



## 23rd February 2026

Dear Thomas's Academy Community,

Welcome back after a week off. I trust you had a great break. I loved joining Years' 3 and 4 on their trip to Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club. What a treat! We were all served with delicious drinks and had a live jazz performance. We even got to participate.

Our digital leaders delivered an assembly about Internet Safety as part of their role. Children across the school had a lesson on AI and the benefits and dangers this poses. Thank you to Ms Campbell for leading this group.

Finally, I wanted to thank all the parents who attended a recent parents' meeting. We held them in classrooms this term following feedback from parents that they don't often get to see where their children learn. We are very proud of our classrooms and hope you enjoyed the experience.

Miss Kelly

### Awards

Weekly awards are given to children following school values or being excellent learners..  
Congratulations to last week's winners.

Nursery	Morgan
Reception	Baptiste
Y1	Matilda & Hope
Y2	Mia
Y3	Kai
Y4	Ibrahim
Y5	Filippo
Y6	Tomas
Y1 - 3	Leo Y2
Y4 - 6	Dya Y4
Star of the school.	Iman Y2



The class with the best attendance last week:

**Y6 - 97.4%**

### Upcoming dates:

- **24th February** - Special menu for Lunar New Year
- **26th February** - Girls' Football event (Y4)
- **26th February** - Reception class hearing and vision tests
- **27th February** - Fire Engine Visit for N, R, Y1
- **27th February** - Iftar event after school, see poster
- **4th March** - Y3/4 trip to West Youth Zone
- **5th March** - World Book Day

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During the last week of term, **Nursery** children enjoyed learning about different types of transport, focusing on police cars, fire engines and ambulances, and the important jobs they do. We took part in lots of creative art activities, painting and designing our own emergency vehicles. Children recapped the numbers and sounds we have learned so far, practising our counting and phonics during our group sessions. To finish the week, we wrote letters to send home and walked to the postbox to post them.

**Reception** enjoyed a wonderful and memorable final week of term! Our learning focused on the theme of *past, present and future*. As part of this, we looked back at the past and held a very special (and very cute!) 'Guess the Baby' competition. The children loved trying to match baby photos to their friends, and it sparked lots of thoughtful conversations about how much they have grown and changed. To celebrate the end of term, we finished the week with an exciting trip to the cinema to watch *Zootopia 2*. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing this special experience together.

At the end of term, we also said a fond farewell to Miss Shen as she begins her maternity leave. We will miss her very much and wish her and her family all the very best as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.



**Year 1** have had an exciting week, writing love letters and pancake orders using their phonetic knowledge and growing in independence. We have continued to explore adjectives and verbs in different contexts. In Maths, we have continued exploring number patterns to 40. There has been an RE focus this week as we explored friendship and what it means to be a good friend. We looked at the Buddhist story *The Wind and the Moon*, discussing conflict resolution and how we can stay calm in different situations.

This week in **Year 2**, we have been writing fantastic non-chronological reports about our chosen animals. The children have shown great creativity and it has with recognising the different coins and notes we use in England. In RE, we have been learning about the different rules and routines of different religions, helping us to understand and respect the beliefs and practices of others. It's been wonderful to see them using their learning independently. In Maths, we have started learning about money, beginning with learning the values of all the notes and coins.

**Year 3** have had another fantastic week! In Maths, we have been exploring money, learning how to show different amounts and add and subtract, including using renaming when exchanging pounds and pence. In RE, we enjoyed learning about Islam and creating our own mosques from cardboard, thinking carefully about important features. We also went on an exciting trip to Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, where we listened to live jazz music and enjoyed delicious mocktails.



In **Year 4**, we have successfully wrapped up our learning on fractions, with the children showing great progress in their understanding. In RE, we have been studying Christianity, exploring core Christian beliefs and the significance of different religious celebrations. To top off the week, we enjoyed a brilliant trip to the world-famous Ronnie Scott's jazz club, where we immersed ourselves in the history of the genre and experienced some incredible live music.

It has been a busy and exciting time in **Year 5**! In RE, we have been learning about peace and what it means across different religions and in our own daily lives. In Maths, we have started our unit on decimals, using dienes and place value charts to deepen our understanding of tenths and hundredths. Finally, our basketball team represented the school brilliantly in a tournament, showing great determination and teamwork despite facing very strong (and tall!) Year 6 opposition.

In **Year Six**, we had a great time at the Mayor's Cup on the last Friday and showed off some great teamwork from start to finish. We are looking forward to our new writing units on *Oliver Twist* and our new reading unit on *Anglo-Saxon Boy*. In maths, we have been looking at algebra and how we can use it to solve complex word problems.





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### Notices:

- Our [website](#) has further information about our school
- Please do not send in **party food** on your child's birthday
- We are a **nut-free** school
- If you would like your child to attend wrap-around care, please speak to Karen in the office
- Spaces are available for piano, singing, violin and cello lessons

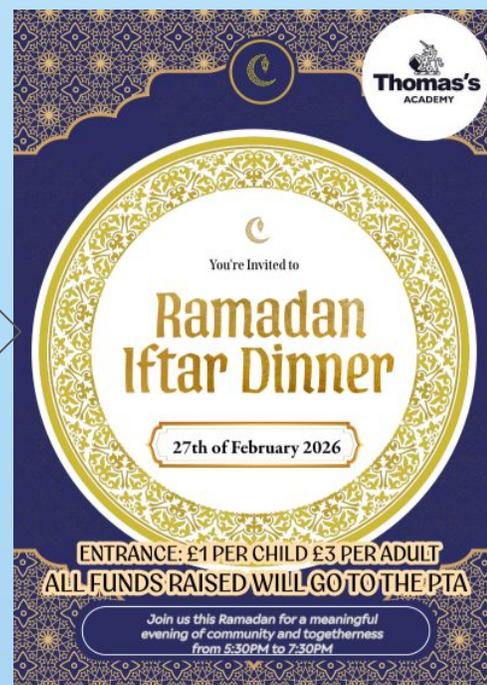
### Staffing Update:

We welcome Ms Sarah McManus to reception class now that Miss Shen is on maternity leave. I know you will all make her feel very welcome.

### Safer Internet Day 2026

Before half term, children at Thomas's Academy learnt about the safe and responsible use of AI. Children learnt about the use of chatbots among other AI technology. A huge amount of resources are available for parents [here](#).

We look forward to seeing lots of our community at this PTA event.



Payment can be made in the door. This event is open to all family members including siblings.