



Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility
Resilience
Respect

Special events coming soon

January

29th - VR Workshop for Year 3 (ECO)

February

3rd & 4th - Twist & Pulse KS2 w/shop

6th - MYG _ Table Tennis Yr4-6

7th - NSPCC Number Day

10th-14th - Enterprise Week

13th - Class Photos in School with Kittle

13th - PTA Disco

14th - end of term

24th - Back to School

25th - Hook Day

27th - Yr R Theatre Trip

Advance notice:

29th April - PTA Circus Event
(please see below for other events)

Mrs Rogers Message

This week it has been a very sporty week! We are so proud of our year 5 and 6 children who represented Thames View in the football tournament at Anchorians on Tuesday. Competition was so tough, but all of our children gave their best effort, showed exemplary behaviour and worked well as a team, so great job guys! We also took part in MYG at the Howard this week, again the children gave their best efforts and represented Thames View superbly, we could not be prouder of you!

We have also had a visit from the PINS project this week. This is a project run through Medway Council and the NHS and it stands for 'Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools'. Thames View have been lucky to be selected as one of the few schools to be able to be part of this project and it provides training for all of our staff and sessions for parents on how we can support our neurodiverse learners. More information on parent events will follow. PINS will be visiting our school to look at how we facilitate learning for our neurodiverse learners and help us to ensure that this is the best it can. Our staff are looking forward to working with the team and ensuring that we give every child the best chance to fulfil their potential!

Next week, we have an ECO virtual reality workshop for our year 3 children. We do this every year for a different year group. ECO initiatives are very important to us at Thames View as we pride ourselves on being a 'green school' and promoting sustainability. We have an ECO Leader, Miss Bradshaw and she leads the ECO ambassadors, to ensure that our pupil leadership team can lead on our initiative.

We always want to ensure we offer our children the best opportunities, so that not only do their best with their learning, but they have extra curricula opportunities. We continue to have three trips; two curriculum trips and one culture trip each year. We Are always working on our club and workshop offer. Clubs have increased to double so far this year and different clubs will continue to appear each term. We also have Twist and Pulse coming in for our junior workshops at the beginning of February!

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

Quote of the week

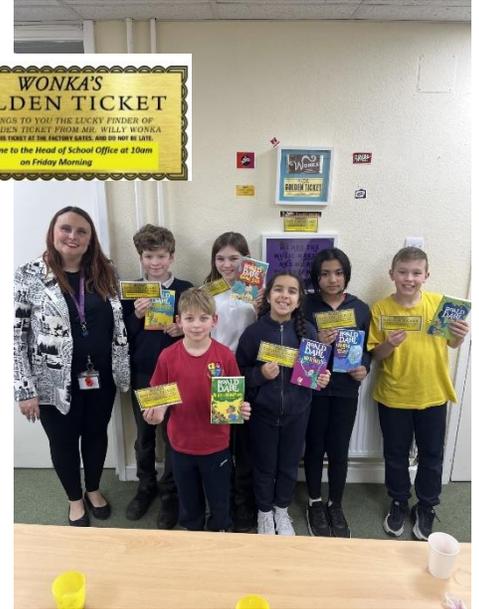
Books are a uniquely portable magic.



Stephen King



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.



PE Champions:
KS2 :Thomas R



Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Sparkles Nursery	Lyla			
Pippin	Beatrix	Paige	Savannah	Hallie
Sunrise	Harry	Grayson	River	Fern
Elstar	Scarlett	Lexi	Kai	Ethan
Kanzi	Archie	Willow	Layla	Lucas
Fortune	Bowie	Jamie B	Dexter	Alana
Liberty	Nathan	Savana	Emma	Amelia
Opal	Robyn	Grace	Aesha	Louis
Topaz	Zara	Tommy G	Elliot	Isla
Enterprise	Sebastian	Nancy	James	Violet
Victory	Rose	Esmee	Alba	Daisy
Blenheim	Nancy	Louie	Rose	Evie
Windsor	Teddie	Lola	Katie	Leo
Discovery	Bailey	Jimmy	Miya	Lily-Mae
Pioneer	Niyanna	Elsie	Mia	Isabel

.... Young Voices 2025

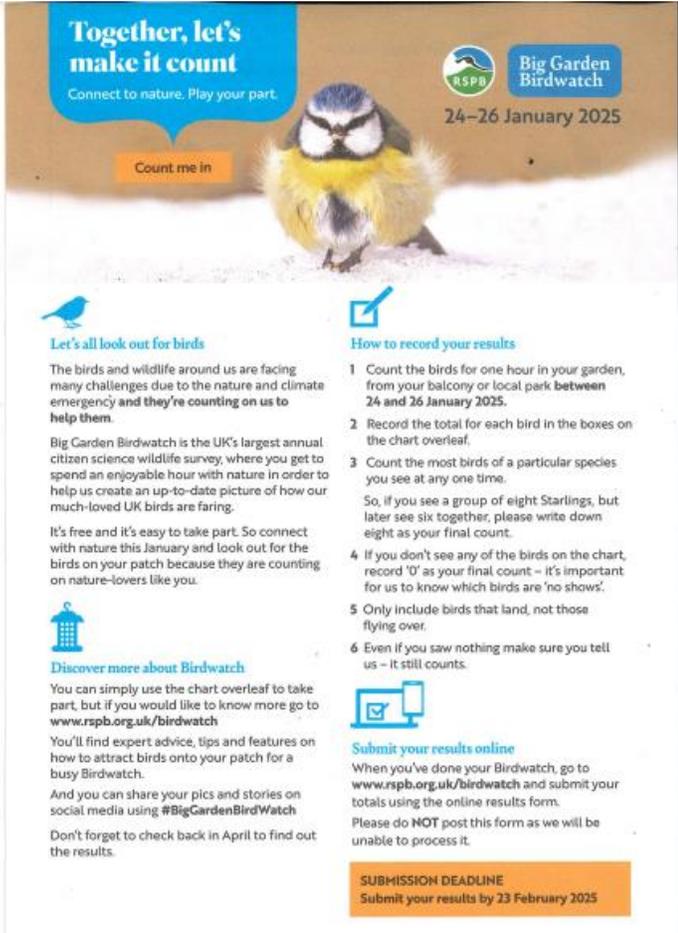
A great time had by all, am sure you will have seen some of the photographs on our Social Media pages



.... today in Blenheim Class ...

Some of Blenheim class were helping the RSPB today by completing a survey for their Big Garden Birdwatch which is happening today and over the weekend. They spotted a surprising number of birds - mostly seagulls, crows and pigeons! To attract some smaller birds, they also made some bird feeders using lard and seeds.

Anyone interested in participating at home can find out more at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



Together, let's make it count
Connect to nature. Play your part.

Count me in

Big Garden Birdwatch
24–26 January 2025

Let's all look out for birds
The birds and wildlife around us are facing many challenges due to the nature and climate emergency and they're counting on us to help them.
Big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's largest annual citizen science wildlife survey, where you get to spend an enjoyable hour with nature in order to help us create an up-to-date picture of how our much-loved UK birds are faring.
It's free and it's easy to take part. So connect with nature this January and look out for the birds on your patch because they are counting on nature-lovers like you.

Discover more about Birdwatch
You can simply use the chart overleaf to take part, but if you would like to know more go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch
You'll find expert advice, tips and features on how to attract birds onto your patch for a busy Birdwatch.
And you can share your pics and stories on social media using #BigGardenBirdWatch
Don't forget to check back in April to find out the results.

How to record your results

- 1 Count the birds for one hour in your garden, from your balcony or local park **between 24 and 26 January 2025**.
- 2 Record the total for each bird in the boxes on the chart overleaf.
- 3 Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time.
So, if you see a group of eight Starlings, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- 4 If you don't see any of the birds on the chart, record '0' as your final count – it's important for us to know which birds are 'no shows'.
- 5 Only include birds that land, not those flying over.
- 6 Even if you saw nothing make sure you tell us – it still counts.

Submit your results online
When you've done your Birdwatch, go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch and submit your totals using the online results form.
Please do **NOT** post this form as we will be unable to process it.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Submit your results by 23 February 2025



Safeguarding Corner

If you have concerns about you child, please come in and discuss these with Mrs Flynn. Each week there will be safeguarding tips here, let us know if we can help!

Today's focus is on Whatsapp and what you need to be aware of on the app!

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 WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
In UK and Europe: rest of the world 13+

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

...HEY OSCAR...

NOS National Online Safety®
#WakeUpWednesday

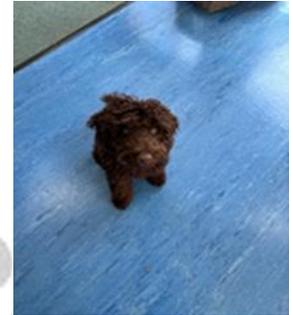
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Weekly Dog Mentor Spot!
What have our dogs been
up to this week?



Rocky

Ruby

Rolo

Reggie



Our Therapy dogs have been in Windsor Class this week, as they produced beautiful work in English so as a treat joined in with their learning.



... PTA News ...

Tuesday 1st April

Willy Wonka Golden Tickets

To celebrate Roald Dahl Day we would like to invite you to find our hidden golden tickets in exchange for some AMAZING prizes

All chocolate bars must be purchased in advance and are priced at £2.00 per bar

All purchased chocolate bars will then be ready to be collected and selected from the KS2 hall on the morning of

Tuesday 1st April

Please email thamesviewpta@gmail.com with your name, class and number of chocolate bars you would like to purchase - Thank You 📧

Please email the PTA direct to order your Golden Ticket Bars



A promotional poster for a Mother's Day Gift-Shop. At the top, a yellow banner with a diamond shape on each side contains the text "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY". Below this, the text "Thames View Primary School PTA" is written in green, followed by "Wednesday 26th March – Friday 28th March" in black, and "All gifts priced at £2.50" in green. The central focus is a large pink gift box with a white ribbon and bow. The text "Mother's Day Gift-Shop" is written in white on the front of the box. The background is white with scattered pink and yellow hearts. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful tulips in shades of pink, yellow, and orange. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Parentkind Member Association".

<https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1548290>

Please note: EYFS/KS1 children will be collected from class and taken to the gift-shop to select a gift(s). KS2 children will also be collected but are welcome to bring in cash and visit the shop themselves during either their break or lunchtime to purchase their own gift/gift(s)

Parentkind
Member Association

Please purchase your gift shop tickets via the link

..... PTA News continued

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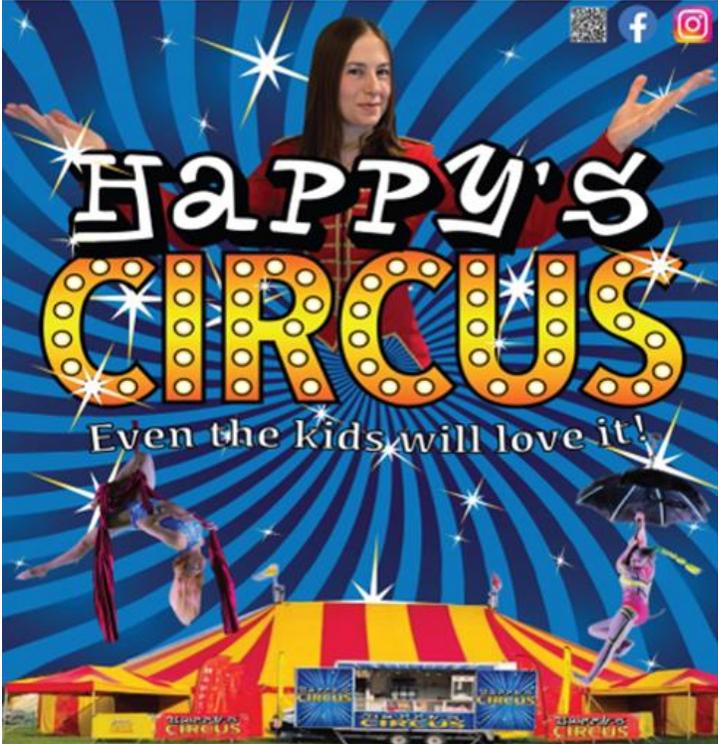
Thursday 13th February
KS2 HALL

EYFS/KS1: 4.45PM – 6PM
KS2: 6.30PM – 8PM

PRICE £3.50

<https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1530569>

Any queries please email thamesviewpta@gmail.com



Happy's
CIRCUS

Even the kids will love it!

Icons for QR code, Facebook, and Instagram are visible in the top right corner.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 29th April 2025

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

<https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1530474>

.... ECO Squad News



Recycle all brands of flexible coffee and tea packaging here



Accepted

All brands:

- ✓ Individual coffee bag sachets
- ✓ Bulk bags of tea bags
- ✓ Loose leaf tea packs



Scan QR code to learn more

Not accepted

- ✗ Individual coffee bags
- ✗ Coffee capsules
- ✗ Ground coffee
- ✗ Cardboard packaging
- ✗ Individual tea bags
- ✗ Individual tea bag sachets
- ✗ Ground coffee pouches
- ✗ Coffee bean pouches



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“The Earth loves you, so love it back!”