

Thanking

A Charlie Brown

THANKSGIVING

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A *Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* is a beloved childhood movie that many remember watching around Thanksgiving time growing up. However, not only was it an entertaining movie for kids, but it was jam packed with life lessons.

In *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* viewers see Charlie Brown and his friends having a non-traditional Thanksgiving meal and enjoying it just the same. This can teach young children to be grateful for what they have. For Charlie Brown and his friends, it was not about what they were eating, it was about the time they were spending together and the memories they are making. This can also teach people that being different is okay. Sometimes things will be different and as long as you surround yourself with loving supportive people you can be happy with what you have, just like Charlie Brown.

*Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* also teaches problem solving and resilience.

The reason Charlie Brown and his friends didn't have a traditional Thanksgiving meal was because they didn't have all the

normal Thanksgiving dishes. Instead of just giving up and moping Charlie Brown and Snoopy made do with what they had, which led to a Thanksgiving dinner out of the ordinary, but one

Being grateful for what one has, being thankful, the lesson Thanksgiving is quite literally centered around.

Before they ate their out of the ordinary thanksgiving feast, Linus said a Thanksgiving prayer, quoting the prayer that was said at the very first Thanksgiving.

In the scene Linus said, "In the year 1621, the Pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving feast. They invited the great Indian chief Massasoit, who brought ninety of his brave Indians and a great abundance of food.

Governor William Bradford and Captain Miles Standish were honored guests. Elder William Brewster, who was a minister, said a prayer that went something like this: 'We thank God for our homes and our food and our safety in a new land. We thank God for the opportunity to create a new world for freedom and justice.'"

*A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* certainly gave people many fond memories to look back on, but most importantly it set people up with strong morals to lead their life on.



Perfectly different and perfectly happy to be spending time with the people they love.

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NaNoWriMo No More

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As National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) settles into the hearts of writers, so does the constant looming threats of artificial intelligence trying to take over these creative spaces that were once only meant for the sole creativity of writers and writers alone. A challenge where writers are put on a schedule to finish a full, fifty-thousand-word novel by the end of the month, what's not to love?

In early 2024, the creators of NaNoWriMo spoke out on the use of AI in creative spaces—just not in the way that everyone was hoping they would. According to [slate.com](#), "NaNoWriMo has had a slew of criticisms thrown its way due to its statement on the use of generative AI in writing that was released last week; it initially stated that AI can be a useful tool for those who are disabled or from marginalized communities who would otherwise not have access to the inner circle of the publishing

industry."

This outraged dedicated writers across the world who had been fans of this writing program for years.

NaNoWriMo to remove her from the board and warning others that their work might be used to train AI—a fear that was shared by many writers in the wake of the controversy." The idea of the organization using people's work in order to train their AI is something that not a lot of writers have thought about. Although there is little evidence to support this practice, writers are not fully convinced that it's not happening. This same concept happens all the time with digital artists on social media, whose work is getting fed into AI art machines in order to create more "human-like" paintings.

AI controversy has taken the writing community by storm for the past couple years. First the 2023 Hollywood screenwriter's strike caused by the layoffs in AI's favor (along with SAG-AFTRA), now the downfall of the most popular writing community in the world, what's next for the fall of creativity?



Doing everything needed to shield writers from being taken advantage of by AI...

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Sheffield

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Stardom

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Sheffield, England: a place of soaring architectural stone masterpieces and rolling green hills, gave birth to *Spotify's* 53rd most streamed artist, according to [spotify.com](#).

Alex Turner and talented neighbor Matt Helders joined up in the beginning, 2002, and invited their mutual friend, Andy Nicholson, forming the very beginning of the immensely popular band, Arctic Monkeys, according to [foothilldragonpress.com](#).

Alex Turner (rhythm guitar and main vocals), Matt Helders (drums and background vocals), and Andy Nicholson (bass guitar and background vocals), agreed to bring on their fourth member, Jamie Cook (lead guitar and background vocals), before their first gig at a pub in 2003, according to [foothilldragonpress.com](#). From there, the rookie band only went up.

With the early days of the internet, the aspiring quartet relied on platforms like *MySpace* to get their music out to people.

In 2006, the band released their first album, *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not*. According to [ndsmcobserver.com](#), this album is still the fastest selling debut album in UK history, and well exceeding the previous holder of this title by over 60,000 copies. Literally becoming famous over-

night, band member Andy Nicholson left the band due to stress. The remaining band members recruited Nick O'Malley to take over the remaining hole left.

After releasing *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not* (*WPSIA*), the band quickly got busy with legions of fans. After signing with Domino Recording Company, the band began releasing music to the United States. In 2007, the band released the album *Favourite Worst Nightmare* ('favorite' is spelled with a 'U' because the band hails from England). Continuing with their trend of releasing an album every two years, they kept it up with their next album, *Humbug* (2009), *Suck It and See* (2011), and *AM* (2013). However, the band took a break and released their next album *Tranquility Base Hotel and Casino* in 2018, with *The Car* following in 2022. Their last and final album, *The End of the Road*, was released in 2024, according to [ndsmcobserver.com](#).

Unfortunately, the band announced that after they released *The End of the Road*, they would be disbanding and wouldn't be releasing any new music or merch.

The kings of Sheffield have left their mark on the music industry, and while millions of fans are sad to see them go, they gladly tip their hats to the lads and wish them the best.

Merry MACYS

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This year will be the 98th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. An exciting tradition for families to watch together across the country and get pumped for Christmas.

This parade celebrates the holiday season with things like floats, giant balloons, and performances from media and artists people love. It's a good way to remind us of what the holidays are about and the meaning of Thanksgiving, as it's commonly overlooked.

Enjoying the present time while being grateful for all the wonderful parts of life already lived.

The floats are creatively covered and surrounded by one special theme each. Some floats and balloons are reused and have gained popularity over the years, such as Snoopy, SpongeBob SquarePants, Pikachu, and many more iconic characters.

According to [fandom.com](#), this year we can expect to see new giant balloons of Spiderman, Minnie Mouse, Goku, and Dora, as well as new floats by HARIO and the Disney Cruise Line.

As of now there is no confirmed lineup for the artist that will be attending, but based on previous experiences, we will most likely see marching bands, Broadway cast, trending artist, and performance dance groups. Closer to Thanksgiving, there will be more updates and artists performing will slowly start to be revealed.

The parade will be available to watch on *NBC* and *Peacock*, as well as of course in person in New York.

It's said to be an experience that is worth traveling to and is a popular bucket list event, so it's no surprise the crowd has kept a stable number throughout all these years.

However, the number of people who are streaming the parade is going up higher than it's ever been before.

The event broke its record of viewership last year in 2023 with 28.5 million viewers. It's a festive watch for the family on Thanksgiving day and leaves everyone excited and merry for the Christmas season to come.