



Anti-bullying Week

Thaxted school is proud to 'Make a noise about Bullying' as part of Anti bullying week. This year's week has a particular focus on understanding the difference between 'banter', 'arguments' and 'bullying'. We will be working in lessons to learn the impact of comments and how to encourage kindness in school.

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 13th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes.

All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!



UPCOMING DATES:

Friday 10th November – 1 minutes silence for Remembrance

Week of 13th November – Enterprise/Money Week

Week of 27th November – Panto in school

1st December—PTA Christmas Fayre

6th December 2pm & 7th 9.30am – EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th December - Christmas Service, 2pm (doors open at 1.45pm), Thaxted Parish Church

Tuesday 19th December – Class Parties

Wednesday 20th December – Thaxted's Got Talent (Last Day of School before Christmas holidays)

Thursday 4th January – Back to School

HEADTEACHER COFFEE MORNINGS

Tuesday 21st November –Supporting your child & SEND needs, 2.30pm

THURS 12TH DEC 8.50AM—ONLINE SAFETY



this will help to pay for fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Uttlesford food bank informed us they hand out 5tonnes of food every month, which is the same as 10 baby elephants!

A huge thank you from Uttlesford Food Bank for the massive collection of more than one item per child, especially those families that donated bags of food.

Also a very large thank you to the parent who donated £1000 to the food bank, they were incredibly thankful, as



Volunteering in school

In partnership with the PTA we have revised our Volunteer policy, application and induction process, all are now on the school website. We are always in need of extra help, so please do request from the office or download the form from the website and let us know your availability.

A **big thank you** to the 7 parents who have offered to help move the library around (maybe it was the promise of nibbles and prosecco!)

New Library

We are having a new library fitted next week.

These drawings are what it will look like once it is finished on Friday 10th November and we are hoping to have a grand opening with ribbon cutting with a few special visitors once it is all finished.



PTA Corner

A big thank you to all who supported the creation of Christmas Cards, these should all be with families now.

Also a big thank you to all who supported the Disco evenings, we raised nearly
£1000.

Look out for requests for help and support with the next big event—Christmas Fayre in December!!!

Kitchen / School dinners

We are very pleased to announce that we have finally recruited a new cook, Mrs Teresa Melhuish and she will be starting Monday 6th November.

Please be aware there may be some menu adjustments but parents will be informed of any changes in advance.

Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday.

Thank you to all who have sent in money for their child to purchase Royal British Legion poppies and assorted bands, pencils, rubbers etc.

These will continue to be on sale all of next week. The school is being represented at the church service

The school will be part of the wreath laying on Saturday & Sunday memorials. Flynn Fallon, a year 6 student and Mrs Crompton will be representing the school on Remembrance Sunday.



Esafety app

All parents now have free access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/thaxted-primary-school>

and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.



Uttlesford Summer Reading Challenge Cup!

Mrs Billings, our English Lead and Mrs Hart, our Librarian were very pleased to be informed by the Senior Librarian of Saffron Walden & Thaxted Libraries that Thaxted children had the highest percentage of children from all the schools in Uttlesford had joined the Library summer reading scheme.

This is first time Thaxted have ever won the cup, especially as we are a lot smaller than a lot of other schools in Saffron Walden.

It is such an achievement and something that all our children who continued to read over the summer should be proud of.

The Librarian will be coming to school to present the cup to the children at a special assembly in the coming weeks.



Ever thought of being a school Governor?

We are looking for new Governors. They can be a parent or a friend or family member who is interested in getting involved in the strategic guidance of Thaxted School.

The children of the school parliament have discussed the qualities they think a Governor needs;

- Are you a multi-tasker who is passionate about school?
- Enthusiastic about Thaxted and want to share the responsibility of making sure it is a great place to learn?
- Are you kind and caring, helpful and supportive, who is good at a little bit of everything?

You don't need to be an education expert to volunteer as a Governor.

Governors sit on the school's governing board and work with the school to ensure they improve each year. They:

- hold the headteacher to account for a school's performance
- make sure the budget is spent wisely
- set the school targets and ensure they are met
- take part in hearings and appeals
- making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe

We need a range of skills; someone with finance or educational background or marketing expertise would be of use.

If you are interested in being a school Governor or want to find out more please contact the school office and Mrs Crompton or one of the existing Governors will get back to you.

