

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful having the children back in school this week. They have been working hard and I have loved seeing many children come and show me their excellent learning. In assembly this week, I discussed with children our motto:

## Ready, Respectful, Safe

We actively encourage children to 'live by' this motto in school. Please ask your children about it – I hope they will be able to give you some examples of how to be these three things.

Please read on for this week's round up of key information.

### Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



A message from Miss Askher:

It is National Anti-Bullying week starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This year the theme is 'Power for Good.' This theme encourages children and adults to recognise the power we each have to make a positive difference through kindness, respect and speaking up when we see something that is not right.

**To launch this important week, we would like to invite all children to wear bright, odd socks, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** The school uniform will remain the same. If your child's uniform includes tights, they are welcome to wear the odd socks over them. This fun event is a great way to celebrate individuality and remind everyone that being unique is something to be proud of!

During this week, the children will also learn about anti-bullying messages and will be involved in specific lessons and activities based around this theme. There will also be a lot of discussions about who we can turn to for help if we feel we are being bullied and what to do if we think we see someone else being bullied. All classes will be writing their own class posters on the theme as well, so keep an eye on Seesaw for your child's class posters being shared.

Please note, children do not need to bring any money in, to take part. They can simply wear any odd socks for the day.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of your donations. In total, the amount of food donated weighed in at 94.2kg! An impressive amount. These were all delivered to the Peterborough foodbank.



### New Faces At Thorpe

If you have visited our front office in the last week, you may have seen some new faces. I would like to introduce to you our new office team:

- Ms Hancock – Thorpe’s new School Business Manager. Her role is to ensure that the finances of the school are well managed.
- Ms Pardhan – Thorpe’s new School Office Manager. Her role is to ensure the office functions smoothly and key jobs are completed.
- Ms Howarth – Thorpe’s new attendance and admissions officer. Her role is to work with families to ensure that children attend school and to ensure any new children who join the school are onboarded.

The whole team are busy working to ensure that systems, admin and comms are improved and begin to work seamlessly. Please say hello if you do pop into the office.

Although not a new face, I am delighted to inform you that Ms Greaves (Year 6) has taken on the role of Key Stage 2 Standards Lead. This means that she will be involved in ensuring that children’s learning and outcomes are the best they can be, working closely with our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Oxer.

### Panto

We are very pleased to again be offering children an opportunity to see the pantomime at The Cresset. This is not a class visit, but a trip open to any child in KS1 and KS2 (Years 1 - 6). This year the performance will be Beauty and the Beast. **The children will be going to see the performance on Monday 15th December 2025.** The performance will take place in the morning and is expected to last for approximately 2 hours. Children will be back for lunch. The

total cost of this visit will be £16 per child. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we are offering a 50% discount of the price which makes the cost £8 per child. Payments and permission must be made on ParentPay.



## PTA

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us at our PTA. It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and help shape the school experience for our children. Your voice matters, and we'd love your support. If you feel you want to join, please fill in the form here: [Join the PTA 2025 – Fill out form](#) or scan the QR code below.



## Children In Need

This year we will be supporting Children In Need on Monday 17th November (the national event takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, but we are doing it on the following Monday). We are inviting children to wear yellow or spots and give a small cash donation.

**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

# WE'RE RAISING MONEY

**WHAT**  
Dress in yellow or spots and  
make a cash donation.

**WHEN & WHERE**  
Monday 17th November  
Thorpe Primary Academy

**DONATE ONLINE**



Scan the QR code or  
head to [bbc.co.uk/pudsey](https://bbc.co.uk/pudsey)  
to donate online

Pudsy thanks you!





## **Best Start In Life**

The UK Government have created a website to support parents in getting children ready for school. There is lots of helpful advice and guidance on their website here: [Homepage | Best Start in Life](#)

## **Reminders:**

### **Reception Tours for Prospective Parents**

These will take place on Thursday 20th November at 8:45 am and Thursday 11th December at 8:45 am

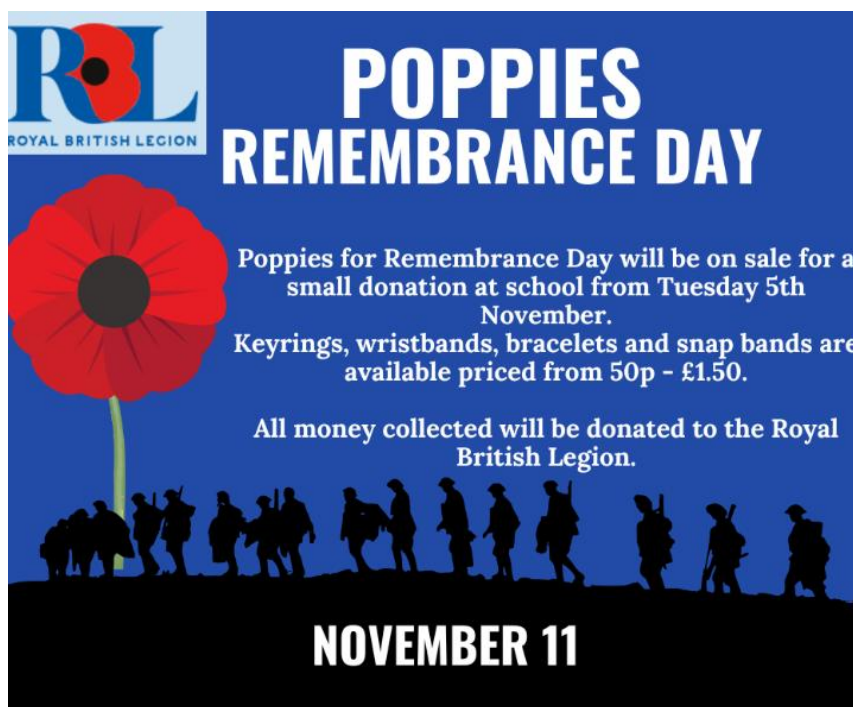
### **Parent Shout Outs**

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

### **Class Assemblies**

Year 1's class assembly is coming up Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Class assemblies start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along!

## **Poppy Appeal**



All the best and have a wonderful weekend,

Mr J Parkhouse  
Headteacher