



Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

Special events coming soon

September:

- 22nd – Yr 5 – workshop
- 22nd – Harvest Assemblies
- 23rd- Jamie Knight (world record holder) visiting Key Stage 1
- 24th – Parent Forum – Phonics KS2 hall 9am
- 25th PTA – welcome mtg 3.30pm
- 25th- Yr 6 - WW1 Soldiers Tale Workshop
- 26th – Cllr Coombs visiting
- 29th- Jamie Knight (world record holder) visiting Key Stage 2
- 29th – J Knight workshop
- 30th – PGL mtg – 3.30pm

October:

- 6th-10th - PGL trip
- 9th – Yr2 – Gruffalo @ Theatre
- 13th – Yr 4 – Science Museum
- 14th – School photos – individual
- 15th – Governors Day
- 15th - Medway Test Results Day
- 16th - Open Day – FULL
- 17th – last day of term

November:

- 3rd – children return to school

Mrs Rogers Message

This week, we have been enjoying a visit from a Roman Gladiator to Year 4, as part of their topic on Romans Rule. This allowed year 4 to ask lots of questions about what life was like at this time and what it was like to be gladiator and have to fight! Next week, we will be enjoying a workshop on World War 1 in Year 6, a soldier's tale!

Many of our Year 6 children sat the Medway Test this week and were so brave! Many were nervous but they gave it their best go and I am sure many will do very well! Parents of Year 6, please keep a look out for local secondary school open days, so that you can visit. Results day is the 15th October and results come to parents on email from the Local Authority!

Our Parent Forum next week will be on **Phonics**, led by Mr Wykes. We will send out the slides from the Forum to all parents after the Forum meeting.

Next week is another busy week, year 5 will be having their Egyptian Cartouche Painting workshop on Monday as part of their up-coming learning on Ancient Egyptians.

There will be a Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 22nd September to raise awareness of crops and to make everyone aware of the importance of farming and food production. We will be collecting donations for the local food bank, so please feel free to bring in some!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe, Mrs Rogers.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Year 4 - Roman Gladiator Workshop



Year 4 had a great time learning more about Roman life today with a visit from a Roman gladiator



(Please see our social media pages for more photos from our week)



Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



Attendance Stars:
KS1 Liberty
KS2: Topaz



PE Champion: Carter
PE Uniform Champion Blenheim

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Sparkles Nursery	Leonard			
Pippin	Analeigh	Lucas	Lila	Santiago
Sunrise	Zac	Henry	Lola	Jenson
Elstar	Nancy	Harry	Arthur	Ella
Kanzi	Theo	Joel	Paige	Grayson
Fortune	Chloe	Jayce	Ellie	Caden
Liberty	Evie-Rose	Navy	Jasper	Bear
Opal	Millie T	Jamie B	Ernest	Teddy E
Topaz	Reuben	Michelle	Catherine	Oscar
Enterprise	Elena	Mason	Buddy	Freddie
Victory	Albey	Megan	Robyn	Austin
Blenheim	Betsie-Mae	Sophie	Nora	Aria
Windsor	Sydney	Sebastian	Elisa	Sofia
Discovery	Emily-May	George C	Lahna	Katie
Pioneer	Daniel	Nancy	Jenna	Owen

Safeguarding Corner

Our inclusion team and our safeguarding team are here if you need us, no problem is too small! This week our focus is on the social media platform Tik Tok and the danger to be aware of when using this platform!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen; it led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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.... Miss Brobbey



Five of our Year 5 girls play for Medway Town Pinx / Anchorians Hearts. They played against each other at the weekend and at the start of the game they asked to hold a minute silence in memory of Miss Brobbey.

Very lovely and thoughtful of you to remember Miss Brobbey in this way.

Thank you 

... Other news at Thames View ...

On **Monday 22nd September** we will be holding our Harvest Assemblies.

We will be donating dried goods, tins etc to our local food bank charity, to help those in our local communities.

We will have an area in the school if you would like to bring any donations in to add to our display. Please bring them to school before **Tuesday 30th September**.



Thank you in advance for your continued support in helping those in our community.

(stock image)

.... PTA news

We are holding a PTA welcome meeting on

Thursday 25th September at 3.30pm in the KS2 building

Come along to find out what we do to raise funds for our school, and especially for those who are new to the school to find out who we are !

It is also a chance for parents to discuss ideas for future events that the PTA could hold at Thames View.

We look forward to seeing you there
Amy & Tania

THAMES VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



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Thursday 16th October

KS2 HALL

EYFS/KS1: 4.45PM – 6PM

KS2: 6.30PM – 8PM

PRICE £3.50

<https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1849343>



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FIREWORKS

THAMES VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 2nd November

@ 7PM

GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM AND CLOSE

AT 6:45PM (for display to begin)

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE -

<https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1834867>



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... other news ...

Application dates:
Mon, 1 Sept
2025 to Thu, 15
Jan 2026

Admission to primary school September 2026

apply online

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?
If the answer is yes, then now is the time to apply for a school place.


Online admissions for Medway residents

The quickest, easiest and safest way to apply for your primary school place.

Last year 99 per cent of applications were made online.

If you give us your email address when applying you will:


- receive confirmation your application has been received;
- receive details of the school offered on the offer day by email without having to wait for an offer letter.



- You must apply to your home local authority (ie if you pay your council tax to Medway Council you must apply to Medway). If you pay your council tax to one of the district councils of Kent (for example, Swale or Maidstone) then you must apply to Kent County Council.
- You can name schools in any area but you must apply to your home local authority.
- Medway residents can apply from **9am on Monday, 1 September 2025**.
- Please make sure that you have submitted your application by **5pm on Thursday, 15 January 2026**.
- If you do not want to apply online and would prefer to complete a paper application form, please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team. **Please note:** Medway Council do not acknowledge receipt of paper applications in writing or over the phone.
- Please read primary admissions 2026 information available at **Medway.gov.uk/PrimaryAdmissions** to find out more about the admission process and Medway's primary schools.

If you would like any further advice you can speak to School Admissions and Transport Team, who will be happy to assist you.

Medway Council School Admissions and Transport Team
Phone: **01634 331110**
Email: **admissions@medway.gov.uk**

Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions 

Primary applications For September 2026

Secondary Admissions for September 2026

Application dates:
Mon, 1 Sept
2025 to Fri, 31
Oct 2025

Admission to secondary school September 2026

apply online


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Was your child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015?
The quickest, easiest and safest way to apply for your secondary school place.

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- Please read the secondary admissions 2026 information available at **Medway.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions** to find out more about the process and Medway's secondary schools.
- If you would like to request details of your nearest qualifying school(s) for the purposes of home to school transport please complete and submit the request form, which can be found at **Medway.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions**. Any request for information must be received by **Wednesday, 1 October 2025**.

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Housekeeping



Thank you to everyone who has emailed in about clubs and experiences that your child takes part in outside of school - the Children's University inbox has over 100 emails and I am working through them!

Remember if you have any experiences or clubs that are not on the CU database then please email childrensuniversity@thamesviewprimary.medway.sch.uk with contact details for them so that they can be signed up.

Weekly Awards

Each week, we will be celebrating the most stamps earned in a week with a certificate in both KS1 and KS2. These will be awarded in assembly on a Thursday.

This week we have had so many people with an equal number of stamps in KS1 that it is impossible to give an award but in KS2 the winner is...

KS1	KS2
	
Too many to name...	Evelyn

Keep on adding your activities to the website to be in with a chance of winning the award next week!

Well done to everybody who has added your stamps so far - we have over 250 stamps accrued so far!

Super Stamp Challenge

In the newsletter each week a 'Super Stamp Challenge' will be set for the following week. The activity in this challenge is worth 3 stamps! Any entrants to the challenge should be emailed to the email address childrensuniversity@thamesviewprimary.medway.sch.uk by the following Friday to be win the stamps. Mr Wykes will then add the stamps to your online profile for you!

Super Stamp Challenge - due 26.09.25

As the weather is getting colder, design a hot drink of your choice that is both tasty but will keep you warm. It can be whatever you want!

To earn your 3 stamps, you must do the following:

- Write a recipe for your hot drink. (1 stamp)
- Make your hot drink and send a picture to the email address above (1 stamp)
- Evaluate your hot drink. Did you like it? What could you improve? (1 stamp)