

THRUPP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Reception parents,

Welcome to Thrupp! We have had a wonderful week getting to know your children and the Year 6 children have loved meeting their buddies. Thank you for supporting us with the transition to school by saying goodbye to your children at the bottom of the steps (where possible) – this has a really positive impact on their independence and them getting used to our routine, so thank you for this. We know they are your babies and we want them to be happy and love coming to school, so please feel free to come and chat to us before or after school if there is anything you're concerned about or we can help you with. We are also contactable via email (kestrels@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk), however, if it is urgent please ring or email admin as we will only read emails outside of the school day.

PE – This will take place on **Friday** afternoons this term. Please send your child dressed in a blue t-shirt, navy shorts or leggings/tracksuit trousers, trainers and a Thrupp sports hoodie (optional) on these days. We will also be carrying out a 'Thrupp 10' daily physical activity, which will involve a range of different exercises, including yoga, dance and jogging. **Please make sure everything is named (especially jumpers and hoodies), so it is easy for us to return them to you.**

Snacks/Drinks - The children are provided with one piece of fresh fruit or vegetable to eat and a small carton of cow's milk is provided through Cool Milk for all children under 5 years old. If they would like more than this, please send them in with an extra snack to put in their tray each morning. Please remember we are a **nut-free school**.

Lunches - The children are all entitled to a free school meal and they can choose this on a daily basis as they come into school. If you want to provide your own packed lunch this is also fine. You are welcome to do a mixture of packed lunch and school meals to suit what your children enjoy eating. When your child first begins staying for lunch, this is a great time for them to try new things as they will be coming home just after lunch. The menu for this is [available on our website](#). It is really helpful if you've had a conversation with your child before school, so they are choosing something you know they'll enjoy. Please also provide a **named water bottle for each day**.

Celebrations - Each day we will have a star of the day, which will be someone who has impressed us the day before, and they will have special jobs for the day like taking the register and being at the front of the line. On a Friday we will celebrate any children who have been sent to the 'Brilliant Book' in the week (they get a sticker from Mrs Mylechreest and once we start going to assemblies they will be able to stand up in assembly and share their achievement with the rest of the school). We will also celebrate a writer, mathematician and super presentation for the week. In Kestrels and Hawks, we have WOW vouchers, which we will share on a Thursday with Hawks class if your child has done something at home/outside clubs that week to really impress you. Please ask for more of these if needed. In class we celebrate the children's successes with stickers and tree points. Tree points are like house points – the team with the most points in each class gets a leaf on the tree in the hall on a Friday. We also count up all of the points at the end of the term and have a termly winner, which is celebrated in assembly.

Attached to this email is a copy of our Autumn learning overview. Our main topic is 'We are magic!'. The children's learning will predominately be through play, with short structured inputs for phonics, mathematics and an afternoon session. We are holding a phonics information evening on **Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 5:30pm** to tell you more about how we approach phonics and reading at Thrupp.

Thank you again and I look forward to getting to know you even better over the coming year.
Mrs Lewis

