



Thomas's

ACADEMY

January 2025
Newsletter

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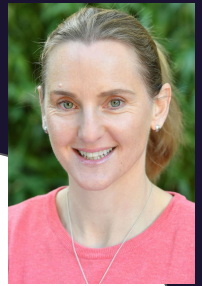
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Head Teacher's Update



Dear Thomas's Academy Community,

I am delighted to share that we now have completed the IT upgrade of 5 classrooms during the holidays. Each of the classes has a brand new computer for the teacher and a new linked interactive screen for the class. The new equipment will significantly improve the teaching and learning experience. Thanks to the Thomas's IT team and maintenance team for installing these for us. We aim to complete the remaining 3 classrooms this month. We also have 30 brand new iPads for use in school. These up to date iPads will enable us to reconnect with an intervention APP we use called Lexia.

There will be a slight change to opening times of the main school in the morning. Previously, we opened the gates at 8.40am and the doors at 8.45am. Moving forward, we will open both at 8.45am to avoid families having to wait in the playground unnecessarily. The doors close at 8.55am. Late children should enter via the main office and be signed in by their parent. There are also some slight changes with staffing. Class teachers have sent a communication to families with all the relevant information.

We warmly welcome lots of new nursery children and their families starting Thomas's Academy this month. They join our thriving nursery with a waiting list. Please be reminded that the closing date for the reception application is 15th January. We are able to support parents and carers with the application process if necessary. We have 89 applications so are likely to have a waiting list.

We are looking forward to a busy half term and have lots of plans for children. Our INSET day on 6th January was spent focussing on pupil progress among other things. We track progress carefully and use this data to inform our teaching using a well-established process. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Some ongoing activities include gardening sessions, swimming (now switching to year 3), parent story time, work with MIND and work with Chelsea Football Club. We have planned a number of trips including The National History Museum for Year 3, Guildhall Library for Year 5 and the Science Museum for Year 2 and 4 linked to their topics. There are also a number of author workshops planned for many of the classes. Please watch out for information about the Year 5/6 residential trip later in the year and the annual school sleepover for Year 4.

Coffee mornings are a new feature of our school. Please keep an eye on the school calendar (on the website) and other communications to keep up to date on these.

The PTA are busily planning for their next big event: The International Food Festival. This is always a highlight of the year. It provides an opportunity for us all to celebrate and share our national dishes and everyone is encouraged to take part.

Please do speak with me or another member of staff if you have any concerns. Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the new year.

Best wishes

Miss Kelly



December Attendance

Year 1 to Year 6 average attendance in December was 93.1% (91.8% in Nov 24). We look forward to January's attendance improving, having everyone back fresh after the break.

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

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Average attendance
90.1%	96.2%	92%	97.8%	91.4%	92.3%	93.1%

Class attendance for the month of December 2024.

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.

If there is a reason for your child to be absent, for example sickness or medical appointments, please email absent@academy.thomas-s.co.uk. For absence requests, a form can be collected from the school office for Miss Kelly to consider.

Punctuality is also incredibly important. The classrooms open at 8.45am at which point children enter and engage with learning activities - these tend to be maths revision and challenges to support children's retention of maths learning. The register is taken at 8.55am after which point children are marked late. School doors close at this time and children will only be able to enter via the front office.

Late children should be brought into the school (not left at the gate) so parents/carers can sign children in late. This is to ensure that children are safely handed over.

Children should be collected promptly at the end of their school day. Any parent collecting after being 10 minutes late, their child will be sent to Shine Bright Club and parents/carers may be charged a minimum fee of £10.

School Notices

Social Media

Did you know you can subscribe to the school blog to be notified when the school posts about something that is happening? To subscribe to the blog, either follow the link:

<https://thomassacademy.wordpress.com/>

or click on the subscribe button on the top right corner of our blog homepage.

Did you know we are also on TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Facebook and Instagram!

Please follow us if you don't already!

Instrumental Lessons

If you would like your child to learn an instrument whilst at Thomas's Academy, please do let us know. We currently offer piano, cello and violin.



☀️ COFFEE MORNING



**FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)**

28TH JANUARY 2025, 9-10AM

COME ALONG FOR A RELAXED, FRIENDLY COFFEE MORNING:

- CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS WHO UNDERSTAND YOUR EXPERIENCES
- SHARE STORIES, CHALLENGES, AND STRATEGIES
- LEARN ABOUT LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT NETWORKS
- ENJOY A HOT DRINK AND DELICIOUS TREATS IN A SAFE, WELCOMING SPACE
- MEET WITH THE SENCO (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS COORDINATOR) FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

WHETHER YOU NEED ADVICE, A LISTENING EAR, OR SIMPLY A MOMENT TO RELAX,
THIS IS YOUR TIME TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO TRULY GET IT.

 **A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!**

RSVP: SENDCO@ACADEMY.THOMAS-S.CO.UK



School Notices

Aspirations Week WB- 3/2/25

Last year we held our first Aspirations Week to enhance the children's PSHE learning on 'Dreams and Goals'. We are putting a request out early, to ask if any of our wonderful parents, carers, relatives or friends would be happy to come into school on **3/2/25 OR 5/2/25** to share with our children :

- What their dreams and ambitions were when they were young
- Their journey into their career
- What qualifications were needed (if any)
- Why they chose this career

This would ideally be in a whole school assembly for a few minutes and taking a short Q&A.

Please contact info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk if you, or someone you know, are able to help. Thanks so much.

What's going well at Thomas's Academy?

Can I offer suggestions?

How can we get more involved in school life?



Thomas's ACADEMY

What are the current priorities at Thomas's Academy?

Miss Kelly invites you to attend a coffee morning.
Drinks and nibbles provided!

14th January at 9am	Early Years
25th February at 9am	Years' 4, 5, 6
4th March at 9am	Years 1, 2, 3

Where do I get more information?



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What have we been up to in December?

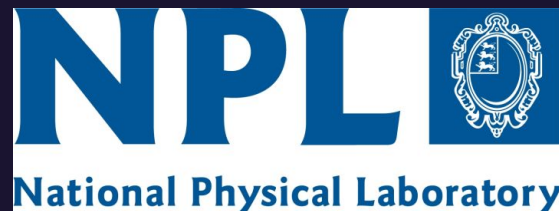
Year 5's Visit to the National Physical Laboratory Science Show

On Friday 13th December, Year 5 went to St Paul's School to watch a science show with two scientists from the National Physical Laboratory. It was all about liquid nitrogen. The scientists (a man and a woman) performed lots of different experiments.

One of my favourites was the demonstration to show how temperature affects physical properties. The scientists took a tennis bounce ball, bounced it on the floor to show it was bouncy. Then they put it in a bucket full of liquid nitrogen and when they took it out, it didn't bounce anymore! This is because liquid nitrogen is extremely cold- -196°C .

The science show was really fun and we had a great time! I learnt lots of new things and it was really cool to see liquid nitrogen in real life.

By Mia-Year 5



School Lunches

School Catering - Autumn Menu (November - March)

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WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Roasted Vegetable, Tomato & Chickpea Pasta Bake & Mixed Vegetable	Thai Chicken Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, and Gravy	Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
MEAT FREE	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels Served With Wholegrain Rice & Mixed Vegetable	Roasted Butternut Squash & Spinach Thai Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables	Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage and Gravy	Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad	Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Lunchtime Lunchbox	Cheese or tuna mayo sandwich served with mixed salad	Roasted vegetable wrap served with mixed salad	Chicken salad sandwich served with mixed salad	Cheese sandwich served with mixed salad	Cheese or tuna mayo sandwich served with mixed salad
DESSERTS	Vanilla Shortbread Biscuit Or Fresh Fruit Pot	Natural yogurt served with healthy toppings & fruit compote Or Fresh fruit pot	Apple Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit Pot	Natural yogurt served with healthy toppings & fruit compote Or Fresh fruit pot	Vote for your favourite dessert Or Fresh Fruit Pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day

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WEEK 2 MENU

WEEKS: 11/11, 02/12, 04/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Margarita Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Marinated Jerk Chicken Served With Rice & Peas, Mixed Vegetable	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy	Italian Meatball in a Rich Tomato Sauce Served with Pasta & Mixed Vegetables	Breaded Fish Fillet served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
MEAT FREE	Rainbow Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Sweet Potato & Black Bean Jerk Curry Served With Rice & Peas, Mixed Vegetable	Cauliflower, Broccoli Lentil Cheese Bake Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy	Italian Vegan Meatball in a Rich Tomato Sauce Served with Pasta & Mixed Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Lunchtime Lunchbox	Roasted vegetable wrap served with mixed salad	Tuna or egg sandwich served with mixed salad	Chicken salad sandwich served with mixed salad	Cheese baguette served with mixed salad	Chicken wrap served with mixed salad
DESSERTS	Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedge Or Fresh Fruit Pot	Natural yogurt served with healthy toppings & fruit compote Or Fresh fruit pot	Oat & Raisin Cookie Or Fresh Fruit Pot	Natural yogurt served with healthy toppings & fruit compote Or Fresh fruit pot	Vote for your favourite dessert Or Fresh Fruit Pot

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WEEK 3 MENU

WEEKS: 18/11, 09/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Traditional Macaroni Cheese Served with Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables	Turkey Tikka Served with Rice, Naan Bread Finger and Mixed vegetable	Chicken Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Beef Lasagna Served with Homemade Garlic Bread & Mixed Vegetables Or Fresh Salad	Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
MEAT FREE	Moroccan Vegetable & Chickpea Tagine Served with Crusty Whole meal Bread	Vegetable Tikka Served with Rice, Naan Bread Finger and Mixed vegetable	Quorn Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Tex Mex Vegan Mince & Cheese Burrito Served With Mixed Vegetables Or Fresh Salad	Fishless Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Lunchtime Lunchbox	Cheese or tuna mayo sandwich served with mixed salad	Turkey wrap served with mixed salad	Egg mayo baguette served with mixed salad	Cheese sandwich served with mixed salad	Chicken salad sandwich served with mixed salad
DESSERTS	Chocolate Brownie Or Fresh Fruit Pot	Natural yogurt served with healthy toppings & fruit compote Or Fresh fruit pot	Banana & Orange Sponge Or Fresh Fruit Pot	Natural yogurt served with healthy toppings & fruit compote Or Fresh fruit pot	Vote for your favourite dessert Or Fresh Fruit Pot

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Wrap-Around Care at Thomas's Academy

Please book in advance



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

Thomas's ACADEMY

WELCOME !



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

Miss Kelly, Head Teacher, is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Deputies (DDSL) are Mrs James, Miss Wood, Miss Dairo and Miss Shen.

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.

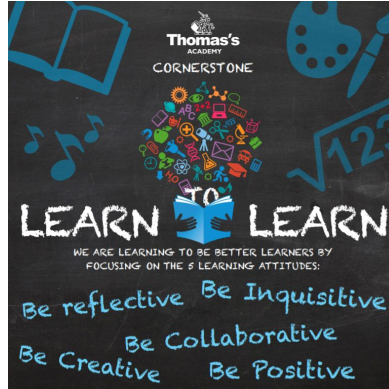
Contacts and Collection

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.** Also, 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.



Learn to Learn

Our focus for this half term is **BE CREATIVE**.



In a rapidly evolving world, it is necessary for the children to learn to be flexible, able to adapt to changing circumstances and capable of thinking of imaginative solutions to problems using all the resources available to them.



Digital Learning

We are committed to keeping children safe online and supporting parents with ways to embed these strategies at home. Our PSHE and computing curriculum teaches children how to use the internet safely and what to do if things go wrong. If you are concerned about anything related to this, please speak to a member of staff.

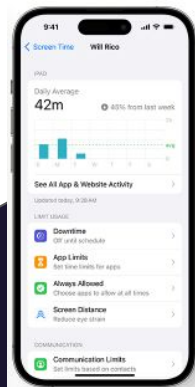
Please use the links below for any necessary support.

Technology at Thomas's Academy




We have subscriptions designed to support children's learning in school and at home:

- Tapestry (Early Years)
- EdShed (Y1 - Y6) (*Spelling Shed is the winner of the Teach Primary Awards 2024 in the Apps category*)
- Times Tables Rock Stars (Y3 - Y6)
- Lexia (selected children in Years' 1 - 6)

If you need support with any of the above, please send us an email so we can help.



Parental Support

- [Parental control guides](#)
- [Apple screen time](#) 
- [Google family link](#) 
- [Family options for youtube](#) 



Community Notices

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Upcoming Dates

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



January 2025

6th	INSET day - no pupils
7th	Children return to school Y5 Inspire Her workshop (CFC)
8th	School tour
9th	Year 4 to the Science Museum Hannah (CFC) working with KS2
13th	Extra curricular clubs begin today Adam (CFC) working with classes
14th	Head Teacher's Coffee Morning for EY parents Year 3 swimming
15th	Deadline for reception class applications School tour
20th	Adam from CFC working with classes Visit from The English Hub Y4 begin 'Brain Buddies' sessions
21st	Y5 Inspire Her workshop (CFC) Years 3 swimming
22nd	School tour
23rd	Hannah (CFC) working with KS2
27th	Adam from CFC working with classes
28th	Year 3 swimming Nursery Gardening with Pascale SEND coffee morning
29th	School tour
30th	Hannah (CFC) working with KS2
31st	Year 3 to Natural History Museum Year 2 Gardening with Pascale

**Please
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holidays are
booked
during
term-time!**



Upcoming Dates

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February 2025 (so far)

3rd	Adam (CFC) working with classes
4th	Year 5 Inspire Her workshop Reception Gardening with Pascale
5th	School Tour
6th	Author Workshops for Years' 2, 3, 4 and 5 Hannah (CFC) working with KS2
7th	Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament (8 Y5&6 children) Country Colours Dress Up International Food Festival Year 3 Gardening with Pascale
10th	Adam (CFC) working with classes
11th	Year 3 swimming
12th	School Tour
13th	Hannah (CFC) working with KS2
14th	Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament (8 Y5&6 children)
17th - 21st	Half-Term - school closed to pupils
21st	Volunteer Day - please assist us in improving the school
24th	Handwashing session with Reception (Nurse Polly)
25th	Head Teacher's Coffee Morning for Y4, 5, 6)
26th	Year 2 to Science Museum School Tour
27th	Hannah (CFC) working with KS2
28th	Daffodil House to wear a yellow accessory

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