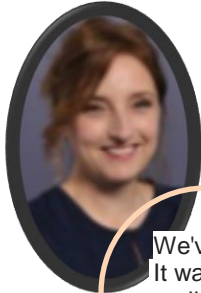




Where CURIOSITY HATCHES, creativity takes flight and learning SOARS TO A SKY OF opportunity.



We've had a brilliant start to the term! The children have settled into the school routine and are going great-guns! It was so lovely to see so many parents/carers support our Black History Month musical launch; the children worked so hard on their drumming and singing - it really paid off. Lots of the grown-ups told me that they knew the song already as it had been sung constantly at home - next time we'll ask you to join in!

I look forward to seeing you all at Parent Consultation evening next week. Don't forget there are no clubs during this week - the teachers simply can't be in two places at once. Clubs will resume after half-term.

Accolades
It is with delight that I share with you that Thomas Hickman School have been awarded the Silver ArtsMark for their creative curriculum and amazing art work! All credit goes to Jo Saw who leads Art and DT in the school who put our application together. The children's talent simply shone through!

Primary Science Quality Mark
We've also smashed the PSQM! Thomas Hickman have also been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark for our science curriculum, well done to Abi Hunter for her work on this!

This is such a fantastic start to the year - it's only up, up, up from here!

Have a lovely weekend.
Pippa X

PE at THS

What a fantastic start to the year we have had in THS PE! All classes have come back to school invigorated and ready to learn. Our younger BIRDS have been learning how to be safe in PE - busily experiencing lots of different pieces of equipment and how to use them safely.



KS1 have been focusing on fundamental movement skills such as agility, balance and coordination – using a range of equipment to build on these skills.



Following alongside the Rugby World Cup in France, our Key Stage 2 BIRDS have been focusing on Tag Rugby this half term with the view to ending the unit of work with mini-Tag Rugby festivals. Year 5 and 6 are getting used to the rules and tactics involved and learning to referee mini matches. Keep an eye out for England's quarter-final match-up against Fiji on Sunday 15th October at 4pm!



Football:
THS boys' football has started once again, with Mr Lambert having the hardest job of choosing children to represent our teams. With so much interest following the trials held in September, we have had to include two boys' football teams and a girls' team into the league competitions. Look out for letters coming thick and fast as we enter a very busy period for our football teams.



Achieve the Rainbow



Congratulations to all children who have received one (or two) of our badges for consistently displaying these values in PE lessons and around school. I always have my eyes open for children in all year groups showing the values 'when nobody is looking' to ensure these values are at the core of all of our BIRDS.

WILL ANYONE EARN ALL OF THEIR BADGES THIS YEAR?





Year 6 – Secondary School applications

Please remember the deadline for getting your application submitted is **31st October**.

Please follow this link <https://www.thomashickmanschool.com/transition> to review the presentation for parents with all the relevant information including important dates.

If you need help to make your application, please contact the office or speak to Sarah or Paula ASAP.

Safeguarding at THS



<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

Next week, assemblies will be delivered to children in an age-appropriate way to support our PSHE curriculum, teaching children how to keep themselves safe. This will be followed-up by workshops for year 2, 5 and 6 at the end of November.

Safeguarding at THS – collecting children

If there is going to be a change to the person collecting your child, please **call the office** (01296 485683) to ensure the message is received and passed on in time for the end of the day. Emails are sometimes not picked up in time to be actioned and this can cause delays when your nominated adult arrives to collect.

Macmillian Coffee Morning



Once again THS have shown their love for all things cake and supported a very special charity close to our hearts. We raised £200.

Cake competition winners
 Joint 1st Artie (Reception) and Victoria (Year 1)
 Highly commended (2nd) Layla (Year 2) and Ollie (Year 1).

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our coffee morning and congratulations to our winners!

THS Medical

As we move through Autumn and into Winter, please find below the link for childhood illnesses to help you answer that question: Do I need to keep my child off school?

[Do I need to keep my child off school? \(English and translations\) | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)

Christmas Fayre

We know it's very early to be mentioning Christmas but we wanted to make sure you all have the date for The Christmas Fayre in your diaries!

Thursday 7th December @ 4pm.

If you would like a stall, or know anybody who would, please speak to the office team or email dl@thomashickman.bucks.sch.uk so we can reserve you a space.

If you are able to help in anyway, please get in touch and let us know. We would also welcome donations for the raffle and tombola so please have a look and bring in anything that you think is suitable.



Fire Safety

Bucks Fire and Safety visited school this week to train some staff members as Fire Wardens. Please find below a link to their website which contains a wealth of information regarding safety at home <https://bucksfire.gov.uk/>

Black History Month

During our special assembly this week, we had visitors from the multicultural centre to share information about the centre and Black History Month. See the link to what they have going on - this is a great place to have so close.

<https://multiculturalcentre.co.uk/>

Attendance

Attendance so far, this academic year is on the up! This means there will be lots of children joining the 97 up club this term and will be getting a Zoomania voucher.

A massive well done to all those children who have come to school regularly - every single day they were well enough to do so! Only by turning up for school every day, on time, can the children achieve the best outcomes in their learning.

97Up here we come!

YEAR GROUP NEWS



Muddy Ducks Nursery

The children have settled in really well and are beginning to feel more confident to try new activities. Our Field of Study this term is 'I am special' and the children are learning about different emotions and some differences between themselves and their peers. We would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to provide some family pictures that we can display within the classroom. This will enable us to speak to the children about their families.



Muddy Ducks Pre-School

This term, we have been exploring a few themes such as incredible me, colours, my family, friends, and people who help us. We did lots of art and craft activities according to our themes, and we enjoyed dressing up as firefighters and doctors etc. We had so much fun through outdoor play activities like role playing, sand play and cycling etc.



Reception

Reception have settled really well into their new learning environment. They have enjoyed learning about all the things that make them super and unique! It was great to see so many of you join us for the parental pitstop and we cannot wait for our future gatherings.

The children have made a super start to their phonics – please continue watching the videos to reinforce their learning at home.

A reminder that every Friday the children go down to the woodlands so please ensure you send them with appropriate footwear and clothing now that the weather is changing.

We will be hosting a Super Duper dress up day on Monday 16th October so please get creative – children can come as their own unique superhero!



Year 1

Year 1 have been applying their phonics skills and writing shape poems about their gran and other family members. We have been super impressed at how hard they have been trying to use their 'Fred fingers' to support their spelling. They have moved on to thinking about questions that they could ask an elderly person to link with our Field of Study, 'BIRDS through Time' - please do more of this at home!

Please look out for the letter about our upcoming trip and return reply slips as soon as possible.



Year 2

We have had an amazing start to the Autumn term and are enjoying our field of study 'Unlimited'. Through this we have learnt a lot about significant people in history such as Rosa Parks and Neil Armstrong. In English we have written our own fact book about going to the moon! In maths we have built upon our Year 1 learning on place value and used base ten to think about different ways to partition numbers. We will soon be moving onto addition and subtraction. In Science we have been using our knowledge about materials from Year 1 to think about how materials are suited to their uses. We loved our day making slime with 'Science Oxford'!



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum! We took part in a dig activity and got to explore the past like real archaeologists! We used Stone Age spears and spear throwers to hunt like Palaeolithic hunter gatherers. We made shelters using hides and sang our Stone Age song while we worked together as a team. We got to light fires using prehistoric tools and made cave paintings using charcoal and (vegetable) suet! In English we have been crafting and performing question and answer poems and in Maths we have been learning different methods for addition and subtraction.



Year 4

We've had a smashing start to the year! The children have settled in really well and are enjoying our Field of Study learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans. We had an amazing time on our Saxon day (thank you to all our helpers!). In English, we've been enjoying 'How to Train your Dragon!' and have been writing instructions and diaries inspired by our reading. In maths, we've just finished place value and we're moving onto Addition & Subtraction - please continue to use TTRS & Numbots regularly at home.



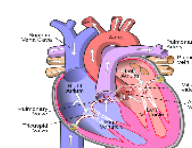
Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the Legacy of the Dynasties and the families that ruled in Ancient China. We visited the Ashmolean Museum and saw wondrous artefacts from the Shang Dynasty. We also got to handle some ancient Chinese artefacts, learned about oracle bones and then viewed many entrancing trinkets that were traded along the Silk Road. We also heard a fascinating fable about 4 dragons, and how they created the rivers in China.



Year 6

Year 6 have had the most fabulous start to the year with great learning behaviours being shown. Our Prefects, Peer Mentors and House Captains are now in place, ready to act as role models throughout the school! In Field of Study we are learning about the Slave Trade and we went on a virtual tour of Bristol Museum to see the significant links to the Slave Trade the city of Bristol had. In Science, we had a fantastic afternoon of learning using our knowledge of the heart to dissect a sheep's heart! The children really enjoyed getting the opportunity to see the chambers inside the heart as well as heart strings and the cellular wall - what a bunch of super scientists we have! It was fabulous too to see so many parents join us to "make blood" in our Pit Stop - we hope you all enjoyed it as much as the children did. Year 6 really are showing what super scholars they are!





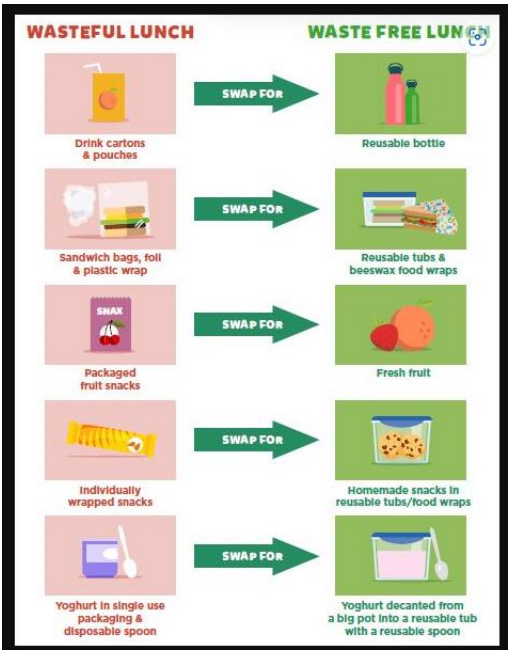
Dates for you diary.....

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>16th October</u> No clubs this week due to parents evenings Reception Superhero dress-up	<u>17th October</u>	<u>18th October</u> Parents Evening	<u>19th October</u> Parents Evening	<u>20th October</u> 3:15pm - Break up for half term
<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Half Term</u>
<u>30th October 2023</u> 8:30am children return to school Reception – ‘Once upon a Celebration’ dress up	<u>31st October 2023</u>	<u>1st November</u>	<u>2nd November</u> Year 4 - Wallingford Museum & Castle trip Year 1 - Bucks County Museum trip	<u>3rd November</u>
<u>6th November</u> Reception - Fairy Tale character dress up	<u>7th November</u> Year 5 Shang Dynasty Workshop	<u>8th November</u>	<u>9th November</u>	<u>10th November</u>
<u>13th November</u>	<u>14th November</u> Reception Parental pitstop-plant a Bean Stalk	<u>15th November</u> Muddy ducks Nursery – Forest School Experience AM/PM Open Day for Reception 2024 Morning and Afternoon	<u>16th November</u> Bhangra workshops for Diwali. 2-3pm Dine for Diwali cafe - tea and colourful cakes in hall – adults invited to join their child	<u>17th November</u> Year 6 Houses of Parliament trip
<u>20th November</u>	<u>21st November</u>	<u>22nd November</u>	<u>23rd November</u>	<u>24th November</u>
<u>27th November</u>	<u>28th November</u> Year 4 Finale 1.15pm – 2.00pm 2.15pm – 3.00pm	<u>29th November</u> Muddy Ducks – Christmas Art & Crafts with parents AM/PM Year 2 NSPCC workshop Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops	<u>30th November</u> Deadline for Christmas jumper donations.	<u>1st December</u> Tree lighting (children only)
<u>4th December</u> Christmas Jumpers Swap Shop	<u>5th December</u>	<u>6th December</u> Reception- Aylesbury Waterside trip Year 6 Finale - "Undeafated" Performance in hall	<u>7th December</u> Christmas Fayre 4pm	<u>8th December</u> Year 1 Finale – Story of my life so far Year 3 Finale – Come and make Iron Age round houses.
<u>11th December</u> Year 5 Finale – Soap carving	<u>12th December</u> Year 2 Nativity 10.00am Year 2 Nativity 2.00pm (separate letter to follow)	<u>13th December</u> Christmas lunch Christmas jumper day Wassailing/carols	<u>14th December</u> Reception Nativity 10am (separate letter to follow)	<u>15th December</u> 3:15pm - Break up for Christmas Holidays

Sustainability @ THS



Useful swaps for lunch





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RECEPTION

DEVELOPING EARLY MATHS THROUGH STORIES WORKSHOP: FMEM044

SCAN ME

Choose from (9:30am to 11:30am):

- Monday 30 October
- Tuesday 31 October
- Wednesday 1 November

DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S EARLY MATHS SKILLS (5 WEEKS): FMEM049

SCAN ME

Choose from (9:30am-11:30am):

- Monday 6 November
- Tuesday 7 November
- Wednesday 8 November

YEARS 1 & 2

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK WORKSHOP: FMHW028

SCAN ME

- Monday 30 October, 7pm-9pm
- Wednesday 1 November, 9:30am-11:30am

MATHS THROUGH STORIES WORKSHOP: FMMN116

SCAN ME

- Tuesday 31 October, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Thursday 2 November, 9:30am-11:30am

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

MONEY MATTERS - TEACH YOUR CHILD THE VALUE OF MONEY (5 WEEKS): FMMM100

SCAN ME

- Monday 30 October, 7pm-9pm

SUPPORT your CHILD'S WELLBEING (5 WEEKS): FMWB020

SCAN ME

- Tuesday 31 October, 9:30am-11:30am

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YEARS 3 & 4

HELP YOUR CHILD TACKLE MATHS PROBLEMS WORKSHOP: FMMP007

SCAN ME

- Tuesday 31 October, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 1 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS - Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (5 WEEKS): FMFD106

SCAN ME

- Monday 6 November, 9:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday 7 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 8 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Thursday 9 November, 6:30pm-8:30pm

YEARS 5 & 6

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKSHOP: FMMA060

SCAN ME

- Wednesday 1 November, 7pm-9pm
- Thursday 2 November, 9:30am-11:30am

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS - Geometry, Statistics and Measurement (5 WEEKS): FMMS117

SCAN ME

- Wednesday 8 November, 7pm-9pm
- Thursday 9 November, 9:30am-11:30am

THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WORKSHOP

SCAN ME

Discover the advantages of volunteering, reflect on what skills you have and how they match the skills you need to work as a volunteer

- Tuesday 5 December, 9:30am-11:30am (FMVW018)

Volunteering

Aylesbury Music Centre

OPEN DAY

Fantastic opportunities to perform throughout the year.

COME AND JOIN THE BUZZ! SATURDAY NOV 4TH

9-10:30 SENIOR SYMPHONY
Open to all instrumentalists grade 4/5+

10:45-11:15 BIG SING
Open to all players and their parents!

11:30-1 JUNIOR JAM
Open to all instrumentalists up to Grade 4/5

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All welcome!

BRING A FRIEND

TWO FREE CONCERTS
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TUCK SHOP

Aylesbury Music Centre
Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7ST

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Aylesbury Music Centre Timetable: Autumn 2023				
MONDAY				
16:00-16:45	Flute Choir	Fay Hayhurst	Yousouf N'Douk	Grade 1+
16:15-17:00	Advanced Improvisation	Ralph Wigg	Robin Hall	Email rwy@bucksmusic.org
17:00-17:45	Percussion Ensemble	Ralph Wigg	Robin Hall	Grade 2+
18:00-19:15	Big Band	Ralph Wigg	Robin Hall	Any instrument
19:30-20:30	Hi-Gain	Yousouf N'Douk	Robin Hall	Grade 7+
TUESDAY				
16:00-16:45	Musicals	Penny Hale	Robin Hall	Ages 5-8
16:45-17:15	Tuesday Choir	Fay Hayhurst	Robin Hall	Ages 5-11
17:15-18:00	Prep Orchestra	Matt Morton	Robin Hall	1/2 term's lessons - Grade 1
18:00-19:00	Brass Ensemble	Nigel Gibbon	Robin Hall	Grade 3+
WEDNESDAY				
16:00-16:45	Hot Keys!	Gemma Wiseman	Robin Hall	1/2 term's lessons - Grade 3
17:00-17:45	Classical Guitar Group	Jaime Zaldia	Robin Hall	Grade 1+
17:45-18:30	Rock & Pop Guitar Group	Jaime Zaldia	Robin Hall	Grade 1+
THURSDAY				
16:15-17:00	Training Big Band	Hamish Hollis-Hill	Robin Hall	Grade 1-3
16:30-17:00	Grade 5 Theory Crash Course	Fay Hayhurst	Yousouf N'Douk	Grade 4-6
17:00-18:00	Intermediate Big Band	Sam Roberts	Robin Hall	Grade 4-6
18:00-19:00	Intermediate Band	Peter Fisher	Robin Hall	Grade 4-6
SATURDAY				
09:00-10:45	Youth Orchestra	Tom Horn	Robin Hall	Grade 7+
09:00-10:45	Intermediate Orchestra	Nigel Gibbon	Harding Hall	Grade 4-6
09:30-10:00	Music for Munchkins	Penny Hale	Main Hall	Ages 3-5
10:00-10:45	Training Strings	Penny Hale	Main Hall	Grade 1-3
10:45-11:15	Theory	Penny Hale	Yousouf N'Douk	Grade 1-5
10:45-11:20	Saturday Youth Choir	Fay Hayhurst	Harding Hall	Open to all
10:45-11:30	Training Band	Kate Nathan	Main Hall	Grade 1-3
11:30-13:00	Concert Band	Nigel Gibbon	Robin Hall	Grade 7+
11:30-13:00	Training Orchestra	Tom Horn	Harding Hall	Grade 1-3
11:30-12:30	String Ensemble	John Brennan	Main Hall	Grade 4+
13:00-14:30	Chamber Music	Various	Robin Hall	Grade 4+
Once a month - see board for dates				
By request	Advanced Aural	Jonathan Rowe	Yousouf N'Douk	Grade 6-8





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


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