



### 15th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that our new name and logo have been officially communicated, you will begin to see new signage appearing around the school. I have been delighted by the positive feedback received from pupils, parents, staff and the wider community regarding the name, logo and uniform. This marks an exciting milestone in our journey with Quality First Education Trust. Further information will be shared soon to ensure that all families, including those joining us in September, are fully prepared for the transition to the new uniform. We are also exploring ways to make good use of existing uniform items to minimise waste and support sustainability.

Last week, we were pleased to host two welcome events for our new Nursery and Reception families. This is a very special and exciting time for children and their parents as they prepare to join our school community. I would like to extend my thanks to our thoughtful Year 6 pupils, who wrote individual welcome letters to children joining Reception in September. These kind gestures were greatly appreciated and helped our new families feel an immediate sense of belonging.

On 10 June, we welcomed our termly external Early Years review. The visit was extremely positive, with the team being praised in relation to the quality of teaching and learning, the learning environment, and the excellent progress being made by children. My congratulations and thanks go to the entire Early Years team for their continued hard work and dedication.

Children have been using their PE lessons to prepare for our annual Sports Day, and excitement is certainly building across the school. We are looking forward to welcoming as many families as possible to join us for this special event. There will even be opportunities for parents and carers to take part, so don't forget to bring your running shoes!

Miss Kelly

### Awards

Weekly awards are given to children following **school values**. Congratulations to last week's winners.

Nursery	Teagan
Reception	Cameron and Baptiste
Y1	Sabrina
Y2	Samiya
Y3	Aries
Y4	Xanthe
Y5	Aqilah
Y6	Hadiya
Y1 - 3	Jordan Y2
Y4 - 6	Ava Y6
Star of the school	Tilly Y1



The classes with the best attendance last week:  
**Year 4 with 100%**

### Upcoming dates:

- 15th June- Nursery Father's Day Stay and Play 9am-10am
- 15th June - Year 5 trip to Fulham Cross Girls School
- 16th June - Music Performance for our musicians
- 18th June - Sports Day at South Park
- 19th June - Summer Fayre
- 23rd June at 3.30pm - Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y3, 4, 5
- 26th June - Year 2 class assembly
- 26th June - Year 4 sleepover

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This week in **Nursery**, we have continued our topic of *Exploring*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our new *Safari Campsite* role-play area, where they have been using their imaginations to go on exciting adventures and explore different environments. The children who will be moving into Reception in September were also very excited to meet their new teachers and visit their new classroom. They enjoyed exploring their new environment and are looking forward to this exciting next step in their learning journey.



This week, **Reception** have been learning all about Space. The children were excited to explore a space station and rocket, helping them to imagine what it might be like to travel beyond Earth. They also enjoyed a special visit from an astronaut, who shared fascinating stories and answered lots of thoughtful questions. It was a fantastic experience that inspired curiosity and excitement about space exploration.



**Year 1** have had a busy week learning lots of new things! In Maths, we have been weighing objects and learning the vocabulary *lighter than*, *heavier than*, and *as heavy as* to compare different items. In English, we have read two stories that challenge stereotypes and enjoyed acting them out. In Science, we explored the importance of recycling and discussed ways we can help look after our environment. In Geography, we learned about what a country is and began to understand how countries are identified around the world. Well done, Year 1, for all your hard work this week! ☀️

This week, **Year 2** had a wonderful time exploring our local environment. We enjoyed a local walk to Bishops Park and followed the riverside path along the River Thames. As part of our learning, we carefully observed and recorded the birds we spotted along the way. We were excited to see a variety of birds, including parakeets, pigeons, ducks, magpies, and even a crane! It was a fantastic opportunity to develop our observation skills while appreciating the wildlife in our local area.

This week, **Year 3** explored the fascinating world of taste by becoming food scientists! The children sampled a range of foods, including dark chocolate, milk chocolate, crisps, digestive biscuits, Candy Kittens, orange juice, lemon juice and soy sauce, before classifying them into the five taste groups: sweet, sour, bitter, salty and umami. They discovered that people can experience the same food differently and learned that this is because we all have different numbers of taste buds. The tasting session sparked lots of discussion, curiosity and careful scientific thinking as the children compared their results and considered whether they might be supertasters or subtasters.

This week, **Year 4** successfully completed their statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)! The children showed incredible determination and focus as they tackled something we have been working towards for so long. Their hard work over the past months truly shone through, and I could not be prouder of how they approached the challenge with such confidence and maturity. A massive well done to the whole class for their brilliant effort!

In **Year 5** this week, we have completed our unit on area and perimeter in Maths. Everyone showed great focus and determination during their reviews and the outcomes were extremely encouraging. In writing, we also finished our survival adventure stories including techniques such as 'show not tell', relative clauses and short sentences for suspense. Again, there were so many creative and engaging stories - it was a pleasure to read!

**Year 6** have been working on biographies. Every child has chosen their person to focus on and carried out a mini research project. There is an impressive range of writing going on: Alexander Hamilton, Albert Einstein, Rosa Parks and many others are being celebrated across the class.





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### Mobile Phones in School

You may know that we have always collected any children's mobile phones in each morning to ensure that children are phone-free whilst at school. Guidance from the Department for Education published in February 2026 states 'All schools should be mobile-free environments by default'.

From September, Year 6 children will only be allowed a **non-smart phone** (sometimes known as brick phones) at school which will, as before, be collected in the morning and returned to the child after school or after their after-school club. Many schools have begun implementing this change which we see as positive and supportive of parents. We will make any necessary changes following any Government announcements.

We ask that parents support the school in this decision by not giving a smartphone or a smart device such as a smartwatch to their child to bring to school. We are aware that the tracking app can be useful but there are alternatives available including the Apple AirTag.

For more information, parents can go to the following sites:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools/mobile-phones-in-schools>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understand-the-impact-of-smartphones-and-social-media-on-children-and-young-people/understand-the-impact-of-smartphones-and-social-media-on-children-and-young-people-executive-summary>
- <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>
- <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>





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## Sports Day

As a reminder, Parents and Carers are invited to our annual Sports Day on 18th June at South Park. Sports Day is one of the many highlights of the school year and we are all very excited and looking forward to this day.

Early Years and Year 1 will leave the school at approximately 10 am and make their way to South Park. Years' 2 - 6 will leave at 10.10, 10.15 and 10.20am respectfully. We will aim to start the events at 10:30 am and will finish at approximately 12:30 pm.

We will be having lunch in the park, picnic-style, once the sporting events are complete. Your child will be provided with a healthy packed lunch on sports day. You may wish to bring additional items to enjoy but please ensure there are no nuts and children are not sharing food due to allergies.

After the picnic lunch, parents can choose to take their child home so long as they communicate this with the staff member holding the class register. Alternatively, children can return to school for the afternoon. Please note that there are **no after-school clubs** on this day including Shine Bright.

## Shine Bright Summer Camp

A safe, fun environment led by the familiar Shine Bright Team for children age 3 - 11 at Thomas's Academy.

**When:** Last two weeks of July

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Monday - Friday

**Cost:** £30 per day

**Siblings:** Siblings from other schools welcome (age 3 to 11)

Bookings and payments must be made strictly via the school app (including siblings). Limited spaces, book early to avoid disappointment.

More details to follow!

📞 **Contact:** Shine Bright Club on 0743531768 or [afterschoolclub@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)

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