highest food hygiene rating.

POPPY APPEAL 2026

As a school we have raised more money for the 'Poppy Appeal' in Hartlepool than other schools on twelve separate occasions (see below). This is testament to how our families and community, want to support The Royal British Legion. We are currently selling poppy related merchandise once again, thank you in advance of your support.

The Ian Cameron (Poppy Appeal) Trophy - Years when Throston Primary has raised the most money for the 'Hartlepool Poppy Appeal': 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 (2020 no sales due to the pandemic), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

2023: £1,107.98 raised;

2024: £983.48 raised;

2025: £1286.53 raised (in this year we also won the most money per pupil award namely £3.18 per pupil).

Items for Sale (from the school office and via our RotaKids visiting classrooms):

Poppies: Suggested Donation 50p;

Pencils: Suggested Donation 50p;

Silicon Wristband: Suggested Donation £1;

Cloth/Festival Wristband: Suggested Donation £2;



Reflectors: Suggested Donation £1;

Snap Bands: Suggested Donation £2.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

This half-term, we will no longer be using 'Motif8' in Stockton-on-Tees for uniform orders. We have changed our supplier to 'LOGOTOGO', which is part of the Charles Dickens Store on Tower Street in Hartlepool.

The main reason for this change is to provide our families with a more convenient, local solution for purchasing school uniform. We recognise that travelling to Stockton-on-Tees is not always practical for parents and carers, and we hope that having a supplier based in Hartlepool will make purchasing uniform easier and more accessible for everyone.

Our school will go live on their website within a couple of weeks. Once we are live on their website, you can then order online.

In the interim, please feel free to visit 'LOGOTOGO and order in store. You can also try before you buy (https://charlesdickenstoolstore.co.uk/logo-to-go/).

SCHOOL MENU

You can access the latest school menu via clicking on the 'school menu' link from this page: https://www.throstonschool.org.uk/

HALF-TERM WORK

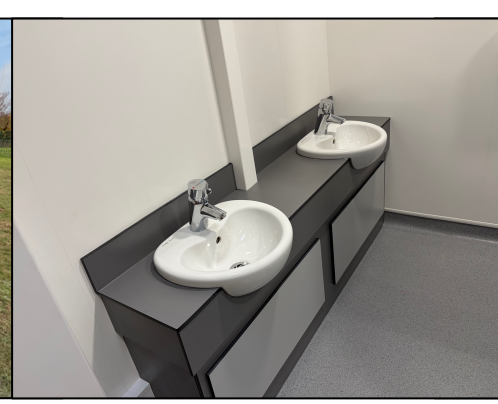
During this half-term we have had the following enhancements to our school:

1) Resurfacing of the path near the blue bike shelter.

2) The installation of new sinks in the Key Stage 1 toilets. Thank you to Scott Stephenson and his team from the LA.

3) The installation of new door closers in the entrances/exits of Key Stage 2. Thank you to Paul Smith and his team from the LA.

4) Repairing and servicing of air conditioning units within the school.


Forthcoming Dates



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.

Thursday 5th November 2026: Early Years Nurse Drop-in (8.50am to 10.00am).

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

Thursday 5th November 2026: Year 3 Fun Sporting Festival at Brierton for selected pupils (morning).

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

Monday 9th November 2026: Year 1 at St. Luke's Church (morning).

Tuesday 10th November 2026: Nursery Rhyme Time with Tees Valley Music Service (morning).

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). Please follow this link:

https://www.give-or-refuse-consent-for-vaccinations.nhs.uk/consents/E5BwxGFRkK/flu/start

Thursday 12th November 2026: Nursery Rhyme Time with Tees Valley Music Service (afternoon).

Friday 13th November 2026: Children in Need 2026.

Wednesday 18th November 2026: Deadline for School Photograph Orders – with FREE delivery.

Thursday 19th November 2026: Swimming Gala.

Friday 20th November 2026: School book fair commences.

Wednesday 25th November 2026: 'Pool Together Flag' on display at Pools.

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

Thursday 26th November 2026: School book fair ends.

Friday 27th November 2026: Catch-up of School Photographs (morning).

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

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

Tuesday 1st December 2026: Year 3 visit to St. Hilda's Church to celebrate advent.

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: Year 4 visit to St. Luke's Church to celebrate advent.

Monday 7th December 2026: St. Hilda's Church – Special Christmas Performance (6.00pm to 7.30pm).

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).

TROLLRASTIC DATES



Venue: *High Tunstall*
Sunday 13th June 2027: Trolls Jr. Afternoon Dress Rehearsal.
Monday 14th June 2027: Trolls Jr. Evening Dress Rehearsal.
Tuesday 15th June 2027: Trolls Jr. Show 1 of 3 (Start Time: 6.00pm).
Wednesday 16th June 2027: Trolls Jr. Show 2 of 3 (Start Time: 6.00pm).
Thursday 17th June 2027: Trolls Jr. Show 3 of 3 (Start Time: 6.00pm).

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.

<u>AUTUMN I 2027</u>

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.



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Throston Early Years Open event

Is your child turning 3 soon or are they ready to start Reception in September 2027?

Wednesday 25th November
4pm – 6pm
Drop in anytime!

- Explore our Early Years environment
- Enjoy hot chocolate in the forest school
- Bring your wellies!

The community school nurses will be there to give advice on school readiness and answer any questions.

Advice on:

- Behaviours and boundaries
- Routines
- Dummies
- Toiletting
- Communication and language advice



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Money Week: Christmas Around the North Pole

NORTH POLE

Wednesday 2nd December 2026
3:30 – 4:30pm

Our Money Week is all about working together, being creative and having fun while learning about money!

Children make products to make a profit!

Children will create and sell their own handmade Christmas products, often personalised, such as:


Personalised snow globes


Elf decorations


Snowmen


Finger knitted elf hats

Christmas Game!

Join in a fun Christmas game with your friends!

The Year Group with the Biggest Profit Wins the Medals!

Small hands make a big difference!

Teamwork • Creativity • Profit = Success!


Throston Primary School
Christmas DISCO
DRESS FESTIVE!
Christmas jumpers, hats and tinsel welcome!
MUSIC • DANCING FUN!
DATE:
Monday 7th December 2026
TIME:
Early Years 2.45pm - 3.30pm
TIME:
Year 1 - 3 3.45pm - 4.30pm
TIME:
Year 4 - 6 4.45pm - 5.30pm
VENUE:
Throston Primary School Main Hall
TICKET PRICE:
£3.50 per child
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION