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NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Edition

Christmas already?! 🤪 Where *has* the year gone? Guess it's the perfect time for the Christmas Edition of the Thrive newsletter, packed with all your favourite news, interviews and fun and games. Coming up we have the Thrive Christmas party on the 12th, which you can find out more about below 😊



So without ado, let's get stuck right in. Ho ho ho! 😊

Jakester

What's new at Thrive?

As it's the season to be jolly, we have our very own Thrive Christmas Party coming up on Friday the 12th from 5:30-8:30pm at

Woodpecker Hall
Pavilion in the Park
1 Kingfisher Road
Eastleigh
SO50 9LH

There'll be plenty of food, drinks, music, games and even a raffle 😊 the cost will be 12.50, and if you wish to bring your parents or carers along it will cost £8.00 per person. Look forward to seeing you all there 😊

Also this Christmas Thrive will be closed on 25th and 26th December, as well as 1st of January. Hop you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 😊



Question Time



This week our very own Terrific Tina

How long have you been working at Thrive?

18 months (almost)

What do you enjoy most about Thrive?

Everyday is new, and all the wonderful people that come to Thrive, as well as spending time with everyone

What would you say to someone who's interested in joining or working at Thrive?

Do it, don't look back cos you'll be amazed and have the best time

What do you feel you help bring to Thrive?

A little bit of laughter, a little bit of love and a lot of fun

If you were a pizza topping what would you be?

Pineapple, cos salt and sweet go well together

Would you rather speak every language in the world or be able to speak to animals?

Be able to speak to animals. I'd love to speak to my cat and dog, and have them speak back to me



Fun Facts

The first ever Christmas card was sent in 1843, by Sir Henry Cole, an english politician

Christmas trees originated in 16th century Germany, but became popular in Britain during the Victorian era

The term 'Xmas' comes from Greece, with X being the Greek symbol for Christ

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was created by the US store Montgomery Ward as part of their Christmas promotion. The song that accompanies the story was recorded in 1949

Santa Claus comes from the dutch word Sinterklaas, meaning Saint Nicolas, who was a 4th century Christian bishop

Jakester's Jokes

How much did Santa Claus pay for his sleigh? Nothing, it was on the house!

What do elves use to clean their hands? Santatizer.

Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer? Spruce Springsteen.

Why did the reindeer get a bad report card? Because he went down in history!

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!

What type of photos do elves take? *Elf*-ies

Wordsearch

Can you find all the Christmas words?

F	S	N	O	W	B	C	D	W	Y
L	I	K	S	Q	J	W	W	W	R
P	T	Y	T	W	W	W	M	Q	H
L	R	A	E	O	R	L	H	Q	U
S	I	E	A	K	T	C	Z	R	A
L	G	G	S	T	R	R	Y	Z	Q
E	X	O	H	E	N	U	E	A	J
I	M	T	M	T	N	A	T	E	Q
G	R	F	R	K	S	T	S	W	G
H	O	K	I	T	U	B	S	C	V

Santa

Tree

Presents

Snow

Turkey

Sleigh

Lights

Answers in next month's newsletter

Spot the difference

Can you find all 10 differences?



Answers in next month's newsletter



Quiz Time

Who wrote the classic 'A Christmas Carol'?

What flavour is most commonly associated with candy canes?

What is the name of the Grinch's dog?

How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?

Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?

How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?

Answers in next month's newsletter

Riddle me this

You can't catch me in your hand, I vanish as I land. What am I?

I waddle in snow, in tuxedo attire. Cold's my thing, not sun or fire. What am I?

I twinkle at night in colors so bright. Wrapped around trees, a dazzling sight. What am I?

I move around the house each night. I keep an eye on wrong and right. Who am I?

Answers in next month's newsletter

Emoji time

Can you guess the subjects based on the emojis?

Movie



Food



Word



Song



Character



Answers in next month's newsletter

Answers to last month's puzzles and games

Wordsearch

Z	J	U	T	Z	M	O	M	O	J
R	Z	Q	X	L	A	L	A	G	P
C	A	A	E	K	D	J	P	K	C
B	I	R	C	H	P	L	L	T	F
S	T	C	E	D	A	R	E	I	H
E	P	Z	D	O	D	M	C	G	P
U	N	R	F	G	I	Q	U	U	J
R	Y	I	U	U	M	Q	T	Z	W
I	A	X	R	C	R	F	R	O	X
E	L	N	I	S	E	R	O	J	Z

Spot the difference



More answers on next page



Answers to last month's puzzles and games

Quiz Time

Which animation company is known for hits such as Scooby Doo, The Flintstones and Wacky Races? **Hanna-Barbera**

What country does Paddington Bear come from? **Peru**

What is the name of the cat in Disney's Pinocchio?
Figaro

What is the name given to a baby kangaroo? **Joey**

In computer terms, what does 'www' stand for? **World Wide Web**

In Greek mythology, what name is given to a one-eyed giant? **A cyclops**

Riddle me this

What month of the year has 28 days? **All of them!**

What question can you never answer yes to? **Are you awake?**

What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty? **A chalkboard**

What has one head, one foot and four legs? **A bed**

What is cut on a table, but is never eaten? **A deck of cards**

Answers to last months emojis on next page



Answers (continued)

Emoji time

Movie



The Lord of the Rings

Cartoon



Spongebob Squarepants

Food



Chocolate Mousse

Song



Walkin' On Sunshine

Nursery Rhyme

Mary had a Little Lamb



And just like that, 2025 comes to a close. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2026, with even more newsletters 😊

Jakester

