



11th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday, the staff used the polling day as an opportunity to undertake some bespoke training led by the highly skilled and committed central team at Quality First Education Trust. We had inputs in SEND, behaviour for learning, maths, phonics and the wider curriculum. The Thomas's Academy team came away inspired and full of ideas that we will be putting into action.

The school was a hive of activity in our absence. Pascale from Growing Space, led a team of volunteers from the BBC and Cleveland Clinic Hospital in their work on outdoor improvements. A huge thank you to them all. With a grant of £10,000 from Green Shoots, myself and Pascale have worked on a plan to reintroduce gardening for the pupils at Thomas's Academy and undertake lots of improvements within the boundaries of the grant conditions. Alongside some other projects including one led by the PTA, the grounds are going through an exciting transformation. Teamwork makes the dream work as they say!

Finally, it's always nice to receive positive feedback which is what happened on Wednesday when Year 3 had a visit from one of our parent governors. Well done to all in Year 3 for the excellent behaviours for learning shown allowing them to make optimal progress in their lessons. A big thank you also to all our Local Governing Board members and Trustees who do all their work voluntarily. Miss Kelly

Awards

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

Nursery	Joudia
Reception	Doruk and Leo
Y1	Hope
Y2	Abdirahman
Y3	Julien
Y4	Ethan
Y5	Amalia
Y6	Violet
Y1 - 3	Harper Y1
Y4 - 6	Georgina Y6
Star of the school	Archer Y3



The classes with the best attendance last week:
Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 with 100%

Upcoming dates:

- 11th May - 14th May - Year 6 SATs Week
- 12th May - Y3 swimming
- 15th May - Y5 to Lords Cricket Ground
- 15th May - Board Games at School - 3.30pm - 5pm. All Welcome!
- 15th May - Nurse Jo working with nursery on handwashing
- 21st May - Y1, Y2, Y4 to Lyric Theatre
- 22nd May - Stay and Share my learning - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- 25th May - 29th May - Half-term (school closed)

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Nursery have made the most of the short week at school. We designed our own kites and created our own galaxies using all the available resources. The children were very generous and donated some toys and equipment for our outdoor space. We also enjoyed bringing in our 'k' objects and toys for show and tell. We also welcomed our class caterpillars and are all excited to watch them grow!



This week in **Reception**, the children have been busy exploring our topic, *Engineers and Inventors*. They put their junk modelling skills to great use by building a range of imaginative creations using recycled materials. From amazing machines to inventive gadgets, the children showed fantastic creativity, problem-solving and independence while making their models. They were very proud to share and talk about their ideas with the class.

Year 1 were so excited to observe changes in their plants! The children are keeping a diary of the growth and the stages. In English the class have written a setting description, working on our independent skills. In maths we have continued to tell the time and order events, I wonder if year 1 can tell the time at home too?

The highlight of our week in **Year 2** was our science learning! We got out of the classroom and put our new knowledge of plants to the test, identifying how we could improve the flora in our school grounds. We began by exploring the outdoor areas around school, sharing our observations and discussing ways we could make them even better! We then used these discussions to write persuasive letters to Miss Kelly, explaining how we can make sure all our plants not only survive but thrive!

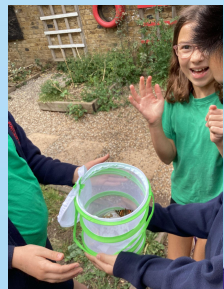
Although it has been a short week, in **Year 3** we have continued working hard across the curriculum and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities. The highlight of our week was our science lesson, where we investigated how water travels through plants. Working in pairs, we used celery, water and food colouring to observe how water moves up the stem.



This week has been short but incredibly productive in **Year 4!** In Geography, we have been exploring the impact of rising sea levels on London and learning how the Thames Barrier protects our city from the risk of flooding. Did you know that the Thames Barrier is made up of ten steel gates and is roughly the height of a five-storey building when the gates are raised? It has been a fantastic week of learning, and the children have shown great curiosity about how our city stays safe.

In **Year 5**, after weeks of observation, our butterflies finally hatched! Everyone was very excited to see the final stage of their metamorphosis and release them back into the wild! In writing, we finished our persuasive pieces about if age matters more than ability and judging by the outcomes, we may have some future lawyers as many compelling arguments were made!

In **Year 6**, it has been a week of brushing up on our exam technique and squeezing in the last few spelling, grammar and punctuation rules. We also began debating some interesting questions to support our writing, such as 'Who is responsible for Macbeth's downfall' and 'Of all the villains in The Highwayman, who is the most evil?'





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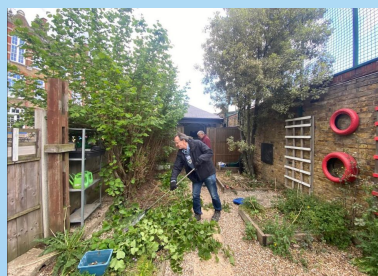
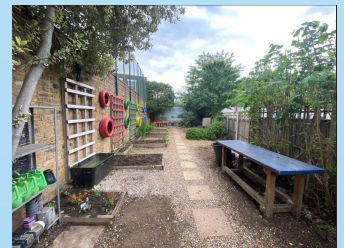
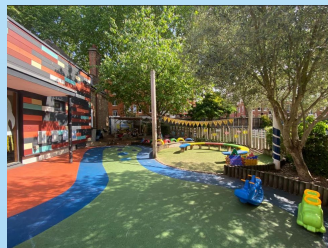
At Thomas's Academy, as part of our new Teaching and Learning policy, we have introduced the school to 'Excellent Learners'. It is based on 'Behaviour for Learning', an approach used to develop positive attitudes to learning throughout the school. The focus and collaboration in every lesson is something visitors often remark on when they visit Thomas's Academy.

From the youngest classes and throughout the school, we teach the children what it means to be an 'excellent learner' and how to work with each other through cooperative learning structures.

The Excellent Learners approach ensures clarity in how learning is talked about across subjects and ages. These attitudes are valued as a key part of learning success and are taught and promoted from Nursery to Year 6. Look out for some bespoke stickers coming home soon!

Volunteering Day

On 7th May, a volunteering team from the BBC and Cleveland Clinic Hospital spent the day improving the outdoors of our school, all organised by Pascale Rochefeuille from Growing Space. We owe them a huge thank you. Take a look at some of the pictures from the day.





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