



END OF TERM

20th December 2023

And here we are....at the end of the Autumn term and all set for the Christmas holidays.

It has been lovely to see so many of you over the past week or so at our different Christmas events. Huge thank you to the PFA for the wonderful Christmas fayre that was so successful in raising more funds for activities and resources for our children.

What an AMAZING team! Thank you all.

Our Hedgehogs performed beautifully in their nativity and astounded us all with their loud speaking and singing voices as well as their fabulous acting. Hopefully everyone who ordered a CD has collected one from the office. Thank you to Sally from Woodland Studios who filmed the production and also produced the CDs in such speedy time.

The Badgers and Rabbits led us through a super church service last Thursday afternoon as well. The church was bursting at the seams. Thank you to everyone who came and a special thank you to Reverend David and to those who sang heartily along with the children.

We ended our celebrations with our termly Star, Diamond, Superhero awards assembly on Friday. We were very lucky to have Nanny Mandy and Betty as special guests, who presented our new Avid Reader award, generously giving each of the readers a book token to go and buy a special book in celebration.

It was also lovely to welcome Michelle to this assembly as well so that she could present her gymnastic awards to each of the children. A huge thank you to her for all that she has done over the past few years to develop the children's gymnastic confidence. We will be welcoming her back again in September 2024.

Termly awards:

| | Star | Diamond | Superhero | Writer | Betty's reading award | Sportasaurus |
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| Hedgehogs | Emilia | Finn | Henry | Ava | Alice | Ellie- Badgers |
| Rabbits | Arthur | Archie | Eliza | Olivia | Zachary | |
| Badgers | Kathleen | Ellie | Elizabeth | Jenson | Isobel | |

Again, thank you to all those who came. Please do note that this assembly will happen termly and is open to all parents/ carers/ visitors; however some adults will receive a special invite if their child is going to be presented with a specific certificate.



Next term Liz Ford will be working with us every Friday, starting from the 12th January, breathing renewed life into our outdoor classroom and bird hide, delivering Forest schools skills to the children. Please do remember to send your children in with outdoor clothes and wellies while the weather is wet and cold (we have spare wellies in school for Hedgehog Class). We will be out whatever the weather, so they may get wet and muddy! We do have some waterproof gear and we will do our best to keep the children dry but, if it is very wet, you may want to send them in with a bag of spare clothes (or their school uniform) on a Friday, to change into afterwards.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr West for all that he has done over the years at Thurlton. He has had a very positive impact on so many of our children and families and I know that you will all want to join me in wishing him every success and happiness in his new post.

Thank you Mr West for your good humour, contribution to school life and for supporting so many children throughout their time at Thurlton Primary.

As wish Mr West well in his next ventures, we welcome Miss Busby to Thurlton and to Badger Class. I know she is extremely excited to be joining us and I am sure you will all make her feel extremely welcome.

For the rest of us, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, a restful holiday and a happy, successful new year.

See you in 2024!

School re-opens at 8.45am on 4th January 2024.

With very best wishes for a merry Christmas

Jessica Balado and the team at Thurlton Primary