



Thrupp Primary School Newsletter

December 2025

Dear Parents

Well that has been a speedy term. So much fun at Thrupp and lots of celebrations and highlights to share with you this month. Wishing you a peaceful, happy and restful Christmas.

Staffing News

I sent a letter out last week informing you of some staffing changes. We welcome Mr Muskett to our key stage 2 teaching team on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Stephenson and Miss Yarham who are moving to different teaching roles in local schools. We hope that they have a lovely rest over Christmas before embarking on their new positions early in January.

Celebrating Luca's Winning Idea!

We're thrilled to share that Luca Watson from Eagles class has won the '*Name the Gritter*' competition with his fantastic entry: **"Benji the Baltic Blaster"**, named after his younger brother Benji! As part of the prize, Luca and his family enjoyed a wonderful day at the depot, exploring the impressive machinery and learning how gritters keep our roads safe during icy weather. Even more exciting—**Benji the Baltic Blaster will be servicing the local roads around our school!** So, if you're up early (or very late), set your alarm for 2am and you might just catch it in action! Congratulations Luca, on your creative and winning name!

Buzzards Class Assembly

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend Buzzard's assembly. We celebrated a busy term learning about Greece. From eating olives and figs to learning how democracy was born to exploring the attractions of Greece for a holiday. They have learnt a lot and enjoyed presenting to the school and families last week.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas fayre was a great success, raising just over £2100. Thank you for your support and spending your money at Thrupp School. We had a wonderful team of PTA parents, before, during and after and we are very grateful to you for your commitment and love towards our school. We had a number of children also that I would like to thank that had stalls at the fayre and demonstrated amazing business opportunities and fund raising for our school.

Waitrose Carols

Last Thursday, Hawks Class (and their siblings) wowed shoppers in Stroud with their beautiful singing of Christmas Carols. With the help of Mrs Stephenson, the children have been learning songs in Be The Best Friday sessions this term to perform at the Christmas Shopping Event held in Waitrose. So many of the class were able to attend, thanks to our wonderful, supportive families, and the children also raised an

amazing £53.03 for the PTA! (A special thank you to Jenny for supplying the class with festive head gear, what a lucky class Hawks are)!

Christmas Lunch and more..

On Wednesday The Great Plate provided a superb cooked Christmas lunch. It was served by our school staff and a host of angelic parents and grand-parents. Thank you for making this special. The hall and surrounding classrooms were filled with festive spirit—crackers popping, music playing, and plenty of laughter all around. We were also visited by Father Christmas who kindly gave gifts to all of the children. That was a warm up for his big night.

A Bundle of Joy

We were treated last week to an amazing Nativity Show, performed by Kestrels and Hawks. This was a the traditional story told in a unique way. Thank you to all the narrators, actors, singers and dancers. It was a truly magnificent performance. It is so amazing to see the confidence and joy at such a young age. You wowed us with your performance. Thank you to our key stage 1 team of staff and pupils.

Carols at Holy Trinity

The Key Stage 2 carol concert at Holy Trinity was a wonderful success, bringing together pupils, staff and families for a joyful celebration of the season. The children sang and spoke beautifully with confidence and enthusiasm, filling the church with festive spirit. We are especially grateful to our Thrupp school band Melody Makers, whose fantastic musicianship helped make the evening so special. Thank you Reverend Turk for welcoming us all to our local church.

Run up to Christmas in Fledglings

Fledglings have enjoyed lots of Christmas themed fun, beginning with their trip on the bus to St Laurence's Church. So many bright lights and wonderfully decorated trees to explore! Thank you to all of the amazing parent helpers- they had a magical time! The children have also been busy creating their Christmas folders full of beautiful arts and crafts, lots of festive dancing and some wonderful singing too. They enjoyed sharing all of this with their grown-ups at their special Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon.



Pianists

Thank you to Miss Innes and her 5 wonderful pianists; Cody, Della, Will, Renata and Isla for playing for the school and their parents. Again the confidence of performing to an audience was amazing. Another celebration at Thrupp.

Young Voices

Rehearsals are still in full swing as KS2 prepare for the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham (Monday 12th January 2026). The children all sound amazing and the excitement is building for the big day. Please continue to support your children with learning the songs over the Christmas break, by logging into the Young Voices Music Room where they can follow along with the training videos to continue learning words and dance routines.

Rock Steady Concert

We ended the term on a high note with the fantastic Rock Steady concert! It was an incredible showcase of the amazing musical talent here at Thrupp School. The performances were full of energy and enthusiasm, making it a truly memorable way to wrap up the term. Well done to all our brilliant musicians!

Next Round of the 500 Words

Congratulations to all of our children who entered the National 500 words competition. Particular congratulations to Matthew (Year 6) and Edie (Year 2) who are through to the next round. The competition received tens of thousands of entries and Edie and Matthew are through to the final 5,000. This second round will be judged over the next month and we will wait to hear if either of these super writers managed to progress even further. As you can imagine we are overjoyed and proud of their entries. (Please read them on the website to see the high level of writing that they achieved)

Talent Show

Our final celebration today was our talent show. Nine acts got through the group stages to the finals which were performed to the school today. Our School Council were our judges to impress. Thanks to all of the competitors and huge congratulations to Martha, and Penny and Rowan who were Thrupp School 2025 Winners. Thanks also to our judges (Lola, Matthew, Rory, Cami, Zack, Charlie and Renata) and our hosts (Lyra, Maeve and Thea) for the show. Please see photos on our website

<https://www.thruppschool.co.uk/christmas-talent-show-2025/>



Attendance Matters

We are closely monitoring attendance because it plays a vital role in ensuring the best possible education for your children. Back in September, we set an ambitious end-of-year target of **96.5% attendance**. At the end of this term, we are currently at **95.9%** – so we're very close! To reach our goal, we need everyone's support. One key area for improvement is punctuality. When a child arrives late, that session is marked as unauthorised, which impacts our overall attendance figures. More importantly, it affects learning time. Please help us by reducing late arrivals wherever possible. Every minute counts – not just for meeting our target, but for giving your child the best start each day. Together, we can make a real difference!

Courtesy on the Lane

I have had complaints this month about our parking and our attitude towards residents. Please can you remember that you are part of our school community and it is really important that we keep positive relationships between ourselves and our residents. I appreciate that parking is difficult, but please be considerate and thoughtful in where you park/turn around.

We would like to wish you all a very **Happy Christmas**. Have a peaceful holiday and some restful times with your family. We would like to thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes that we have received. You are a very kind community and as a staff, we want to thank you for your kind thoughts and wishes. We in return would like to wish you a fun filled, happy Christmas and we will see you when term starts on Monday 5th January 2026.

Donna Mylechreest



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