



# Thomas's

## ACADEMY

September 2025  
Newsletter

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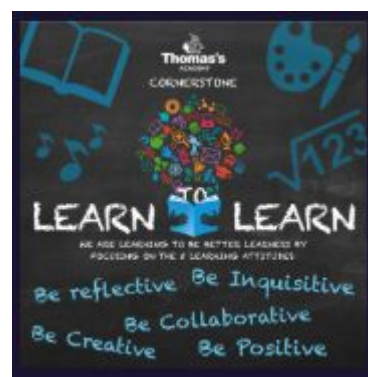
# Upcoming Dates

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



## September 2025

1st and 2nd	INSET Days
3rd	Children return (Rec - Y6) Home visits for nursery
4th and 5th	Home visits for nursery
8th	Nursery opens
9th	Swimming for Y4
11th	Y3 Trip to the Library of Plants
12th	Class presentations for parents (Y1 - Y6) 3pm
15th	Extra - Curricular Clubs begin
16th	Swimming for Y4
22nd - 26th	Harvest Collections
23rd	Fire Safety talks for Y2 and Y5 Swimming for Y4 Y5&Y6 Girls 'Inspire Her' foundation project Individual School photos
30th	H&F Youth Council Visit for Y6 Swimming for Y4



## October 2025 (so far)

7th	Swimming for Y4 Y5&Y6 Girls 'Inspire Her' foundation project
14th	Swimming for Y4
17th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
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



# Head Teacher's Update



*Dear Thomas's Academy Community,*

*Welcome to the academic year 2025 - 2026. We are very pleased to be starting the new academic year following a nice long Summer break. A particular welcome to all our new families both in Early Years but also in the other year groups as well as our new staff. Thank you to all the parents who have been so supporting and positive in our recent interactions.*

*With the transfer to Quality First Education Trust (Q1E) now complete, Thomas's Academy staff spent 1st September at Belleville Primary School with all the staff from Q1E. The teachers have received new Chromebooks to support in the smooth running of the school and all staff received branded jackets. During the day, the staff were introduced to many Q1E systems and teachers were fortunate enough to hear directly from Professor Dr Tim Mills regarding the new DFE Writing Framework. On 2nd September, staff undertook training including safeguarding. We have a new safeguarding policy which can be found on our [website](#). We will keep you informed of any significant changes that occur over the course of the coming year. The first major change for us is using a new maths scheme called 'Maths No Problem'. If you would like to find out more about this, please see the website [here](#). Speaking to some children in Y3 about this, they are really enjoying the lessons which are more practical than they were used to. They are enjoying having a text book with useful visuals and their own workbook. We thank Karen Taylor, Director of Maths at Q1E, for her support with this transition.*

*The school site has gone through it's usual deep clean including the windows. The outside has seen a spruce up too. We are looking to plant some flowers around the school and would love some donations from families. This will really improve the look and feel of the site.*

*As always, if you have any questions about your child's provision, your child's teacher is a good place to start. If you have an administration query, Karen, our office manager, is a great source of information. I'm usually around at the beginning and end of the day and love to catch up with families too. Wishing you all a positive start to the academic year.*

*Miss Kelly*



# Special Needs Update

Returning to school after the summer holidays can be difficult. Most children will be moving between year groups, with some changing schools. It's a situation that could create anxious thoughts for any child, and children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) often experience additional challenges.

These challenges can relate to:

- change
- new – possibly unfamiliar – environments and routines
- unpredictability
- making new relationships and connections.

## Give yourself a break

It's a difficult situation for any parent or carer to navigate, so there's no shame in feeling slightly overwhelmed. One support worker at a service that provides support to children with SEND and their families says many parents undervalue their own experience and strength.

"Parents sometimes forget that they've handled challenging situations before. They tend to move onto the next milestone without taking the time to think about what they've already achieved. I would suggest to all parents and carers that you stop and reflect on the problems you've resolved before – you'll soon realise how expert you already are!"

## Check what transition plans are in place

Thomas's Academy has procedures in place to manage the transition from one class or school to another. Your child may already have received a social story that should help. Children have had a chance to be in their new classroom and meet the new adults which should help with their transition.

Staff have already discussed the children in their class and have plans in place to support children who require extra support. We will be sure that our general practices are inclusive, for example by using visual timetables so children know what to expect. The class teacher is your first point of contact if you have any concerns.



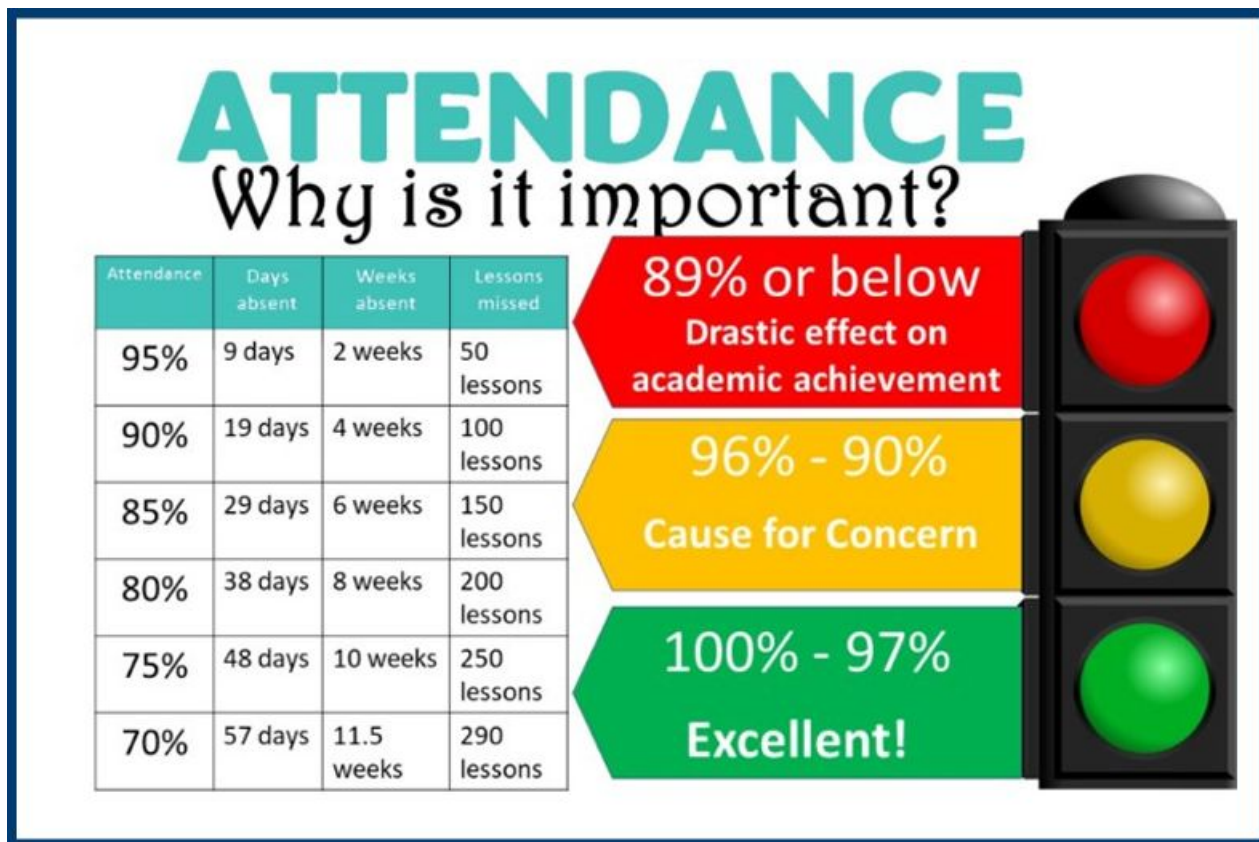
# Attendance

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**

**See below for headline facts and figures for academic year 2024-25**

Thomas's Academy Average attendance 24/25 (%)	National attendance for state funded primary schools 24/25 (%)
94.3	94.8



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/carer for ANY child, no matter their age.

# Online Gaming

Our September newsletter focus is on **Minecraft**.

With its limitless opportunities for building, exploring and collaborating, young players can face challenges if left unsupervised. Minecraft can also become a time sink for enthusiastic players, with late nights spent crafting and constructing, potentially impacting school and social lives.

This guide to helps parents and educators understand how to keep young gamers safe – from choosing age-appropriate game modes to setting boundaries around screen time and spending. Click on the image below.



Does your child know how to stay safe online? Test their knowledge with this [online quiz](#).

# School Notices

## Term Dates for 2025-26

### Autumn term 2025

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

### Spring term 2026

<b>INSET (4)</b>	<b>Monday 5th January 2026</b>
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

<b>INSET (5)</b>	<b>Monday 13th April 2026</b>
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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# School Notices

## Home Learning

After listening to the views of staff and parents last year, we decided to enhance our Home Learning offer. Many of you shared that home learning should not be solely online, so this year we have provided CGP books for every child in Years 1–6 for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, as well as Maths. These books will support children in embedding skills learned in class and in developing their handwriting. We ask that the books are looked after carefully and brought into school each week once the tasks are completed.




## Harvest Week- Foodbank Collection 22-26 Sep

We will be holding our annual Harvest week to donate food to our local food bank. Please raid those kitchen cupboards and give generously.



# School Notices

## After School Clubs- WB 8th Sep

Our much-anticipated after school clubs are starting next week. Book and pay via the Teachers2Parents app . These clubs are always a real strength of our school, providing children with exciting opportunities to learn new skills and enjoy activities beyond the classroom. Please note that if fewer than five children sign up for a club, we may not be able to run it due to staffing costs. We hope your child will find something they're excited to join!

## Parents' Welcome Meetings- 12th Sep

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Welcome Meetings, which will take place at **3pm on Friday 12th September**. These sessions, led by your child's class teacher, are a great opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about the year ahead, and find out more about how you can support your child's learning. Meetings will be held in classrooms, and if you have more than one child in the school you are welcome to move between sessions. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

**Parents Meetings** will be taking place after school on **20th-21st October**, booking details will be communicated nearer the time.

## New School Nurse

As you may remember Nurse Polly left in July to become a district nurse in Richmond. Therefore, our new school nurse is Kadija. She will be visiting this month and we look forward to giving her a warm Thomas's Academy welcome.

## School Photo Day- 23rd Sep

We are excited to let you know that school photos will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd September. We're delighted to welcome back Russell from Gem Photography, who captured the beautiful class photos in the summer. Individual and sibling photos will be taken during the day—so get those smiles ready and say cheese! 

# School Notices

## 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 have spaces.



Vaccination UK  
Immunisation Provider for  
NHS



### 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

## Slush ice drinks or 'slushies' containing glycerol

- Children under 7 should not consume these drinks
- Children under 10 should have a maximum of one 350ml 'slushie' per day – that's about the size of a fizzy drink can.

Glycerol can cause sickness and headaches in young children. Check with the seller or product labels about glycerol content.



More information on glycerol:

- Visit [food.gov.uk/glycerol](https://www.food.gov.uk/glycerol)
- Scan this QR code:



Our date for nasal flu vaccinations is 17th October

# 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

## School Catering - Summer Menu (April - September 25)

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### WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 21/07, 01/09, 22/09, 13/10

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

#### MAIN MEAL

Margherita wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn

Chicken curry served with turmeric rice, naan bread finger & mixed vegetables

Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy

Homemade beef lasagne served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables or salad

Fish fingers or salmon fish fingers served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

#### MEAT FREE

Quorn sausage in a baguette served with crispy potatoes & vegetable sticks

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Pasta twists with homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Vegan Quorn sausage served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

#### DESSERTS

Raisin cookie, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

Apple & summer berry crumble, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Peach & vanilla sponge, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

Vanilla ice cream & fruit wrap, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Chocolate brownie, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

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### WEEK 2 MENU

WEEK: 28/04, 19/05, 16/06, 07/07, 08/09, 29/09, 20/10

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

#### MAIN MEAL

Traditional macaroni cheese served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Pad Thai-style chicken served with noodles and stir-fried seasonal vegetables

Chicken sausages served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Beef mince chili wrap served with savoury vegetable rice & salad

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

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Veggie mince chili wrap served with savoury vegetable rice & salad

Vegetable nuggets served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

#### DESSERTS

Chocolate shortbread & orange wedge, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

Sticky toffee apple cake, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Banana cake & custard, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

Vanilla ice cream & fruit wrap, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Lemon drizzle cake, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

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### WEEK 3 MENU

WEEKS: 05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 15/09, 06/10

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

#### MAIN MEAL

Vegan sausage roll served with crispy potatoes & vegetable sticks

Jerk chicken thigh served with rice & beans, seasonal vegetable

Roast turkey served with potatoes, yorkshire pudding, carrots, broccoli & gravy

Beef bolognese pasta served with garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables

Fish fingers served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

#### MEAT FREE

Rainbow wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Pasta twists with homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Cheese, onion & pepper roll served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

#### DESSERTS

Chocolate sponge, fruity jelly, fresh fruit pot

Mixed berry cake, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Fruit flapjack, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Vanilla ice cream & fruit wrap, Natural yogurt with healthy toppings & coulis, fresh fruit pot

Jaffa-style 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

## SHINE BRIGHT

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

CHILD-LED ACTIVITIES  
OUTDOOR GAMES  
ART/CRAFTS  
MUSIC/SPORT  
SEASONAL ACTIVITIES  
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS  
NO NUTS OF ANY KIND

For more information contact  
[afterschoolclub@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)

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WELCOME !



## Breakfast Club

Thomas's ACADEMY

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

**When** 8am  
Lower Hall

For further information email [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

UK & EUROPEAN  
CHEESE & CHARCUTERIE  
TARTS, QUICHES & SAUCES

**VALUE**

COMMUNITY VIBES  
GREAT QUALITY  
YOUR ONE STOP SHOP



WE'RE MOVING...NOW WITH MORE TRADERS

**BIGGER  
BETTER  
FRESHER  
TASTIER!**

OUR NEW HOME

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