



# Thomas's

## ACADEMY

December 2023  
Newsletter

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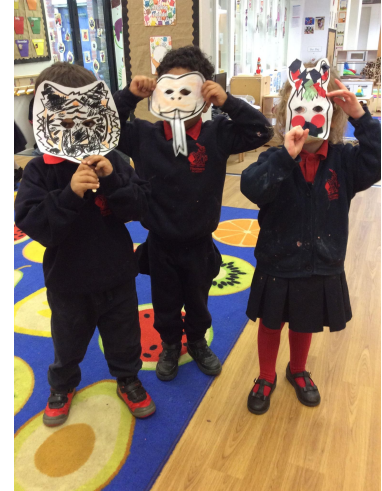
# Upcoming Dates

(live version available  
on [the website](#))



## December 2023

1st	Year 2 and 6 Gardening with Pascale Whole School Book Fair (finishing on 7th December)
4th	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair (3.15 - 4.00pm, Lower Hall) Year 5 Outdoor Learning
5th	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair (3.15 - 4.00pm, Lower Hall) Years' Reception and 3 Outdoor Learning Year 4 Swimming
6th	School tour - <a href="#">Book Here</a> Years' 6 and 1 Outdoor Learning Creative Festival for Years' 3 and 4
7th	Scholastic Travelling Book Fair (3.15 - 4.00pm, Lower Hall) Years' 2 and 4 Outdoor Learning
8th	Years' 4 and 5 Gardening with Pascale Christmas Storytelling Workshop - Nursery, Reception, Years' 1 and 2 Pre-Loved uniform sale (PTA)
12th	Year 4 Swimming
13th	School tour - <a href="#">Book Here</a> EYFS Spring Term Parent Presentation Meeting
14th	Nativity Dress Rehearsal and Show (Years' 1 and 2)
15th	KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents and Carers (9.30am start) Years' 1 and 3 Gardening with Pascale PTA Winter Fair
18th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Years' 1, 2, 4 and 5 Church Visits Christmas Concert for Years' 5 and 6
19th	Years' Reception, 2 and 6 Church Visits
20th and 21st	Design and Technology Focus Days
20th	School tour - <a href="#">Book Here</a> Winning House Treat
21st	Last day of term - School finishes at <b>2pm.</b>



# November's Attendance

Reception to Year 6 (average attendance is 93.13%, a 0.23% rise from October)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Average attendance
91.6%	92%	93%	95.17%	94.9%	92%	93.24%	93.13%

*Class attendance for the month of November 2023. Nursery is not statutory, therefore data is not included here.*

Please note that we are obliged to contact the Local Authority if a pupil has unauthorised absences that equate to more than 10% within a six-week period. This route will result in a Penalty Notice (PN) being issued or a referral to Family Services.

If there is a reason for your child to be absent, for example sickness or medical appointments, please email [absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk). For absence requests, a form can be collected from the school office for Miss Kelly to consider.

**Punctuality is also incredibly important.** The classrooms open at 8.45am at which point children can enter and engage with learning activities - these tend to be maths revision and challenges to support children's retention of maths learning. The register is taken at 8.55am after which point children are marked late. School doors close at this time and children will only be able to enter via the front office.

**Children should be collected promptly at the end of their school day. Any parent collecting after being 10 minutes late, their child may be sent to Shine Bright Club and parents/carers may be charged a minimum fee of £10.**





# Behaviour



Above are just some of the ways children are rewarded for good behaviour at Thomas's Academy. We have made some adaptations to the ways in which we respond to unacceptable behaviour and this has been introduced to children.

For minor incidents, children will receive:

- First Reminder
- Second Reminder
- Internal Reflection (around 10 minutes) - this will involve a behaviour note being sent home.

Behaviour Note
Child's name: _____
Date: _____
Unacceptable behaviour: _____
Teacher: _____

After their reflection, children will be able to join their class with the learning. If children receive three behaviour notes in one half-term, parents will be invited in for a meeting to discuss the behaviour and how we might work together to change the pattern of behaviour.

For more serious incidents, senior leaders will speak to the child involved. It is likely that parents will be contacted by Mrs James or Miss Kelly and will be invited to a meeting. The child will be given external reflection time (time out of the class).

Some children will have a personal positive behaviour plan tailored to their needs. Parents will be invited to contribute to this.



# Outdoor Areas

The PTA and Parent Community have been working effortlessly to support the school with a number of exciting projects which many families would have already seen, largely focusing on the outside areas.

Current projects:

## **Front Playground Wooden Play Area**

The wooden play structure has been completely deconstructed and work is currently underway to encase the trees and bushes that we have kept from the previous structure along with a welcoming and relaxing seating area being created as part the area. We have kept the plants that were homed in the play structure and distributed these to areas within the school.

## **School Garden**

We have agreed a quote for a gate to be installed to the entrance of the school garden, with paving to be relaid/redistributed so all children can access areas of the garden.

## **Nursery front garden**

The school has secured funding from XChange to renovate the nursery front playground and we are currently in process of finalising designs that can be shared with the school community.

## **Outdoor Toilet - Boys and Girls**

We completely the first stage of renovation and have planned for the next stages to be carried out and completed before the 15th December, just in time for the Winter Fair!!



# Parent Survey & School Meals

## Parent Survey

Any families who are yet to complete the Parent/Carers Questionnaire the link is below.

We have included a section focusing on School Meals.

Your input helps shape the school and we greatly appreciate your input, please click [here to complete the form.](#)

## School Meals

Thank you to all families for supporting the school with our meal provision, please do complete the survey above to support us with future decision making.

The Autumn Term menus are on the school website along with further information [here.](#)

The Spring Term menus are being finalised and will be sent out to parents once this has been agreed.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

**Roast Turkey**  
or  
**Roasted Vegetable, Cheddar and Cranberry Whirl** 

Served with Chipolata Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Brussel Sprouts

**Dessert**  
**Festive Rocky Road**

 Vegetarian

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IT'S ALL GOOD





# School Notices

## Instrumental Tuition

We are pleased to confirm that we will have our new Piano Teacher, Alessia, starting instrumental lessons next week on Tuesdays!

Please make that you've registered your child for lessons on [this form](#), (even if your child/ren were having Piano lessons in the past) where further details regarding the lesson on offer can be found. We will pass the details of pupils on the register to tutors on Monday.

We have a range of excellent music tutors, Daniela (Violin) and George (Drumming, Guitar and Bass), who provide 30 minute lessons to pupils on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you wish your child to start musical instrument lessons for any of the Instruments on offer, register on [this form](#)!

If your child took up musical instrument lessons last term they would continue each term/year unless informed otherwise by the parent.

If you have any questions please email the school office: [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)

## Nursery - Full time places are available!

If your child is three years old or about to turn three and you are interested in them joining our nursery, please complete an application form [here](#).

For more information on the nursery admission, please visit our website page [here](#) or contact the school office: [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)

## SchoolMoney Unpaid Balances

As the end of term draws closer, please ensure that any outstanding/unpaid payments on School Money are cleared by 21st December.

Automated weekly text/email reminders are being sent out and follow-ups made via phone.

Thank you to all that have already cleared any unpaid balances on their account.

## Annual Permission/Consent Forms

If you haven't yet done so, please complete the annual permission form (links below x2). These permission/consents covers a range of school activities, such as trips and photo use. The second form for Seesaw and Tapestry.

[Click here to access the Trips, IT and Photo Form](#)

[Click her to access the Internal Media Form](#)



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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomassacademy/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-t1](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomassacademy/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-t1)



# School Notices



## SEND Coffee Morning

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

9:00 – 10:00am

at Thomas's Academy

With Special Guest Speaker Rob Ferriman from HFEH MIND

A background of colorful, abstract artwork created with markers and crayons, featuring various shapes and colors like purple, pink, blue, and yellow.

YEAR 3&4  
**CREATIVE FESTIVAL**  
06 December · 3.30pm · Lower Hall

We invite you to join us in celebrating the creative achievements of Year 3&4 at Thomas's Academy.

This after school event will include festive music and dance performances as well as an exhibition showcasing the student's artwork.

**Note to Y3&4 parents and carers: On Wednesday 6th December please collect your children at 3.30pm as usual and then make your way to the lower hall via the school office.**





# PTA Notices & Events

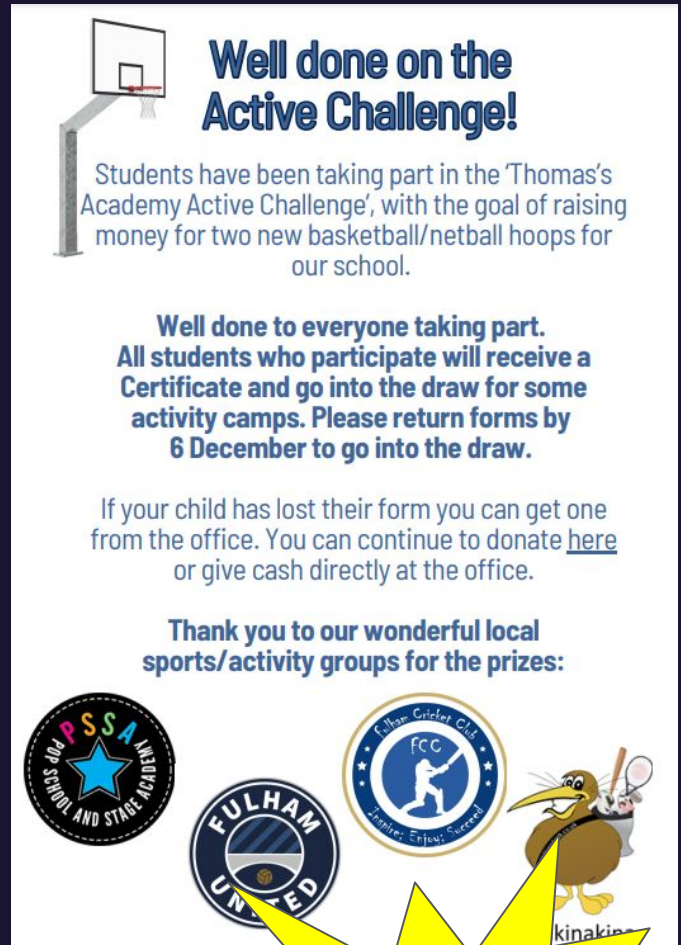


**WINTER WONDERLAND**

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**  
**3PM - 5.30PM**

SANTA'S GROTTO- GAMES-CRAFTS-  
FOOD- DRINKS-PERFORMANCES-  
STALLS-TOMBOLA AND MORE

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**Well done on the Active Challenge!**

Students have been taking part in the 'Thomas's Academy Active Challenge', with the goal of raising money for two new basketball/netball hoops for our school.

**Well done to everyone taking part. All students who participate will receive a Certificate and go into the draw for some activity camps. Please return forms by 6 December to go into the draw.**

If your child has lost their form you can get one from the office. You can continue to donate [here](#) or give cash directly at the office.

**Thank you to our wonderful local sports/activity groups for the prizes:**



**SANTA'S GROTTO**  
**AT THE WINTER FAIR!**

**MEET SANTA FOR ONLY £5**  
EACH SLOT INCLUDES A GIFT, SANTA'S LETTER AND  
A DIGITAL COPY OF YOUR PICTURE WITH SANTA.

**15TH DECEMBER 3.30 PM - 5 PM**

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**£750 raised on line so far!**



# Wrap-Around Care at Thomas's Academy



**Breakfast Club**  
Thomas's ACADEMY

**Food**

**Monday**  
Cereals, toast, and fruit

**Tuesday**  
Cereals, scrambled eggs with soldiers and fruit

**Wednesday**  
Cereals, bagels and fruit

**Thursday**  
Cereals, beans on toast and fruit

**Friday**  
Coco pops or toast and chocolate spread/jam (Friday only) and fruit

**Activities**

**Monday**  
Games and Small World

**Tuesday**  
Colouring and Crafts

**Wednesday**  
Games and Small World Puzzles and Lego

**Thursday**  
Train Set and Games

**Friday**  
iPads (Friday only)

**When** 8am  
Lower Hall

For further information email [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)



TIMES: 3.15 PM TO 6 PM  
PRICES: £10 UNTIL 5 PM  
£15 UNTIL 6 PM

**SHINE BRIGHT**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

CHILD-LED ACTIVITIES  
OUTDOOR GAMES  
ART/CRAFTS  
MUSIC/SPORT  
SEASONAL ACTIVITIES  
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS  
NO NUTS OF ANY KIND

For more information contact





# Safeguarding

Miss Kelly, Head Teacher, is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Deputies (DDSL) are Mrs James, Miss Wood, Mr Kilgannon, Ms O’Riordan and Miss Shen.

To find out more about our approach to Safeguarding, you can read the Safeguarding policy, plus others, on our website:

<https://www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk/policies-outcomes/school-policies>

We have a new Safeguarding email address should you wish to contact the Safeguarding Team at school. It’s [tacsafeguarding@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:tacsafeguarding@academy.thomas-s.co.uk).

At Thomas’s Academy, Safeguarding is our top priority. Please let one of the safeguarding leads know if you have any safeguarding concerns. Confidentiality is important so we encourage speaking to these adults directly or to Children’s Services directly.

## Contact Details

Please let the office know on [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk) if you change any personal details such as your email address or phone number in order that you receive all our communications. **We require at least two contacts for all children.** Also, please let us know if someone different is collecting your child. These are important measures to keep your children safe.





# Reading at Thomas's Academy

'Reading for pleasure is the single most important thing that will make a child successful in life.' UNESCO, 2011

## Recommended Reads

Who better to get book recommendations from, than the children themselves! Here are some links to their favourites so far:



[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)



You'll also find some great recommendations for all ages [here](#).

Thomas's Academy  
Reading Award for  
pupils

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To receive an award, you  
need to read 5, 15 or 25  
*chapter books!*

15



We can't wait to hear your  
recommendations!

25



\*Audiobooks do not count towards our Reading Awards

## Reading Records

All pupils, from **Reception to Year 6**, have a Reading Record where all home reading is recorded. Reading Records, along with a child's reading book must be brought into school **daily**, to facilitate writing and any extra reading that takes place.

Pupils are expected to record  
**at least 5 times a week.**

## Nomad Books

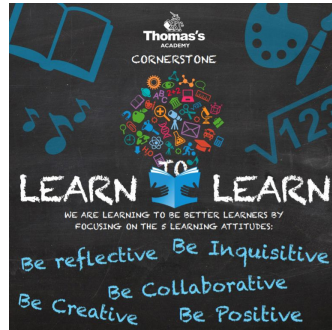
Nomad Books is our local book store, on the Fulham Road.

what's on

		
<p>Christmas Sale! November 30, 2023 10:00 am As a great big thank you for all your support this year, we will be having a Christmas Sale on Thursday 30th November only! FIND OUT MORE &gt;</p>	<p>Christmas Storytime with Vashti Hardy! December 2, 2023 11:00 am The season really is upon us! We are excited to announce a very special Christmas storytime with Vashti Hardy on Saturday 2... FIND OUT MORE &gt;</p>	<p>A signing with Michael Morpurgo! December 7, 2023 4:00 pm A very very exciting visitor will be stopping by Nomad Books next month! The one and only Michael Morpurgo will be joining ... FIND OUT MORE &gt;</p>

# Learn to Learn

Our focus for this half term is **BE POSITIVE**.



Pupils need to be confident enough to attempt a difficult task, resilient enough to persevere and willing to fail to learn effectively. This learning behaviour is fundamental to the success of all of the others.

## Be a Positive Pup

A positive learner will ask:

Am I trying my best?

Am I challenging myself?

Am I being kind to myself?

What have I learnt from my mistakes?



# Digital Learning

We are immensely proud to call ourselves a digital school and through our digital literacy topics in computing and during Character Curriculum lessons, we continue to teach the children of Thomas's Academy to stay safe online.

Here are some useful links to support you in embedding this message at home!

## Parental Support

[NSPCC Online Safety Family Agreement](#)

[Advice on Inclusive Digital Safety](#)

[Advice on Parental Controls](#)

[Digital Family Toolkit](#)  
(tailored and personalised to match your child's digital choices)

## Gaming Advice

[Advice on Online Gaming](#)

[Safety Advice for Roblox](#)

[Ultimate Guide to Roblox](#)





# Community Notices

If your family requires support with food over the holidays, there is support: The Holiday Activity and Food Programme providing free meals to children. Please click below.

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

There is also the newly established Crisis Prevention Payments scheme providing up to £900 for households facing financial crisis. Please click below for more information.

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/cost-living-support/apply-crisis-prevention-payment>

Finally, there is support through our Cost of Living Crisis Team providing referrals and support through third sector partners (including Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank and the Nourish Hub) and additional Cost of Living support including help with fuel, council rent and more

Tel: 0800 917 6994 (Open Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm). Please click below for more information.

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/cost-living-support>



Once again, thank you to the Christmas Tree Seller based at St Dionis Church for donating our school Christmas Tree. If you are buying a tree, please consider getting your tree from there by way of support.

