



5th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was fantastic!

First, a huge well done to Year 3 for their brilliant assembly on Friday. I was so impressed by how confidently the children spoke and sang, especially those for whom English is a new language.

I was equally impressed when visiting Reception. Seeing the whole class working diligently at their tables was wonderful - they are already showing great readiness for Year 1. A big well done to the staff and children for this progress.

We are looking for helpers for our volunteer day to help improve our outdoor space, led by Ms Pascale from 'Growing Space'. Please check the posters in this newsletter to see how you can get involved.

Please take a moment to chat with your child about how they stay safe, both online and in their daily lives. This is something we have been working hard on in school and this came across strongly on a recent external safeguarding audit. Children's behaviour and the safeguarding culture of the school was praised which has made us all feel proud - well done, all.

Finally, please keep an eye on the website calendar for our busy term ahead - from Stay and Share my Learning, the Summer Fair and Sports Day to the Year 5 & 6 residential and the disco, there is so much to look forward to!

Miss Kelly

Awards

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

Nursery	Come and Teddy
Reception	Vida and Niccolo
Y1	All the class
Y2	Amelia
Y3	All the class
Y4	Unay
Y5	Alice
Y6	Alexei
Y1 - 3	Zina Y2
Y4 - 6	Abigail Y5
Star of the school	Adil Y3



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

Upcoming dates:

- 4th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 5th May - Y3 swimming
- 7th May - School closed to children for Polling Day
- 7th May - Volunteer day - please see Miss Kelly if able to help
- 12th May - Y3 swimming
- 15th May - Y5 to Lords Cricket Ground
- 21st May - Y1, Y2, Y4 to Lyric Theatre

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Nursery have been enjoying our space topic this week. They used their creative skills to make their own space rockets using junk modelling and exploring the role play area, coming up with great storylines in their play. We ended the week with our show and tell session where the children brought in toys and objects beginning with the 'c' sound! Well done, Nursery!



Reception has had a fantastic time exploring recipes this week as part of their learning. To bring their new knowledge to life, the children followed a simple recipe to make their very own ice cream! Using a fun "ice cream in a bag" method with ice and salt, they worked together, carefully followed instructions, and observed how ingredients change. The highlight was, of course, tasting their delicious creations at the end, a well-deserved treat enjoyed by all!



Year 1 have continued to explore plants comparing wild flowers and garden flowers. In addition, we have planted our own flowers and beans outside, the children are recording a diary of the plants growth. In History the children have continued learning about Victorian childhood and doing some role play of schools. We have started a new topic of time and have used clocks to show and tell the time.



Year 2 children have been busy crafting their own independent descriptive narratives, inspired by Oliver Jeffers' Lost and Found. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life as they developed rich descriptions of characters and settings. Using the theme of friendship to guide their stories, the children produced thoughtful and engaging pieces that truly showcase their growing confidence and creativity as writers.

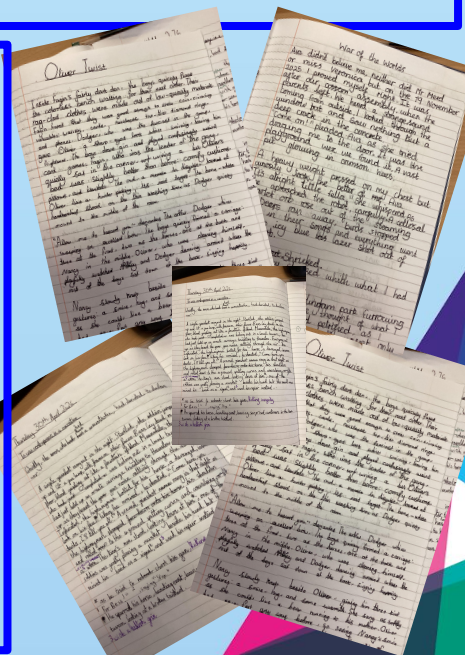


This week, Year 3 have been working really hard to practice their class assembly and performed proudly to the whole school and their families on Friday. Children spoke confidently and clearly, sharing their learning with purpose and enthusiasm and their beautiful singing was a real highlight. We were especially impressed by their confidence and articulation, and many pupils found even more to share about their learning during Friday's celebration assembly. Well done, Year 3!

In Year 4, the children have been applying their knowledge of decimals to our new topic on money. They have been working hard to identify different amounts, as well as calculating and comparing various totals with great accuracy. They have shown fantastic progress in understanding how decimal points are used to represent pounds and pence, and they are becoming increasingly confident in solving real-life money problems.

In Year 5 Maths, we finished our unit on Geometry and it was great to see encouraging results across the board in our review. Additionally, in Science we have been using liquorice allsorts to help us understand classification keys and the work of Carolus Linnaeus!

In Year 6, we have been finishing our historical fiction pieces, looking at the language of Alfred Noyes' The Highwayman and adding our own twists. We have also been editing and publishing some older pieces to demonstrate how much we have learned. There has also been lots of exam preparation before the real thing next week.





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Character Curriculum at Thomas's Academy

Our Character Curriculum scheme, holds children at its heart, and its cohesive vision helps children understand and value how they fit into and contribute to the world. With strong emphasis on emotional literacy, building resilience and nurturing mental and physical health, our lessons properly equip staff to deliver engaging and relevant personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) within a whole-school approach. These lessons also include mindfulness allowing children to advance their emotional awareness, concentration, focus and self-regulation.

At its core, the curriculum promotes British values, a strong understanding of consent, and high-quality Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), ensuring pupils develop the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the wider world confidently and respectfully. During a visit last week from a Safeguarding Consultant, the school received very positive feedback, particularly highlighting the strength of pupils' personal development. It was noted that our updated values are not only clearly understood, but are consistently demonstrated by both pupils and staff across the school community.

Our Values



B Belonging
Everyone is welcome here. We look after each other and feel proud to be part of our school community.



E Excellence
We work hard, challenge ourselves and celebrate our achievements.



K Kindness
We are kind in our words and actions, helping to make our school a happy, safe place for everyone.



I Integrity
We take responsibility for what we do and always make the right choices.



N Never give up
We show courage and positivity, learn from our mistakes, and support others to succeed.



D Diversity
We treat everyone with respect and fairness, celebrate individual differences and cultures, and have a global understanding of the world.

Growing up in an online world: a national consultation

On Monday 20th April 2026 the Government announced that they will introduce a legal ban on smartphones in schools.

You are invited to take part in an important national consultation launched by the UK Government. This consultation seeks views from parents, carers, young people, schools, and communities on how best to support children's safety and wellbeing online. It is open until noon on Tuesday 26th May 2026.

As a school, we see every day how central digital technology has become to children's lives. At the same time, we also see the challenges many families face: decisions about screen time, when to provide a smartphone, what children may encounter online, and the impact digital use can have on sleep and wellbeing.

The Government is seeking your views on these issues because parents' voices are essential in shaping the next steps. The consultation can be found [here](#) and is open until noon on 26th May 2026.

Ben Coleman, our local MP, is holding a community discussion about this on 14th May at Sands End Arts & community centre. Sign up [here](#) if you are interested in attending.

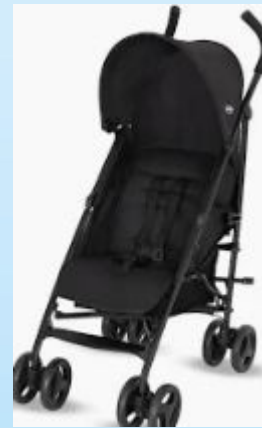


Loose Parts Play Drive- Friday 8th May 2026

This term, the PTA is launching a 'loose parts' collection to enhance play opportunities during lunchtimes. Alongside ongoing fundraising for playground development, we are inviting families to donate a range of pre-loved items to support imaginative, open-ended play. A non-uniform day will take place on Friday 8th May 2026, where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a donation. We are also collecting games and resources for wet playtimes. Thank you for your continued support in helping make playtimes creative, engaging, and enjoyable for all pupils.

Items we would greatly appreciate:

- Old handbags
- Old briefcases
- Old hats
- Old clothing (including dressing-up clothes and suit jackets for ages 7–11)
- Fancy dress costumes (ages 7–11)
- Old laptops (for imaginative play props)
- Old mobile phones (no SIM cards)
- Suitcases
- Pushchairs/buggy
- Trolley
- Baskets
- Rope
- Sheets of tarpaulin
- Lego
- Ladles
- Chalk
- Spoons
- Pots and pans
- Old kettles and kitchen utensils (for mud kitchen)
- Skipping ropes
- Natural items (shells, conkers, pine cones, wooden pegs, feathers)
- Guttering
- Tyres
- Tricycles
- Balance bikes
- Scooters
- Wind chimes
- Wooden crates (for climbing and den building)
- Small world figures (cars, dinosaurs, dolls)





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DATE
7TH MAY
START
9.30 AM

Volunteer Day at Thomas's Academy

Gardening, painting, weeding, planting, sweeping etc.
Adults Only
Please let Miss Kelly know if you can help.

GROWING SPACE London CIC

VOLUNTEERING DAY with Growing Space

DATE: 7th May | LOCATION: School Site | ARRIVAL TIME: 9:30 - 9:40 AM

WHAT TO BRING

- Please arrive on time
- Bring your own gloves and kneelers (some available on-site)
- Bring your own lunch

ARRIVAL & SIGNING IN

- Sign in at school reception
- Follow the route to the staff room:
 - From reception → turn left to staircase
 - Go to 1st floor
 - Walk through the gym hall
 - Staff room is on the right before the second staircase

IMPORTANT: Always use this route throughout the day (back and forth) as 7th May is a polling day.

ON ARRIVAL

- Collect your badge and Hi-Vis vest. These must be worn at all times while on site.

9:45 AM WELCOME

Pascale - Growing Space Director

9:50 AM HEALTH & SAFETY BRIEFING

Hamdane - School Site Manager

9:55 AM GROUPS & MORNING TASKS

Pascale

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM MORNING TASKS

- Weeding
- Planting
- DIY
- Sweeping
- Painting

and more!

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM LUNCH (STAFF ROOM)

We may have some pizzas delivered!

12:45 PM SHORT BRIEF

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM AFTERNOON TASKS

- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM PACKING UP / CLEANING
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM SMALL TEAM ACTIVITY

Planting/potting activity to take home
Pictures • Feedback

SIGNING OUT: RECEPTION

Please remember to take all your belongings with you before leaving the site.

STAY CONNECTED

For communication on the day (WhatsApp & sending pictures):
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Thank you for helping us grow a greener, brighter space! ♥

Planning next steps after school? Find out about Supported Internships

Supported Internships (SIs) are study programmes based in a real workplace. They are for young people aged 16 to 24 who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan. Applications for Supported Internships are made between April and July.

Support and further information:

- Visit the Action on Disability employment section: www.aod.org.uk/employment-services
- Explore the H&F Local Offer SEND guide: www.lbhf.gov.uk/SENDsupportedinternships



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