



Thomas's

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Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates (also available on the website)



January

3rd	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
4th	Children return to school Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
9th	Extra-curricular after school clubs begin Reception, Year 4 and 5 Outdoor Learning
10th	Year 3 swimming 9am: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Parent Group Meeting with Shazia Chand
11th	Year 2 Trip to London Transport Museum Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
13th	Year 1 and 2 Road Safety Show 9am: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Parent Group Meeting with Shazia Chand
16th	Nurse Polly session with Year 6 Parent session for Reception and Year 6 with Nurse Polly
17th	Year 3 swimming
18th	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
20th	9am: PTA Meeting - all invited
22nd	Chinese New Year
24th	Year 3 swimming
25th	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club Burns Night
31st	Year 3 swimming



Upcoming Dates (also available on the website)



February

1st	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club Year 2 and 3 exhibition
6th - 10th	Children's Mental Health Week
8th	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club Readers' Cup
8th - 10th	R.E. focus days
13th - 17th	Half-Term - school closed to pupils
21st	Year 3 swimming
22nd	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
28th	Year 3 swimming



School Notices

Nursery

If your child is three years old or about to turn three and you are interested in them joining our nursery, please contact the school office for information on how to apply:

info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2023. The application process is open now and closes on 15 January 2023. The national offer day is 17 April 2023. The eAdmission site is open for you to register your details and make an application for a reception place here:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-school-reception-2023>

Images Permission

If you haven't yet done so, please take the time to consider and complete the images permission form (link below). This informs the school as to how we can use images of your child. A photographer will be at school on 2nd December to take photographs for our new website so we are keen for permissions to be completed.

<https://forms.gle/MtLqzMhnen1BpDXC7>



We are registered with @easyuk, so over 4000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you used @easyuk to shop. It doesn't cost you anything extra. Please consider choosing us as your chosen beneficiary.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomassacademy/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-t1



Sickness

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported. We will be continuing to follow advice given by UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

It is important to minimise the spread of infection in schools as much as possible. **If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.** We will be asking parents to collect children who are unwell. At school, we will be helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene and practicing regular handwashing. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading which we will be encouraging.

We ask that if someone in your family is presenting with symptoms of COVID, you test for COVID. If a child tests positive, please let the office know and keep your child home for **5 days** please. We appreciate your cooperation with this. Unfortunately, we do not have COVID tests at school, they will need to be purchased from stores.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Hello, I am Shazia Chand, Head of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) across the family of Thomas's Schools. I have worked in Thomas's Schools for 18 years as a teacher, Subject Leader and Deputy Head, and my current role involves promoting EDI matters within our schools, working towards creating an anti-discriminatory education and gathering the opinions of all members of the school communities - pupils, parents and my colleagues.

I would be very keen to gather your thoughts about EDI at Thomas's Academy to know what in your opinion works well and what we could do even better. To enable this, **you are invited to join one of two drop-in meetings which will take place in the Welcome Room at 9am. The dates for these meetings are Tuesday 10th January 2023 and Friday 13th January 2023.**

I do hope you will be able to join one of these sessions but if neither of these dates work for you, you are welcome to send me your thoughts on email schand@thomas-s.co.uk



School Notices

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

afterschoolclub@academy.thomas-s.co.uk


Thomas's
ACADEMY

WELCOME !



School Notices

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

New Price

In order to cover rising costs, we are increasing the daily price of the breakfast club to £3.50 per day. This change will commence from January 2023.



Safeguarding

Miss Kelly, Head Teacher, is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Deputies (DDSL) are Mr Chester, Mrs James, Miss Wood, Ms Moss 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>

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 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.



Attendance and Punctuality (updated)

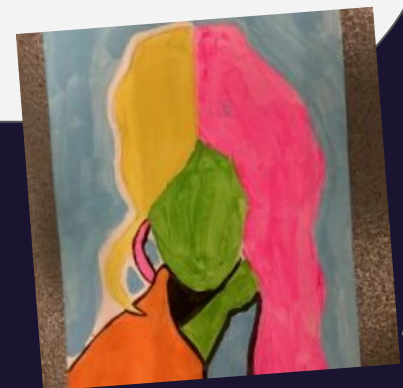
Our children's education has been disrupted for 3 years and their academic progress will have suffered. Therefore, every school day counts and sickness absence already impacts this. **Please do not book holidays, family events or celebrations during term time.** This absence will not be authorised and may be liable to fines. The attendance rate for the children at Thomas's Academy has always been high because you value your child's education and you know each day is important. Let's work together to make sure that ambition remains.



Please note that we are obliged to contact Hammersmith and Fulham Initial Consultation and Advice Team (ICAT), part of Children's Services, if a pupil has unauthorised absences that equate to more than 10% within a six-week period. This may result in fines being issued.

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. For absence requests, a form can be collected from the school office for Miss Kelly to consider.

Punctuality is also incredibly important. The gates 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. Children who are regularly late miss this vital learning including phonics and reading.



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](#)



Thomas's Academy
Reading Award for
pupils

5



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

15



We can't wait to hear your
recommendations!

25



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.

Reception and KS1 – comments to be made by an adult

KS2 – comments to be made by the child

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

Parent and Carer Story Time

Each class now has a 15 minute time slot, where parents and carers can come in and read to their child's class.

If you would like to take part, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Volunteer Readers

If you can spare an hour or so a week during school hours, please contact:
vritchie@thomassfoundation.org.uk

No experience is needed.
You will receive training and a DBS check will be organised for you.

Writing at Thomas's Academy

Could you be next month's Writer of the Month?

Year 1 to 6, if you **love to write**, and choose to do so in your own time, make sure you post your writing into our 'writer's box' that now sits in the school library. It can be any type of writing, from a poem to a short story to a nonfiction piece.

Every month, Miss Wood will collect the entries. Winners will receive a certificate and have their work displayed proudly in our newsletter for all to admire!

DECEMBER'S WRITER OF THE MONTH

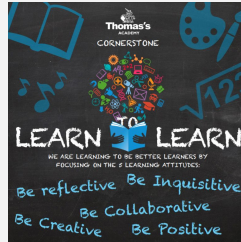
The first day of Christmas today was the day that Santa had to deliver all the presents to all the girls and boys! So Santa started to put all the presents in his sleigh! soon it was done so he hopped on his sleigh. In 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 "zoom" off he went! He flew over the houses and fields till he had delivered all the presents to all the girls and boys! so he went back to the north pole and prepared himself an English breakfast and ate it all! Finally, he went to his bed and fell asleep!

Marcel,
Year 3



Learn to Learn

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



In a rapidly evolving world, it is necessary for the children to learn to be flexible, able to adapt to changing circumstances and capable of thinking of imaginative solutions to problems using all the resources available to them.

We look forward to celebrating children's successes in Fridays' assemblies.

Be a Creative Chameleon

A creative learner will ask:

Is there a different way to do this?



How could I make this unique?

What resources could I use to help me?



Digital Learning

Y3 get Googly

Y3 have received their own Google Workspace for Education accounts!

Now **all children from Y3 - Y6** have access to applications such as Google Classroom, Google Slides and Google Docs.

They will use these tools both in computing and across other areas of the curriculum.



Digital Learning at Thomas's Academy

We have been using the app Book Creator to document children's learning.

Have a look at some of our RE Digital Books!



Year 2

Year 3

Year 5



Local Activities

Adult learning
and skills service

h&f
hammersmith & fulham

Saturday Family Learning

FREE activities for 5-15 year olds
accompanied by parents or guardians

To enrol: call 020 8753 3600
or email alssinfo@lbhf.gov.uk

To advertise here, please contact the office on
info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Queen's Club Foundation provides free, after-school (4-5pm) tennis lessons to children in Years' 2 and 3 at Bishops Park. If you wish for your child to take part, please click below:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/QCFCCommunityClub>

UPBEAT POP AND ROCK CLUB

Years 1 - 6 (divided into age appropriate groups)

End of term performance.

Upbeat Club 3.30 - 4.30 (Yr 1 - 6)

Upbeat PLUS includes weekly band workshop 3.30 - 5.00

UPBEAT[★]
TUESDAY after school
at Thomas's Academy

 [upbeatlondon](https://www.instagram.com/upbeatlondon)

SING

DANCE

PLAY

RECORD

PERFORM



www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk

upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com

07816 901396



Local Activities

UPBEAT[★]

UPBEAT NEWS.

What's coming up in 2023?



POPKIDS MINI BLOCK - SATURDAY SESSIONS (Rec - Year 3)

Starting Saturday January 7th in Parsons Green.

5 Saturday sessions of singing, dance, instruments, recording and music games.

Popkids Jnr 10 - 11 (£80). Popkids PLUS 10 - 11.30 including weekly band workshop (£117).

A great way to try out Popkids and if you like it you can sign up for our Summer term sessions including our amazing UPBEAT ROCKS GIG at Imperial College.

HOLIDAY CAMPS - dates coming soon for Easter/ Summer 2023

Fun-filled, multi-activity music camp. Singing, dance, songwriting, instruments, recording arts and crafts and our fantastic end of camp PERFORMANCE!

All instruments provided on site. Small groups. LOTS of fun!

BOOK ONLINE at bookwhen.com/upbeatmusic

BAND AUDITIONS for SUMMER TERM

Do you play guitar? Drums? Keyboards? Would you like to join a band?

We have limited spaces available in our bands for the Summer term. Get in touch for more information.

TIME TO PARTY

Book an Upbeat party to sing, dance, record and perform your favourite song with your friends. Create the most special memory with your friends - includes original recording of your chosen track on MP3 wristbands for you and your friends!

Click [here](#) for more information



Local Activities



QPR WEEKLY SOCCER SCHOOLS

POWERLEAGUE

QPR Weekly Coaching sessions at Powerleague, Shepherds Bush cater for boys and girls aged Year 1 to 6. All abilities welcome. These sessions will allow your child to play loads of football, learn new skills and create lots of friends!

- WHERE?** Powerleague, Shepherds Bush, South Africa Road, W12 7RW
- WHEN?** Every Saturday morning, starting 7th January. Ends 1st April. 13-week course.
- TIME?** Years 1,2,3 - 9am-10.30am
Years 4,5,6 - 10.30am-12pm
- WHO FOR?** Children in Years 1-6 / Ages 5-11
- PRICE?** £8.00 per session
£104 for full course (13 weeks)



To find your nearest Soccer School and to book visit
<https://qprsoccerschools.sportsfusion.uk/soccerschools>

For more information please call 0208 740 2509 or email soccerschools@qpr.co.uk

QPR is the Community Trust & committed to safeguarding and protecting children, young people and adults at risk as it fully accepts its responsibility for the safety and welfare of all those who engage with the Trust. A copy of our safeguarding policy and procedures can be found on our website and any safeguarding concerns should be passed to the Safeguarding Officer, Daniel Wynne, E-mail: daniel.wynne@qpr.co.uk, Tel: 020 3188 7171.




Local Activities

Nipa App: The hassle-free way to discover and book local baby & toddler classes.

Classes are a great way to have fun with your little one and meet other parents. But finding out what's available in your local area isn't always straight forward. Nipa, created by two local Fulham mums, allows you to browse and book classes quickly and easily whilst juggling all of those other parental responsibilities.

Download the app today and explore a broad range of classes from Monkey Music, to Baby Yoga, to Little Kickers!

Available on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)
www.nipa-app.com

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