



# NEWSLETTER

January 12th 2024 no. 13

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! It was lovely to welcome everyone back this week for the start of our spring term! The children have already been bringing us fantastic home learning from the Xmas break and I look forward to seeing more creative homework as the term goes on.

There are a number of club spaces available at the moment, if you would like one please contact the school office . Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Clubs will change after February half term.

I'm sure that you are aware that its is very cold at the moment, please make sure that your child has a warm coat and gloves which are named.





May I just remind you that if you are reporting a child's absence, this needs to be done before 9am, we as a school have a duty of care to know where every child is every day.

There is a link to the Thurrock survey about wraparound childcare needs on the last page of the newsletter, it would be appreciated if you could fill it in. The survey closes on 31st January.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Bray

## School Rewards

Teams	Emerald 	Ruby 	Sapphire 	Diamond 
Dojo points earned this week	1614	1665	1767	1651
Total Dojo points this year so far	18365	19885	19639	20595
Praise cards awarded this week	30			
Total praise cards awarded this academic year	392			

A reminder that each week a pupil is selected by the class teacher as a star learner, possibly a pupil who has demonstrated the Co-op values across the week in their learning and been a positive role model to the other pupils in the class.

	EYFS Stars	KS1 Stars	KS2 Stars	
	Nursery - Freddie RB - Albie RH - Kevin RJ - Karim RT - Albie FS - Paddy-Lee	1L – Solomon 1M – Kayden 1S – Isa 1SU – Tyler 2AV – Aiden 2M – Majeed 2N – Lisa-Marie 2P – Muhammad FS.S – Spencer FS.H – Sanjeet	3D – Olanrewaju 3J – Jobey 3R – Migne 3W – Jannie 4C – Logan 4M – Kaona 4P – Ali 4W – Rose  FS2 - Lucas	5A – David AK 5B – Diya 5C – Abdul 5Q - Chloe 6C – Daniel 6M – Maaheen 6R – Connor 6S - Hope

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## Going on around school.....



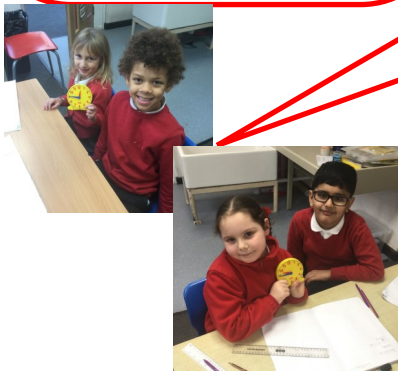
### Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we started our new topic 'States of Matter'. We explored the characteristics of different materials and identified whether they could be more than one state of matter.



### Year 5

As part of the memorable experience for our new curriculum topic, 'Sow, Grow and Farm', we designed and created our own allotments. We had to consider the overall layout and the vegetables and fruit that we would like to grow.



### Footsteps 2

We have been reading The friendship bench and the children took it in turns to act out being Tilly on her first day at school. Tilly was all alone and the children played as Tilly walked around feeling sad and unhappy.

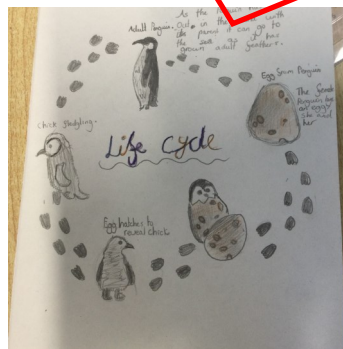


### Footsteps H

In FSH we have been learning to sort 2D shapes.

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been exploring the Arctic and Antarctic polar regions as part of our Frozen Kingdom topic. In English, they learnt about Emperor Penguins and created a life cycle for them.



### Reception

Reception have started our new topic, Long Ago, with a blast from the past. The children got to explore our 'pop up' museum and look at artefacts from the past such as an oil lamp and iron. We even got to look at old photographs of our teachers when they were younger. Can you guess who is who?



### Year 2

Year 2 have started to look at time this week exploring O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

### Year 3

Year 3 have started investigating forces. We have looked at push and pull actions to make an object move. Our balloon 'keep up' activity used a lot of the push force.



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## Sports Stars of the Week



Reception	Tolani B, Melissa A-S G, Skyla B, Harrison P-G
Year 1	Madeleine M, Kelise D, Lukne M, Esosa I
Year 2	Isla-Rose J, Elsie F, Evelyn M, Carter J-S
Year 3	Esme B, Laura V, Thomas K, Thomas R
Year 4	Christina N, Sofia B, Emma S, Muhammad Sandhu
Year 5	Luna C, Sriyana A, Maddison I, Dennis B
Year 6	Adam M, Jessica P, Klara B, Zoha M

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Biggest increase in coins earned	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2	Sofia	Siddiqa	Israel
Year 3	Muhammad	Amelia	Olanrewaju
Year 4	Shayaan	Abel	Kayvon
Year 5	Stavros	Matas	Emilia
Year 6	Iyinoluwa	Lena	Ajitha

## Class Dojo Champions

These children have earned the most dojo points in their class this week

EYFS Champs	KS1 Champs	KS2 Champs	
Nursery – Noar and Florence RB – Haider and Anastasia RH – Irina and Szymon RJ – Denis and Rebecca RT – Olivier and Skyla  FS – Marcus and Alessia	1L – Fabian and Esosa 1M – Lukne and Martin 1S – Ilhan and Rylie Mae 1SU – Esther and Vali 2AV – Kalin and Peyton 2M – Reign and Arafath 2N – Emma G and Zain 2P – Luna and Alex  FS.S - Aedan FS.H –Sanjeet	3D – Danann and Destiny 3J – Zahira and Anika 3R – Suprajit and Laura 3W –Layla and Major 4C – Dorin and Ariel 4M – Sophia and Samuel 4P – Harry and Emily 4W – Abel and Skylar  FS2 – Vladut/ Highly	5A – Emily and Ayomide 5B – David A and Sophie 5C – Ashnavi and Nathan 5Q – Chloe and Nathan 6C – Michelle and Yannis 6M – Akay and Maaheen 6R – Connor and Hanna 6S - Ajitha and Riley



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## Dates for your diary



	Date	Year Group	Event
January	08.01.24	Whole School	Back to school
	12.01.24	Year 5/6	Badminton competition
	17.01.24	Year 5	Parent SRE meeting
	19.01.24	Year 5/6	Sports Hall Athletics
	25.01.24	School Council	Visit to the council offices
February	02.02.24	KS2	Swimming Gala
	06.02.24	Whole School	Safer Internet Day
	07.02.24	Reception x 2 classes	Chelmsford Museum Visit
	07.02.24	Year 6	Parent SATs meeting
	09.02.24	Reception x 2 classes	Chelmsford Museum Visit
	09.02.24	KS1	Sports Hall Athletics
	16.02.24	KS2	Archery Competition
	<b>19.02.24 – 23.02.24</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
March	07.03.24	Whole School	World Book Day
	15.03.24	Whole School	Comic Relief
	15.03.24	Year 3/4	Tag Rugby
	19.03.24	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening
	20.03.24	Whole School	Parent Consultation Evening
	22.03.24	Year 3/4	Sports Hall Athletics
	28.03.24	Whole School	End of Term
		<b>29.03.24 – 12.04.24</b>	<b>Whole School</b>

### Next Week's Dinner Menu

Week 3						
Week commencing - 13th Nov, 4th Dec, 25th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 18th Mar						
<b>Monday</b>	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Broccoli	Baked Beans	Mixed Berries & Ice Cream
<b>Tuesday</b>	Creamy Chicken Curry with Rice	Sweet Potato & Spinach Dahl with Naan Bread	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Mixed Vegetables	Fresh Cauliflower	Lemon Drizzle Cake
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken Fillet with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fresh Carrots	Fresh Cabbage	Fruit Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers with Chips	Quorn Dippers with Chips	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Peas	Baked Beans	Syrup Sponge & Custard

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### **Attendance**

A gentle reminder that children should be in school by 8:50 each morning. The gates will open at 8:35 and close at 8:50... don't be late! If you are reporting an absence, you MUST do this before 9am.

**This week the Attendance Awards have been awarded to:**

KS1	2N	96%	Miss Nixon
Lower KS2	4M	96%	Miss Masters
Upper KS2	6C	97%	Mrs Chadwick
<b>Whole School attendance</b>		<b>94.1%</b>	

Please note, when pupils are absent for 3 or more consecutive days without parent contact, we may complete a home welfare check. All pupils who are absent for 3 or more days may be required to provide medical evidence

### **Lunchtime Provision**

Did you know that now we have the marquee on the field we offer both a movie club and a colouring club? As you can see from the pictures that were taken today both lunchtime clubs are very well attended.



We have had an application accepted to be part of Tesco's Stronger Starts Projects. We are hoping to raise money to buy books for our book vending machine which we use as special rewards when pupils achieve 3 praise cards.

You can use your tokens to vote for Thameside Primary in:

- Chafford Hundred Exp
- Lakeside Extra
- Armada Chafford Exp
- Grays Express
- Chadwell St Mary Expr
- South Ockendon Expres
- Tilbury Express
- Derwent Sth Ocken Exp
- Southend Rd Grays Exp
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**Voting starts from the first week in October and will run until mid-January 2024.**

Help us to meet your childcare needs! By completing the Parent survey we will be able to work towards ensuring you have the childcare you need!

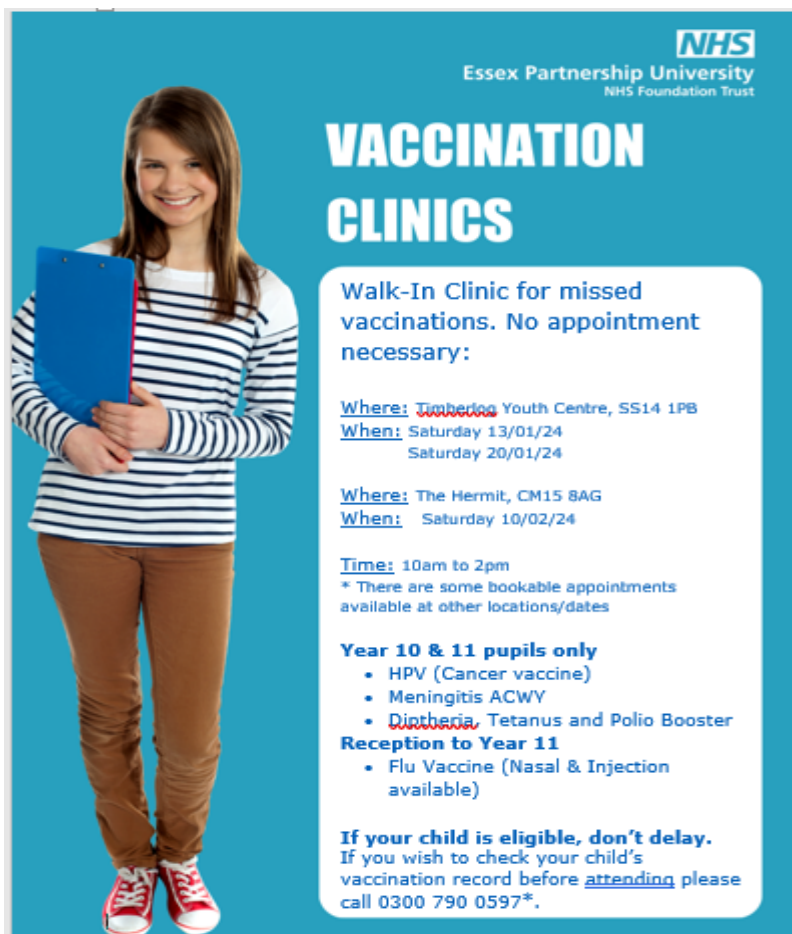
[Parents survey for the new childcare entitlement | Have my say | Thurrock Council](#)

If you are a working parent and looking for childcare The 30 hours funded childcare is expanding! Working parents of all children over the age of nine months will also be entitled to funded 30 hours of childcare.

For all primary aged children from reception to year six, from September 2024, you can expect to see an increase in the number of wraparound childcare places available across Thurrock. Wraparound care is before and after school (8am-6pm) childcare for primary school aged children in England during term time. With your help by completing the survey we expect all parents who need it to have access to wraparound care, either from their school or from another provider in your local area, by September 2026.

By accessing funded childcare for 9 months to 4 years and the funded Tax Free Childcare you will be able to get help with childcare costs.

Please click on the below QR Codes for more information:



**NHS**  
Essex Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

# VACCINATION CLINICS

Walk-In Clinic for missed vaccinations. No appointment necessary:

Where: Timberloo Youth Centre, SS14 1PB  
When: Saturday 13/01/24  
Saturday 20/01/24

Where: The Hermit, CM15 8AG  
When: Saturday 10/02/24

Time: 10am to 2pm  
\* There are some bookable appointments available at other locations/dates

**Year 10 & 11 pupils only**

- HPV (Cancer vaccine)
- Meningitis ACWY
- ~~Diphtheria~~, Tetanus and Polio Booster

**Reception to Year 11**

- Flu Vaccine (Nasal & Injection available)

**If your child is eligible, don't delay.**  
If you wish to check your child's vaccination record before attending please call 0300 790 0597\*.