

Thrupp Primary School Sports Newsletter

Issue #4 – December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome to our December Sports Newsletter — Celebrating a Month of Teamwork, Dedication and Festive Fitness! As the year draws to a close, December has been a busy and exciting month for sport at Thrupp School. Despite the cold weather and the shorter days, pupils have continued to show amazing enthusiasm, resilience, and teamwork across all PE lessons, after-school clubs and sporting events. Here's a look at what we've been up to this month!

KS1 Multi Skills Festival:

On Tuesday 2nd December, Miss Hodson took ten Y2 children to Archway Secondary School to take part in an Atlas Multi Skills Festival. The children were given the opportunity to have a go at different events across ten different stations. Each station looked at building the children's skill base as well as their teamwork and confidence. The stations included boccia, new-age bowls, throwing, jumping, balancing and a penalty kick to name a few! The children all came back to Thrupp with huge smiles on their faces and Miss Hodson was very happy with how well they all represented our school. Go team!!



Atlas Mega Walking Bus

On Wednesday 17th December we took part in another Atlas run, Mega Bus. Thank you to all that attended. This is important to us as it helps keep our children active, helps keep the traffic on the lane low and is great for the environment. We are always looking for more children to join and

support us!



⚽ Sporting Success – Football District Team ⚽

An early Christmas present for three of our Y6 boys! These boys, who were selected to represent the Stroud District Football team, had their kits delivered to Thrupp this week. We are so proud of these three. For a small school to have three represent the whole of the district is a huge achievement. We know they can play but they will now definitely look the part as well!



🏃 Coming Up:

- January 7th – Martial Arts Workshop for each class.
- January 15th – KS2 Girls Football Workshop.
- January 16th/23rd – KS2 Race Orienteering
- January 28th – KS1 Sports Hall Athletics

★ In the Spotlight

Fraser – A huge part of our successful football and rugby teams this year, Y6's Sammy and Ted put Fraser 'under the spotlight'. Here is the full interview.

About them-

Q: What is your name and how old are you?

A: I am Fraser and I'm in year 5.

Q: What sports do you play or enjoy watching?

A: I like football, rugby and basketball.

Getting into sport-

Q: How did you first get into sport?

A: My dad showed me football and got me into it.

Q: Who inspired you to start playing?

A: My family got me to start playing.

Favourite things-

Q: What is your favourite thing rugby?

A: I love the freedom with rugby and I love tackling.

Q: Do you have a favourite team or athlete? Why do you like them?

A: Manchester City because I like their players, especially Phil Foden.



Training & Skills-

Q: Which skill are you most proud of in your sport?

A: In football I'm really good at doing flip flap nutmegs.

Q: Which skill are you working hard to improve right now?

A: In basketball, I am working on my Slam dunking.

Q: Do you have any special routines or warm-up moves you like to do before playing?

A: I stretch out my muscles and listen to music.

Memorable Moments-

Q: What's the best sporting moment you've had so far?

A: Getting into the Cheltenham Town Academy.

Fun & Personal-

Q: If you could invent a new sport, what would it be like?

A: 'Footbasket'. You kick the ball into the hoop with one touch

Q: What's your go to snack after training or a match?

A: A cereal bar.

Looking ahead-

Q: What is one goal you have for this season or year?

A: Scoring 5 tries in rugby.

Q: If you could give advice to someone starting a sport, what would you say?

A: Be physical and have good energy.

PE Days Reminder

Please make sure children come to school in PE kit on their designated PE days:

- **Kestrels:** Fridays
 - **Hawks:** Thursdays and Fridays
 - **Buzzards:** Mondays (Swimming) and Wednesday
 - **Eagles:** Wednesdays and Fridays (Forest School)
 - **Owls:** Mondays and Thursdays
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Spring Term Sports Clubs

Our Spring term clubs begin on the week beginning the 19th January and as follows:

Mondays – Y3/4 Netball with Mrs Mylechreest

Mondays – Y4/5/6 Girls Football with Mr Bird

Thursdays – Y5/6 Netball with Mr Muskett

Thursdays – Y4/5/6 Sewing with Mrs Catt

Thursdays – Y1/2 Choir with Miss Payne

🌟 Sporting Achievements Outside of School

At Thrupp, we love to celebrate all the ways our children stay active and engaged with sport – both in and out of school. A huge well done to everyone who's been taking part in clubs, matches, and competitions!

Lola

Our resident swimming superstar is at it again, this time achieving her level 10 award! I can't tell you how much hard work and dedication this takes. We are so proud of you Lol's. Keep pushing and one day we shall be watching you in those Olympic Games!



Ted

Our Sports Star of last month has been at it again!! Just check out this write up from one of his coaches from the weekend. 20 goals and counting! Awesome to hear this boy is back to his best!

👊 TED 👊

The goal machine was always looking to turn over the defence today. Running in behind and using his pace to cause problems all game. Walks away with a hatrick and gives us that encouraging feeling knowing if the team feed him then Ted will eat Breakfast, Dinner and Tea in 1 game.

I also know Ted will be the first to say without the boys behind giving him the ball, playing as a team then he wouldn't be scoring every week. Very much a team player and were just glad the machine is back enjoying it and coming off smiling again.



If your child has a sporting success you'd like to share, please let us know so we can include it in the next newsletter!

★ Sports Star of the Month

Edie

We head down to KS1 this month, Edie was part of the successful KS1 multi-skills team earlier this month and stood out as a super-star. Miss Payne and Miss Hodson have said that she is always fantastic in PE lessons and helps her peers. She also rides her bike into almost everyday which is a great example to others. GO EDIE!!



🎄 Festive Fitness Focus

As we move into the Christmas period, I would like to set our children a challenge. The challenge is to perform any form of sporting activity, Run/Football/Skipping... anything but it must have a Christmas element. Send some pictures in for proof and I will include the best in the January edition!

Thanks for reading and keep moving,

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