



Thomas's

ACADEMY

October 2025
Newsletter

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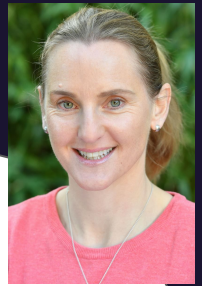
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Head Teacher's Update



Dear Thomas's Academy Community,

It's been a busy September with lots of new children. Congratulations to our new starters who have settled so well into Thomas's Academy and well done to our community for being so welcoming.

It has been lovely to see all children return to school positively and ready to learn. Walking around the school, I am struck by how calmly children are approaching their tasks. Speaking to various children, including the new school council, I am pleased to report that children are really enjoying our new maths learning. Our new home learning has been positively received also. We are in the process of looking at various areas of our curriculum to ensure that everything we deliver enables children to thrive in their learning.

In assemblies, children in Years 1 - 6 have been learning about being positive including how words can cause harm but can also heal. We were also visited by the new Vicars from St Dionis Church who spoke about Harvest Festival. Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this year's Harvest Collection. We will giving all the contributions to our local Food bank. If you require any support from the Food bank, we are able to make a referral for you so please reach out to a member of staff.

Working with Quality First Education has been extremely productive and it's hard to believe it's only been a month. Already we have had input in many areas including maths, writing, safeguarding and Special Needs which will enable us to continue to improve standards. Staff are benefiting from working in teams when planning for their lessons and leaders are working with Quality First Education to develop the school. We are excited about the developments and all the opportunities being part of a Multi Academy Trust brings.

Wishing you all a wonderful month!

Miss Kelly

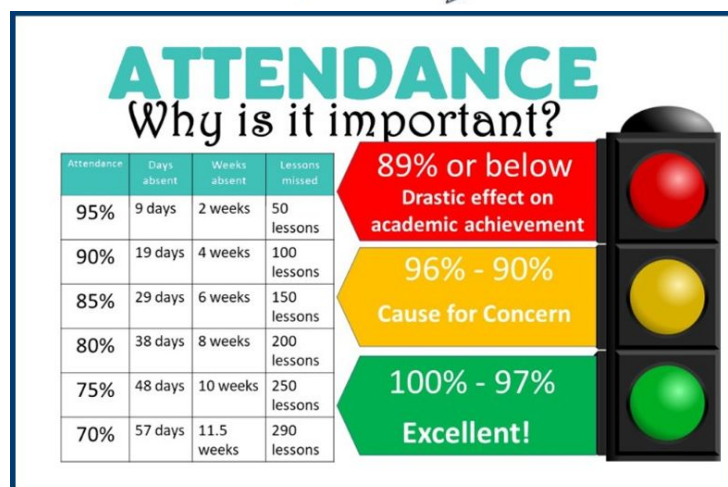


September Attendance

Please check the [website](#) for our term dates to ensure that you can plan family holidays without interrupting your child's education.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Overall attendance for statutory age children in September was **94%**.



Please note that we are obliged to contact the Local Authority if a pupil has unauthorised absences that equate to more than 10% within a ten-week period. This route will result in a Penalty Notice (PN) being issued or a referral to Family Services.

Absence request forms must be completed by a parent/carers for ANY child, no matter their age.

Upcoming Dates

(live version available on [the website](#))



October 2025 (so far)

2nd	National Poetry Day Activities Road Safety Show for Years' 1, 2, 3
5th	Year 6 to Natural History Museum
7th	Swimming for Y4 Y5&Y6 Girls 'Inspire Her' foundation project
10th	Y4 Bake Sale
14th	Swimming for Y4 Brenda (H&F Youth Council) visiting Y6
17th	Ben Coleman MP assembly Nasal Flu Vaccinations International Food Festival - 3.30pm
20th	Parents' Meetings - Rec - Y6
21st	Swimming for Y4 Y5&Y6 Girls 'Inspire Her' foundation project Parents' Meetings - Rec - Y6
22nd - 24th	RE Days
27th - 31st	Half-Term - Children return on 4th November



November 2025 (so far)

3rd	INSET Day - school closed to children
4th	Swimming for Y4 Y5&Y6 Girls 'Inspire Her' foundation project
7th	Y3 to Saatchi Gallery
10th - 14th	Kindness and anti-bullying week - This week includes Positive Noticing Day on 12th and Children in Need Day on 14th.
27th	Y2 WWT London Trip



Year 3 The Serge Hill Project Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to the Serge Hill Project. One of the highlights was making our own juice, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed! We also spent time exploring a wide variety of plants and seeds, learning how they grow and discovering just how many different types there are. The children were fascinated by the range of colours, shapes and textures and loved being able to see those things up close.

What made the trip even more special was the chance to spend the day outside London. Surrounded by open space, fresh air and greenery, the children experienced a completely different environment from their usual classroom setting. It was a wonderful opportunity not only to learn in new ways but also to appreciate the value of being outdoors.

We are so proud of how well behaved and enthusiastic Year 3 were throughout the day and delighted they returned with new knowledge, fresh inspiration and some truly memorable experiences! A huge thank you to our school gardener, Pascale, for helping to organise the trip.



Art in September

We've had a wonderfully creative start to the term in Art across the school! Nursery children have been exploring a range of media to create different lines, shapes, and prints inspired by the colours and textures of Autumn. Reception and Year 1 have worked together to produce two stunning large-scale collaborative pieces – one celebrating the joyful story *Julian is a Mermaid* and the other inspired by the vibrant work of contemporary artist Rachel Jones. Year 2 have been thinking like artists and explorers, collecting natural materials from around the school grounds and using them to create beautiful, thoughtful installations in our very own Peace Garden. Year 3 have been exploring the theme of 'Shapes' and have taken on the challenge of 'drawing with scissors' – cutting out and arranging shapes to collaboratively recreate the Renaissance painting *Penelope and the Suitors*, inspired by a poem from Homer's *The Odyssey*. In Years 4 and 5, children have been developing their skills in portraiture, producing striking and expressive work inspired by the abstract style of Picasso. Finally, Year 6 have been mastering the art of perspective, creating detailed sketches using horizon lines and vanishing points to bring depth and realism to their compositions. It's been an exciting month full of imagination, exploration, and artistic achievement! Here is just some of the work this month:



Rec and Y1 Mermaids and Rachel Jones inspired art.

Art in September



Y2 explorer and collector natural art



Y3 collaborative 'with scissors'

Art in September



Y4/5 Portrait work



Y6 Perspective

Online Safety

This month our focus is YouTube.

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

In this guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

Please click on the image below for a user friendly poster.



School Notices

Gold Award for active travel!

Our school has just been awarded the **Gold Award for Active Travel** by Transport for London! This is a really special achievement, and it's all thanks to the amazing hard work of our Travel Ambassadors. Last year they organised fun events and assemblies to encourage us all to walk, scoot, and cycle to school more often. This award shows what an incredible school community we have – so a big **thank you** to every single one of you who joined in and helped us reach this fantastic goal! 🚲 🚶 🛴

Look out for our new banner on the school gate.

Dr Bike- 30/9/25



We were very happy to see a queue of families having their bikes receiving safety checks and having minor repairs. Dr. Bike had a great time here at Thomas's Academy and commented what a lovely community we have. We are hoping to have Dr Bike attend our school annually, to keep our wheels safe and our bodies healthy.



School Notices

Parent Volunteer Storytime

As part of our ongoing mission to foster a love of reading amongst our pupils, we ask that you, our parents and carers, support us. Listening to a story being read is a wonderful experience for children of ALL ages. We would like to encourage you to come into school and read a story to your child's class. If you are interested and able to help us during school hours, please follow this [link](#) to express your interest and availability. Thanks in advance.



Musecool came in to lead a live music assembly in September, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. They will be coming back with more instruments in November. They also offer 1-to-1 instrumental lessons at your home (from £42) or online (from £16) – with a free instrument delivered to your home for the first month. Please see this [link](#) for further information.

School Notices

Term Dates for 2025-26

Autumn term 2025

INSET (1&2)	Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Children return	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025
INSET (3)	Monday 3rd November 2025
Children return	Tuesday 4th November 2025
Ends	Friday 19th December 2025 (2pm finish for children)

Spring term 2026

INSET (4)	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
Ends	Friday 27th March 2026 (2pm finish for children)

Summer term 2026

INSET (5)	Monday 13th April 2026
Children return	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026 (School Closed)
Half Term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29th May 2026
Ends	Friday 17th July 2026 (2pm finish for children)



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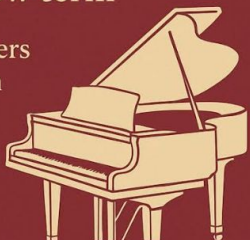
PIANO & SINGING LESSONS



Spaces available for the new term

- For absolute beginners or grade preparation available
- Annual music concert included

Contact:
amathis@academy.thomas-s.co.uk



Instrumental Lessons

If you would like your child to learn piano, violin, cello or have singing lessons whilst at Thomas's Academy, please do let us know. We do currently



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FREE PARENT WEBINAR: THE FLU VACCINE IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Join us for a presentation discussing the flu vaccine in children and young people.

Topics covered:

- ✓ Why does my child need the vaccine
- 💡 Side-effects and safety
- 👤 Nasal vs injection (pork gelatine content)
- 📊 Flu data from previous years
- 💬 Q&A session

Wednesday 17th September
 8:00 - 9:00pm

Microsoft Teams - scan here
 login: 363 003 291 454
 password: jc3J83z5

Thursday 18th September
 6:00 - 7:00pm

Microsoft Teams - scan here
 login: 310 543 675 209 5
 password: gT7P9ci3

UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

PTA Notices



Use the QR code below to sign up to easyfundraising. When you shop online with over 8,000 retailers, the retailer will give the PTA a free donation as a thank you for shopping with them.



Thomas's Academy Parents is a registered charity for Thomas's Academy. It is a non-profit organisation, raising funds for the school for the benefit of all our children.

Charity number: 1207060



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School Lunches

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WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 03/11, 24/11, 15/12, 19/01, 09/02, 09/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Homemade macaroni cheese served with Homemade tomato bread & roasted Mediterranean vegetables	Homemade beef chilli taco served with savoury vegetable Rice	Roast Chicken served with Potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, cauliflower And gravy	Minty crispy topped Shepherd's Pie served with Seasonal vegetable	Fish fingers or salmon fish fingers served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup
MEAT FREE	Cauliflower & chickpea korma served with rice, naan bread fingers & seasonal vegetables	Pasta twists with Homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad	Cheese & potato Pie served with Yorkshire pudding, carrots, cauliflower And gravy	Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with Fresh salad	Vegetable nuggets served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup
DESSERTS	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Apple & berry crumble Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Jam & Coconut Sponge Fruit yogurt & coulis Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Oat & raisin cookie Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Caramel mousse with Bananas Fruit yogurt & coulis Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Vanilla ice cream with fruit sauces Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot

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WEEK 2 MENU

WEEKS: 10/11, 01/12, 05/01, 26/01, 23/02, 16/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Margherita wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn	Greek Style chicken shawarma in a pitta bread served with warm cous cous	Roast turkey served with roast Potatoes, carrots, broccoli, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Sticky Asian meatballs served with egg fried vegetable Rice	Breaded fish fingers served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup
MEAT FREE	Traffic Light wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn	Pasta twists with Homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad	Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with Fresh salad	Pasta twists with cheddar cheese sauce with fresh salad	Cheese, onion & mixed Pepper roll served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup
DESSERTS	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Strawberry mousse with Mixed Berry compote Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Jam roly poly Fruit yogurt & coulis Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Sticky pineapple Cake Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Lemon Cake Fruit yogurt & coulis Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Chocolate brownie Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot

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WEEK 3 MENU

WEEKS: 17/11, 08/12, 12/01, 02/02, 02/03, 23/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Cheese & tomato Swirl served with savoury vegetable Rice	Jerk marinated chicken thigh served with rice & beans	Chicken Sausage roast served with mashed Potatoes, carrots, cabbage, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Spaghetti, Whole Meal Garlic & Herb bread, Seasonal Vegetable	Breaded Fish fillet served with chips, garden peas or Baked beans & ketchup
MEAT FREE	Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with Fresh salad	Pasta twists with Homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad	Quorn Sausage roast served with mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage, Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Plant Based Bolognese Served with Spaghetti, Whole Meal Garlic & Herb bread, Seasonal Vegetable	Fishless fish fingers served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup
DESSERTS	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Sprinkle cookies Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Syrup Sponge Fruit yogurt & coulis Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Chocolate mousse with orange wedge Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Carrot Cake Fruit yogurt & coulis Fresh fruit pot	Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts Victoria Sponge Fruity jelly Fresh fruit pot



Wrap-Around Care at Thomas's Academy

Please book in advance so we can staff the wrap-around care appropriately.



Running from 3:15 - 6:00 pm
Monday - Friday

£10 from home time - 4:30pm per day
£15 from home time 3:30pm - 5:30pm per day
£18 from home time 3:30pm - 6:00pm per day

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Breakfast Club

Thomas's ACADEMY

Food	Activities
Monday Cereals, toast, and fruit	Monday Games and Small World
Tuesday Cereals, scrambled eggs with soldiers and fruit	Tuesday Colouring and Crafts
Wednesday Cereals, bagels and fruit	Wednesday Games and Small World Puzzles and Lego
Thursday Cereals, beans on toast and fruit	Thursday Train Set and Games
Friday Coco pops or toast and chocolate spread/jam (Friday only) and fruit	Friday iPads (Friday only)

When 8am
Lower Hall

For further information email info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk
£3.50 per day - to be booked via the school payment app



Safeguarding and Medical Information

Miss Kelly, Head Teacher, is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
Deputies (DDSL) are Mrs James, Miss Dairo and Miss Shen.
We have a new Safeguarding Governor: Jenny Yang-Meslet.

To find out more about our approach to Safeguarding, you can read the Safeguarding policy, plus others, on our website:

<https://www.academy.thomas-s.co.uk/policies-outcomes/school-policies>

We have a Safeguarding email address should you wish to contact the Safeguarding Team at school. It's tacsafeguarding@academy.thomas-s.co.uk.

At Thomas's Academy, safeguarding is our top priority. Please let one of the safeguarding leads know if you have any safeguarding concerns. Confidentiality is important so we encourage speaking to these adults directly or to Children's Services directly.

Contacts

Please let the office know on info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk if you change any personal details such as your email address or phone number in order that you receive all our communications. **We require at least two contacts for all children.**

Collection

Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child or after school arrangements have changed. These are important measures to keep your children safe. For your information, only children in Year 6 are permitted to leave school at 3.30pm unaccompanied. All children should be collected from after-school clubs.



Medicines

If your child needs to have medication in school, please deliver it to the school office. There are forms that need to be completed for the medication to be administered. For the safety of everyone, please, at no point, should any medication be left in your child's bag. Thank you for your cooperation.



Community Notices

FRESH
DAY BOAT FISH
COFFEE & BREADS
BAKED GOODS & PASTA

ORGANIC
SEASONAL FRUITS
FARM DIRECT VEGETABLES

NATURAL
FREE RANGE &
GRASS FED MEATS

VARIETY
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