



Thomas's

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Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates (also available on the website)



November

1st	Year 4 swimming
2nd	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
7th - 10th	School Photographs
8th	Year 5 trip to The National Gallery
8th - 10th	Individual Pupil Photographs
9th	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
11th	Year 1 and Year 3 Gardening
15th	Year 4 swimming International Food Festival organised by the PTA
16th:	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
18th	Child in Need - Children may wear a Children in Need Accessory with their uniform Year 2 and Year 4 Gardening
22nd	Year 4 swimming
23rd	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
25th	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
29th	Year 4 swimming
30th	St Andrew's Day - Children in Thistle House may wear an additional blue accessory



Upcoming Dates (also available on the website)



December

2nd	Year 5 and 6 Gardening
5th	Last week of after school clubs
5th and 6th	Church Visits
6th	Year 4 Swimming
7th	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
9th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
13th	Christmas Discos organised by PTA
13th	Year 4 swimming
14th	Year 5 and 6 to Hurlingham Club
16th	Last Day of Autumn Term - 2pm finish



Notices

Nursery

If your child is three years old or about to turn three and you are interested in them joining our nursery, please contact the school office for information on how to apply:

info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Images Permission

Please take the time to consider and complete the images permission form. This informs the school as to how we can use images for your child. Any questions, please speak to the school office or a member of the school leadership team.

<https://forms.gle/MtLqzMhnen1BpDXC7>

We are registered with @easyuk, so over 4000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you used @easyuk to shop. It doesn't cost you anything extra. Please consider choosing us as your chosen beneficiary.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomassacademy/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-t1



PTA Events

Our wonderful PTA are busy organising a **Halloween Party for children on 31st October** and an **International Food Festival on November 15th**. Details for these events will be shared directly from the PTA. If you would like to help out for the benefit of our pupils, please speak to your class representative or Danielle in the playground.

Children aged 1-9 years are now being offered a dose of **polio vaccine**. If your child is 1-4 years old, your GP will be in touch. If your child is 5-9 years old, you can book a free appointment at the H&F Council Offices at 145 King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9XY. You can go to the following website for more information: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/articles/news/2022/09/free-polio-boosters-children-seven-days-week-hammersmith>



Notices

Aktiva After-School Club

We have been notified that Aktiva will cease to continue to offer an after-school program at Thomas's Academy beyond 2nd December due to insufficient take-up. We are investigating alternative options in order that we can support families with their after-school childcare including using current school staff to run an after. If there are parents who wish to apply for a position for this role, please see Miss Kelly.

Breakfast Club
Thomas's ACADEMY

Food

Monday
Cereals, toast, and fruit

Tuesday
Cereals, scrambled eggs with soldiers and fruit

Wednesday
Cereals, bagels and fruit

Thursday
Cereals, beans on toast and fruit

Friday
Coco pops or toast and chocolate spread/jam (Friday only) and fruit

Activities

Monday
Games and Small World

Tuesday
Colouring and Crafts

Wednesday
Games and Small World Puzzles and Lego

Thursday
Train Set and Games

Friday
iPads (Friday only)

When 8am Lower Hall

For further information email info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk



Attendance and Punctuality

Our children's education has been disrupted for 3 years and their academic progress will have suffered. Therefore, every school day counts. Please do not book holidays, family events or celebrations during term time. This absence will not be authorised and may be liable to fines. The attendance rate for the children at Thomas's Academy has always been high because you value your child's education and you know each day is important. Let's work together to make sure that ambition remains.



Please note that we are obliged to contact Hammersmith and Fulham Initial Consultation and Advice Team (ICAT), part of Children's Services, if a pupil has unauthorised absences that equate to more than 10% within a six-week period.

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. If there is another reason for potential absence, please email me directly so we can discuss this further head@academy.thomas-s.co.uk.

Punctuality is also incredibly important. The gates open at 8.45am at which point children can enter and engage with 'soft start' learning activities. The register is taken at 8.55am after which point children are marked late. Lessons start promptly and children who are regularly late miss this vital learning. We will provide the stationery they need so please do not pack pencil cases or any other materials.



Reading at Thomas's

'Reading for pleasure is the single most important thing that will make a child successful in life.' UNESCO, 2011

Academy

Recommended Reads

Who better to get book recommendations from, than the children themselves!

Here are some links to their favourites so far:

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

More to come next month!



Thomas's Academy Reading Award for pupils

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To receive an award, you need to read 5, 15 or 25 *chapter books!*

15



We can't wait to hear your recommendations!

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Reading Records

All pupils, from **Reception to Year 6**, have a Reading Record where all home reading is recorded. Reading Records, along with a child's reading book must be brought into school **daily**, to facilitate writing and any extra reading that takes place.

Reception and KS1 – comments to be made by an adult

KS2 – comments to be made by the child

Pupils are expected to record **at least 5 times a week.**

Parent and Carer Story Time

Each class now has a 15 minute time slot, where parents and carers can come in and read to their child's class.

If you would like to take part, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Volunteer Readers

If you can spare an hour or so a week during school hours, please contact:

vritchie@thomassfoundation.org.uk

No experience is needed.

You will receive training and a DBS check will be organised for you.

Writing at Thomas's Academy

Could you be next month's Writer of the Month?

Year 1 to 6, if you **love to write**, and choose to do so in your own time, make sure you post your writing into our 'writer's box' that now sits in the school library. It can be any type of writing, from a poem to a short story to a nonfiction piece.

Every month, Miss Wood will collect the entries. Winners will receive a certificate and have their work displayed proudly in our newsletter for all to admire!

OCTOBER'S WRITERS OF THE MONTH

It's almost Halloween
Happy Halloween
All the fireworks
Light up the sky
Let's go trick or treating
One by one
We knock on the door
Everyone gives us candies
Everyone has a good time
Now it's time to eat sweets

by Giulia year 3

The ~~the~~ school is kind a wonderful place. We can try our best and never give up. If I don't succeed I will try try again. In our school ~~an~~ anything is possible if we make everyone smile. Aswell as yourself think about everyone ~~here~~ here. let's imagine the future with all of our friends.

by violet Y3



Writing at Thomas's Academy

OCTOBER'S WRITERS OF THE MONTH

Once there was a tree that was different because it had 1 flower in the middle. And the other ones had flowers filling up the tree for the castle. And when storms came by the others leaves fell off but the different one leaves stayed! And then something was in there! But it was a bird. So the beautiful princess slept beside the tree and lived happily ever after.

Un pez y el tiburón

Detrás de un pez
nada un enorme tiburón,
lo caza en el Mediterráneo
cansado, los dos.

Austado, grita:
¡Noo, por favor!
mi vida es demasiado corta
¡Tenga piedad!

Abriendo la boca
lo deja libre
y hacia el mar
lo ha visto nadar.

The Fish And The Shark

Behind a fish
swims a beastly shark,
hunts in the Mediterranean
tired, both of them.

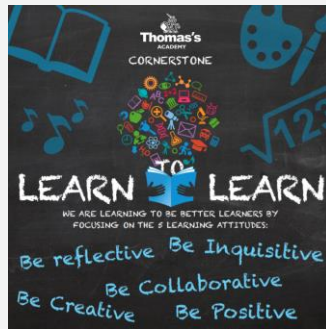
Frightened, it screams:
Noo, please!
my life is too short
Have mercy!

Opening his mouth
he lets it free
and out to sea
he has seen him swim.



Learn to Learn

We are continuing to focus is **BE POSITIVE**. We want our pupils to be confident enough to attempt difficult tasks, resilient enough to persevere and willing to fail to learn effectively. This learning behaviour is fundamental to the success of all of the others. We look forward to celebrating children's successes in Friday's assemblies.



Digital Learning

ICT Acceptable Use Policy

All staff, students and families need to be aware of the expectations surrounding using technology at school. This month we have been discussing these in class.

Please could parents make sure their child / children click the link below to access this. Please assist with completing the **Acceptable Use Policy** form.

[KS1 \(Y1, Y2\)](#)

[KS2 \(Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6\)](#)

Digital Learning at Thomas's Academy

We have been using the app Book Creator to document children's learning.

Prior to publishing these online, we require parent/carer permission. Please complete [this form](#) to indicate your choice.



Safeguarding

Miss Kelly, Head Teacher, is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Deputies (DDSL) are Mr Chester, Mrs James, Miss Wood 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>

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.

Covid

We are continuing to work to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19 but have to face the reality that it is in our community. We ask that if someone in your family is presenting with symptoms, you test for COVID. If a child tests positive, please let the office know and keep your child home for **5 days** please. We appreciate your cooperation with this. Unfortunately, we do not have COVID tests at school, they will need to be purchased from stores.

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. Also, please let us know if someone different is collecting your child. These are important measures to keep your children safe.



Local Activities

Adult learning and skills service

h&f
hammersmith & fulham

Saturday Family Learning

FREE activities for 5-15 year olds accompanied by parents or guardians

To enrol: call 020 8753 3600 or email alssinfo@lbhf.gov.uk

Queen's Club Foundation provides free, after-school (4-5pm) tennis lessons to children in Years' 2 and 3 at Bishops Park. If you wish for your child to take part, please click below:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/QCFCCommunityClub>

NETSTARS FULHAM

JOIN OUR ACTION-PACKED NETBALL CLASSES FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS



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Learn great skills, make friends and have lots of fun with Netstars!

Join us now on Saturdays at Fulham Cross Girls School at 9:30-10:30am

Gear Up - years 1, 2 & 3
Aim High - years 4, 5 & 6

SEE www.netstarsnetball.com FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT DETAILS AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



Fulham FC Women are excited to announce their upcoming Capital Cup Round One tie against AFC Wimbledon will be played at **Craven Cottage** on **Sunday 20th November!**

The Whites have got their 2022/23 campaign off to a great start, winning three of their first five league matches.

The fixture against National League Division One side AFC Wimbledon will kick-off at **2pm on 20th November**, and marks a significant moment in the history of Fulham FC Women - with the Women's team appearing at Craven Cottage for the very first time since the side's re-formation in 2014.

Whether you're a regular at Motspur Park - like Miss Kelly - or looking to experience women's football for the first time, we're encouraging all Fulham fans to come together and show their support for this special matchday. Look out for the goal keeper who is a relative!

Be a part of history by securing your tickets for the match, which are priced at just **£5 for adults** and **£1 for juniors**. All seats will be allocated in the Johnny Haynes Stand. Supporters can purchase [online](#), by phone on **0203 871 0810** (opt. 1) or in person from the **Fulham FC Ticket Office**.



Local Activities

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Storytime with Katie Mantwa George

Saturday 5th November 2022
at 11:00am



We are excited to welcome Katie Mantwa George into the shop for a special storytime on Saturday 5th November at 11:00am!

Katie will be reading from her new picture book, **Meadow and Marley's Magical Mix!**

Katie will also be signing copies of her book after the reading.

 [upbeatlondon](https://www.instagram.com/upbeatlondon)

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POP AND ROCK HOLIDAY CAMPS

SPOOKY SOUNDS: 24TH-26TH OCT

4 - 12 YRS

XMAS: 19TH-21ST DEC



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