

Dear Parents

As it has been such a busy month, welcome to our second September newsletter. We hope it is of interest to you all.



Chester's Dee-Sign Choir:

Last week, saw our very first session with our brand new Sing and Sign Choir, to mark International Sign Language Day. We were lucky enough to spend the afternoon with Chester's Dee-Sign Choir who very patiently taught us how to sign 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman, happy birthday, greetings, manners, conversation starters and how to give a round of applause to a hearing-impaired person. All 38 choir members, ranging from Reception to Year Six, listened carefully, encouraged each other and showed great resilience with a tricky new skill. It was a brilliant afternoon and our visitors were so impressed that they have asked to come to our harvest festival later on this half term to watch our very first performance, so the pressure is now on to get practising! Thank you to all at Dee-Sign Choir. [#TPSCollaboration](#) [#TPSExpression](#) [#TPSIInspiration](#) [#TPSCitizenship](#)



Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you to everybody who supported our annual coffee morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. Thank you to our parents and grandparents who baked cakes and helped to distribute them around the classrooms. [#TPSCitizenship](#) [#TPSCollaboration](#)



Enterprise Charities:

We have got off to a great start this half term with our annual £10 challenge. The School Councillors have collected everybody's views and every class has democratically decided on the charity that they would like to support this year. We will hear from each class throughout the year with their fundraising plans and hope that we can support them to raise money. This is something that we have done for the last 10 years and we have raised hundreds of pounds for charities all around the world, which is fabulous. [#TPSCitizenship](#) [#TPSIInspiration](#) [#TPSCollaboration](#)

FS2	Toilet Twinning
Year One	Tam O'Shanter's Urban Farm
Year Two	Barnardo's
Year Three	Barnardo's
Year Four	NHS Charities Together
Year Five	Jackson's Animal Rescue
Year Six	Macmillan Cancer Support



Parent Workshops:

Next Wednesday (08.10.25), every class teacher will hold an after-school parent workshop from 3:35pm to approximately 4:15pm. Please do join us to meet your child's class teacher and find out about the exciting things your children will be doing this year, homework expectations, national testing etc. We regret that we are unable to provide a crèche this year but your children are very welcome to sit with you and listen to the class teacher. Please note that the Year Six workshop will also cover the forth-coming visit to Min-Y-Don. **#TPSCollaboration**
Please click on the hyper-link below to take you to our yearly overviews on our school website...
https://www.thingwall.wirral.sch.uk/web/curriculum_maps_2025_-_2026/621240



Social Media Update:

Thank you so much for bearing with us, as we make the transition from Twitter (X) to Instagram. It has been a steep learning curve but we are getting there! Please do follow us and we will attempt to keep our Twitter updated in the short-term, as we learn to get to grips with Instagram. If any technical parents out there know how to link Twitter, Instagram and a Facebook business page to enable us to post once to all three platforms simultaneously, please do let us know. Many thanks to Miss Yandle and Miss Durn, who have both been really patient with me as I have tried to get the hang of Instagram!

Our Twitter/X address is @thingwallprima1 and our Instagram address is thingwallprimary

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Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Our school band have got off to a great start this year, we now have over 40 members who meet weekly and perform weekly. They meet every Tuesday before school and accompany our singing during our weekly choral assemblies. Many thanks to Mrs Mitchell for her expertise in this area.

We were thrilled to welcome Chris back from Wirral Judo Education at the start of the month and he delivered an exciting judo assembly for the whole school. Chris continues to run Wirral Judo every Thursday after school, so please do contact the school office if you are interested in your child joining this club.

Phoenix Football Club continues to go from strength to strength at our school and we are very proud of the successful footballers Adam and the team are helping to produce. If you would like your child to join this club, please do contact the school office.

When we last completed our parents survey, it was mentioned that not all children could attend before and after school clubs due to other commitments and cost. We have listened carefully and have decided this year, to launch several lunchtime clubs. Mr. Colligan (SFA) comes into school every Wednesday lunchtime to run Key Stage Two Boxercise, which is proving very popular indeed. Miss Yardley is running a Fun Club on the back playground for Key Stage Two children three times a week, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - thank you Miss Yardley, the children are really appreciating your efforts. Mr Colligan and Miss Yardley's clubs are open to any of our junior pupils.

We have also launched a board games club this week for Years Four and Five pupils and we hope that this will be successful over the coming weeks.

Finally, one of our parents, Mrs Dineley, is hoping to start an after-school Art Club for our younger pupils. Details will be sent out later on in the half term for this exciting club, which we hope will meet after school every Monday in the school canteen. Thank you, Mrs Dineley.

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	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday			Term 1B onwards – Years 2 and 3 (charged)
Tuesday	Band – Years 3 to 6 (free of charge)		SFA – Years 1 to 6 (charged)
Wednesday	Year 5 Maths (free of charge)	Board Game Club – Years 4 and 5 (free of charge) Fun Club – Years 3 to 6 (free of charge) Boxercise – Years 3 to 6 (free of charge)	Phoenix Football Club – Years 1 to 6 (charged)
Thursday	Year 6 Maths (free of charge)		Judo Education – Years 1 to 6 (charged)
Friday			

Annual Harvest Festival:

Our annual harvest festival is on 22nd October this year at 2:00pm, arrivals from 1:30pm. As usual, we will be collecting items for the Charles Thompson Mission again this year, this is a charity very close to our hearts, based in Birkenhead. They look after homeless individuals and displaced individuals in our local areas around Wirral. This year, the mission have told us that they are very low on the following items:

- deodorant
- shampoo
- shower gel
- soap
- shaving soap
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes

This is as well as the usual tinned, dried and bottled goods. If you are able to donate some items, please drop them off in your child's classroom from Monday of next week. Our Head Boy and Girl and their Deputies will then collect the items and arrange them in the School Hall. We regret that no fresh produce or alcohol related items can be accepted. Bernie, from the mission, comes to our harvest festival every year and is always thrilled with the items that we donate so thank you in advance for your generosity. [#TPSCitizenship](#) [#TPSCollaboration](#)



Year Six Responsibilities:

We have now finished the elections for our Year Six positions. Many thanks to all who applied for positions, all of your individual speeches were wonderful. Please find our results below...

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
Annabelle Clark	Grace F Robyn	Isaac Fran	Harvey Lucy



We also have a new Head Boy/Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl for our 2025-2026 academic year. Congratulations to the following Year Six pupils, you will be wonderful ambassadors for Team Thingwall...

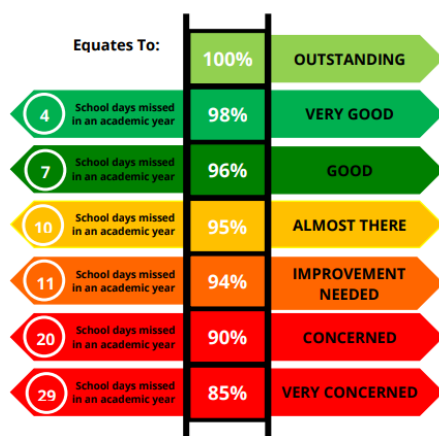
Head Girl	Grace P
Deputy Head Girl	Scarlett
Head Boy	Archie
Deputy Head Boy	Harry



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Attendance Update:

Please be aware that we will be sending you an email every half term to give you an in-depth update of your child's attendance. You are also able to check your child's attendance and register on our Arbor app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any further clarification on this matter.



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Pilot Ofsted Inspection:

As previously mentioned, we received notification at the start of term that Ofsted would like to visit our school to conduct a pilot Ofsted Inspection on the 14th and 15th October this half-term. This is to enable them to trial their new framework, which is due to be published on Monday and will be a mutually beneficial opportunity for professional development. We are looking forward to discussing the many positives of Thingwall Primary with the inspection team. #TPSCollaboration

Celebration Corner (OR HUGG) – Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!

This area of the newsletter is so we can celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this area of the newsletter, please let the school office know with the relevant details.

Our Celebration Corner will be in our main September newsletter at the end of this month.

Congratulations to all these pupils, who exemplify the MAT values of **collaboration, citizenship, inspiration and expression** with distinction and pride. We are immensely proud of all of our Team Thingwall pupils, they are all outstanding ambassadors for our school and try to reflect our values in all that they do.

Betsy (Year Three) and Ruby (Year One) – Well done to both girls who represented their gymnastics club recently. Betsy won gold on the floor and silver on the vault, whilst Ruby did the reverse – silver on the floor and gold on the vault! Well done girls, Birkenhead Gymnastics Academy must be very proud of you! 😊

Freddie (Year Three) – Congratulations to Freddie who recently competed in his first ever swimming gala, winning bronze, silver and gold medals in all three races! Impressive achievement, Freddie and what an important life skill too! 😊

Clara (Year Three) – Well done to Clara, who has won the Rainbow trophy and badge for her excellent listening skills. She also earned her Influence 1 badge for helping another child, meaning she has a whopping 11 badges in total, including her silver award! Well done Clara! 😊



With best wishes to you all

Mrs D L Evans