



23rd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week we had at Thomas's Academy. All children in key stages 1 and 2 went on trips and had a wonderful time. I really enjoyed going to Craven Cottage with Year 6 who represented the school fantastically.

I was very proud of our Irish Dancers who performed for our Early Years children and the community on St Patrick's Day. Not only did they perform well, but the performers were so independent, choosing their groups and dances and all I had to do was play the music!

With our final week of the term upon us, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the families who support us at Thomas's Academy. In particular, I would like to thank the Governors and PTA for their hard work and commitment. If you don't already, please support our school by participating in the events including this week's Quiz Night. This will be the third consecutive year we are hosting this and it is always lots of fun.

Finally, I am delighted to share the wonderful news that Ms Shen gave birth to her daughter, Sage, over the weekend. We are all so pleased for Ms Shen and her family.

Miss Kelly

Awards

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

Nursery	Pera & Liliana
Reception	Arabella and Cam
Y1	Hope
Y2	Hannah A
Y3	Archer
Y4	Blen
Y5	Maya B
Y6	Georgina
Y1 - 3	Harper Y1
Y4 - 6	Aaron Y5
Star of the school.	Jordan Y2



The class with the best attendance last week:
Y5 with 95%

Upcoming dates:

- 24th March - Swimming for Y3
- 25th March - Quiz Night for parents
- 26th March - PTA Easter egg hunt
- 27th March - Talent Show for children
- 27th March - last day of term - 2pm finish for children
- 30th March - 10th April - School closed for Easter Holidays
- 13th April - School closed for INSET Day
- 14th April - Children return to school for Summer Term

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Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed watching the Irish dancers perform on St. Patrick's Day. They were captivated by the performers' talent and enthusiastically embraced the spirit of the celebration. Throughout the week, the children also engaged with our story of the week, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, which sparked lots of excitement and imagination. We made the most of the lovely weather by having a picnic in the nursery playground and creating some tiger crafts together.



Reception have really enjoyed learning our text map for *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. They now know the story well and can confidently recall the key events in the correct order. The children also remember the actions, which helps them retell the story with enthusiasm and expression. Well done Reception!



Year 1 had a wonderful time on our outdoor learning trip and worked on their problem solving, collaboration and calculated risk skills by climbing the logs and making dens as a team. They especially loved making the bird nests. Year 1 have started looking at fractions and have continued to show creativity in innovating their own version of Elmer celebrating difference and diversity.



Year 2 had a fantastic time on their outdoor learning trip, developing their problem-solving, collaboration and risk-taking skills through activities like climbing logs and building dens together. They especially enjoyed creating bird nests. In class, they have also been exploring symmetry and learning how to move shapes with confidence.

Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Walton Firs for our outdoor learning trip, where they developed their teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills through a range of exciting outdoor activities. It was wonderful to see pupils challenge themselves, support one another and grow in confidence while learning beyond the classroom. In the afternoon we even had time for me to introduce them to a game of 'Forty-Forty' which some parents may remember playing as children!



Year 6 went to Craven Cottage to take part in Junior Citizenship, where they explored important topics such as personal safety, decision-making and responsibility through a range of engaging, real-life scenarios. The pupils showed maturity and thoughtfulness, gaining valuable knowledge to help them stay safe and make positive choices as they prepare for the next stage of their education.





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Curriculum - Design Technology

Design Technology (DT) is a multidisciplinary field that combines creativity with practical engineering to solve real-world problems. We block teach DT so children can progress through a project without long breaks. This allows children to be fully immersed in their learning. Ms Campbell is the in-school lead for DT and ensures we have full curriculum coverage and all the resources needed to make the projects successful. Y6 will save their DT lessons for after their SATs tests.

What's happening in Design and Technology?

Spring 2 - Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March 2026



YEAR 1

Textiles: Simple Stitches

Children learn to make stitches with a needle and thread by understanding how fabrics are made. They will sketch their designs then transfer them onto fabric using stitches.

YEAR 2

Structures: A chair for a bear

Children will design, test and build a stable chair for their teddy bears. With a focus on understanding material strength and stability.

YEAR 3

Cooking and nutrition: Eating Seasonally

Children will learn about seasonal foods and why food comes from different places around the world. Their final product being a delicious seasonal tart.

YEAR 4

Structures: Helmets

Children will explore strengthening techniques to reinforce shell structures like helmets, before using papier-mâché to create their own shell structure.

YEAR 5

Mechanical Systems: Gears and Pulleys

Children will explore how gears and pulley systems work, in order to design their own Eco-gadget bike!

YEAR 6

Electrical Systems: Steady hand game

Children will research and analyse a range of children's toys, in order to design, plan and assemble their own game with electronic components.

Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

We are delighted announce the appointment of **Daniel Terry** to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Quality First Education Trust.

Daniel has worked in education for over 20 years, with primary teaching and leadership experience, including as a trustee in a Multi Academy Trust across south London. He is currently Deputy CEO of the Cygnus Academies Trust, a network of eight primary academies across South East London, Dartford and Tonbridge.

Daniel Terry says:

"I am delighted to introduce myself as the new CEO of the Quality First Education Trust from September 2026. It is a privilege to join a group of schools and communities that are so deeply committed to giving every child the opportunity to thrive.

I believe passionately that all children should be supported to achieve their goals, and that is made possible when we invest in the people who work with them every day. High-quality professional development for our staff is central to this, because when we strengthen our teachers and leaders, we strengthen outcomes for every child.

Children succeed, not by chance, but because the adults around them build strong, honest relationships and work together with a shared determination to make things better. Great ideas flourish when communities come together with purpose, courage and a belief in what is possible.

I am very much looking forward to working closely with families, staff and local partners By collaborating deeply and authentically, I know we can continue to provide the best possible education for every child, every day, with no exceptions."

Daniel will officially start at the Q1E Trust in September 2026, but he will be involved in the planning and handover process during the summer term.





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- ✓ Attend trainings, regular supervision, forums & volunteer events

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Not everyone can commit to befriending - and that's okay! We also welcome volunteers who can support us with office admin, group support, events, promotion, advocacy, or representing us as ambassadors. Whatever your skills or interests, we'd love to find a role for you

“What we do is real and life changing. You might think two hours... will not be of much help - but it means the world to a family - and it benefits you too!”
Jean, Volunteer

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