



ere **CURIOSITY** HATCHES. Creativity takes flight



Is it really half-term already?! What an extremely busy term, thank goodness we avoided the snow, there simply wouldn't have been time to fit it in!
We end this half-term with a visit from the High Sheriff of Buckingham and the Mayor of Aylesbury, they were visiting today to present our children with some incredibly prestigious awards – see below to find out more! What a way to end Spring 1!
Don't forget **clubs start straight back after the holiday.**
See you bright and early at the drop-off disco 8.30am on Monday 23rd February when school reopens.
Have a lovely holiday, enjoy the time with your families.
Pippa x



New Horizons!

After 8 years of hard work at Thomas Hickman School, Jo Saw is moving on. She is moving into the 'private school' sector which I'm sure will be a different experience to the years in mainstream schools, with dwindling budgets and cold, rickety old buildings!
Jo will be a great loss to the Year 3 team and we thank her for her contribution and dedication to THS over the years.

Ramadan Club starts on 23rd February. The letter regarding the club went out a couple of weeks ago so look please check it out if your child wants to attend. In addition to this, please click on this link for our Fasting Policy:
<https://www.thomashickmanschool.com/attachments/download.asp?file=733&type=pdf>



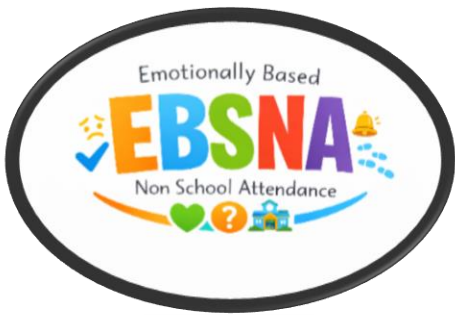
Voice For Life

We're excited to welcome our first Voice for Life chorister, Alexandra Leonte! If you'd like to be part of this choir, please reach out to Kenton or Tamara during their Voice for Life club on a Thursday lunchtime.



Library Update

We have added 25 shelves to the library. Feedback from the children has been that the new layout makes the library feel bigger and has made it easier to find books they are interested in. We do have a new selection of German language books that will be available in the library for the children to borrow. Thank you to everyone that has returned overdue books, if you do find any overdue books please return via class teachers.



Parent Workshop: Understanding EBSNA

Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

We are pleased to offer a workshop for parents with Abi Manly, focusing on Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA). There will be two sessions available on Thurs 5th March at 9 am and 2pm
This session aims to help parents:

- Understand what EBSNA is and why it happens.
- Recognise signs and triggers
- Explore practical ways to support children and work with school.

Please register your interest using the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/e9DXuh5ee9L5aPtp8>

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Hot Dinner Menu

Our lunch room staff kindly ask you to take time to order your child's food with them. They are currently finding, that many of the children are not liking the choice they have as they have not been involved with their menu choice.

Healthy Lunch Box

Supertato's Tips for a Healthy Lunchbox:

- 😊 Vary the contents of your child's lunchbox daily.
- 😊 Involve your child in preparing their lunchbox. They are more likely to enjoy food they have made themselves.
- 😊 Keep different breads in the freezer so you can just take out and defrost what you need for one day's lunchbox. Using different breads will make the lunchbox more interesting and enjoyable.
- 😊 For variety, use pitta strips, crackers, bread sticks, or fruit and vegetable finger foods with a dip.
- 😊 Make a fruit smoothie by blending juice and fruit together, or a yoghurt or milk drink by mixing yoghurt or semi-skimmed milk with pureed fruit.
- 😊 You can use leftovers; for example, rice and curry, vegetable pizza or pasta and sauce.
- 😊 Wash your hands before handling food. Wash fruit and vegetables before use and put food in clean containers.
- 😊 Use fresh fruit and vegetables which are in season to help the environment and enjoy variety!
- 😊 Everyone enjoys a treat in their lunchbox – go ahead! Just make sure your lunchbox is nutritionally balanced.
- 😊 Please don't include sweets or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch box.
- 😊 Remember we are a 'Know Nuts' school so nothing with any kind of nut please to help keep all our BIRDS safe (if you are using chocolate spread please make sure it is a type without hazelnuts)



Spring 1 PE

THS PE TIMETABLE	
Spring 2026	
MONDAY Year 4 PM	TUESDAY Year 6 AM Year 1 PM Year 2 PM Year 6 PM
WEDNESDAY Year 3 AM	THURSDAY Year 6 AM Year 2 AM (starting) Year 4 PM
FRIDAY Year 1 AM Reception PM Year 3 PM Year 5 PM	

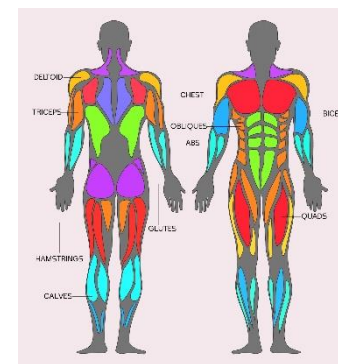
Check Year 5 and Year 2 new PE times from W/B 2.3.26



It has been a magnificent start to the year for THS PE! Reception and Years 1–3 have been focusing on gymnastics, discovering new equipment, learning basic shapes and performing simple routines that include rolls, jumps, balances and different ways of travelling.

Our older BIRDS have been exploring what it means to keep fit and healthy by taking part in challenging fitness circuits designed to improve their overall fitness and prepare them for a range of sports. They have also been learning how exercise affects heart rate and what this means for their bodies.

Our BIRDS have discovered muscles they didn't even know they had, which will lead to a greater awareness of their bodies when performing.



THS HAWKS have enjoyed taking part in a variety of new and exciting events through the Insignis Sports Partnership. So far this term, pupils have represented the school in squash, futsal, basketball and football, with many more opportunities to come as the weather improves.

'There is magic in movement. Enjoy being physically active for life!'



Clubs:

Our amazing THS clubs' provision is well underway, with huge numbers of THS BIRDS attending the various clubs throughout the week! We pride ourselves on our extra-curricular club programme, enriching the learning experiences of our BIRDS.

Attendance 97% UP

Our 97 up Abizon Attendance Club is going brilliantly, and the children are doing an amazing job! We saw a big improvement in attendance towards the end of last term, and it's been wonderful to see how motivated and excited the children are, especially as they look forward to choosing their prizes from the Abizon shop at the end of term.

Let's keep the momentum going and make attendance even better this term. Thank you for your continued commitment to getting children into school every day and for supporting them to access the very best learning opportunities. We couldn't do it without you!





Black History Month Artwork Exhibit

We hope you enjoyed viewing the wonderful artwork created by each class in celebration of Black History Month.

If you were unable to attend, please find a photo of the exhibit attached here. We are so proud of our students' creativity and the meaningful work they produced to honor and celebrate this important month.





Muddy Ducks

This half term, the children explored our Field of Study, *Once upon a time*. Throughout the project, they developed a growing love for stories and reading, immersing themselves in a range of familiar and traditional tales. The children used their imaginations brilliantly as they retold and acted out stories, taking on different characters and bringing well-known narratives to life.

Alongside the joy of storytelling, the project also supported the children in understanding the rules and expectations that help us to behave kindly and safely. They learned that actions have consequences and that the choices we make can affect other people's feelings.

Next half term, we are excited to begin our new Field of Study, where the children will be learning all about farm animals.



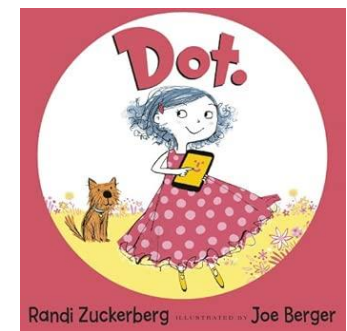
Pre-school

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Field of Study this term 'dangerous dinosaurs'. They have enjoyed learning new vocabulary and digging for fossils and bones. We have expanded our learning by counting dinosaurs and learning about how big and small they are. We even carried out an experiment and created our own volcanos. We learnt that dinosaurs lived a very long time ago, and they loved our new word "extinct"



Reception

The children have had a wonderful time learning all about machines! They really enjoyed their first school trip to Science Oxford, where they loved exploring the different machines and gadgets. We have especially enjoyed reading the book *Dot* - and sharing all our favourite games. The children have also created some amazing inventions using junk modelling and their imagination. Thank you for your support during the parent pit stops, the children love sharing what they have been learning with you.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic term full of exciting learning experiences. The children have started learning all about London, and they are already buzzing with excitement for our upcoming trip on **17th March**. Please remember that on the day of the trip, children should **come to school at 7:00am**, ready to **set off promptly at 7:15am**. In Maths, the children have been developing their skills in adding numbers up to 20, showing great enthusiasm and progress. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Slime Workshop, which was a huge hit and lots of fun for everyone!. We ask that you continue to support your child by ensuring homework is completed and reading records are brought into school every day. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 Woneders

Another busy term in Woneders Class. We have been looking at some of our favourite stories by Julia Donaldson including *Spinderella*, *Cave Baby* and *The Snail and the Whale*. We have had loads of fun creating pieces of art around the books, and making some tasty treats. We loved making our Superworm fruit kebabs. In addition, we have been practicing our words of the week, and using sensory play to help embed them into our play.



Year 2

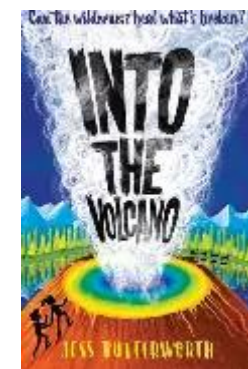
What an excellent half term! We have loved our new topic 'Long Live the King' where we have been learning about different monarchs across history. This learning was further embedded during our 'Kings and Queen's day', where we learnt about the history of King Henry VIII and Queen Victoria – we even learnt Tudor dancing! We can't wait for our trip to Windsor Castle to further tie together our learning. In English, we became 'Royal Reporters' as we had an important mission to write an effective newspaper report about Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. We wrote persuasive posters and learnt a poem about Buckingham Palace. In Maths we've learnt all about money and are now learning about multiplication and division. We loved creating our bag tags in DT – thank you to all that came to help us! Don't forget to log on to Numbots, MyMaths and Reading Eggs, have a lovely half term!



Year 3

In year 3, we have been broadening our educational horizons! In English, we have been reading 'Into the Volcano' and writing diaries from the perspective of the protagonists. We have written a 'missing chapter' to complete our learning. We have covered multiplication, division, length and perimeter in our new fluid groups and excelling! As well as this, we have been learning about volcanoes and earthquakes in Field of study. We even made our own volcanoes and erupted them!

We have worked really hard and can't wait to develop our learning even further.





Year 4

This term, Year 4 has been bustling with exciting learning experiences! In our Geography unit, the children explored the fascinating world of rivers and mountains, building on the knowledge they gained in Year 3.

In Maths, we delved into length and perimeter, ensuring that our skills are sharp. We also completed another round of the Multiplication Table Check, reciting at least one multiplication table each day to prepare. If you have some free time at home, please test your child's knowledge, as the test focuses on speed.

In English, we ventured into the snowy Nepalese mountains through the captivating book "Running on the Roof of the World." This adventure story follows a young girl on a quest to save her parents from the Chinese police. Our narrative writing has flourished, with the children creating scene descriptions, writing chants and prayers, and compiling information about Buddhism for an informational text.

In Computing, we have been coding, learning to use variables to adjust scores in a game, making it increasingly challenging to win. Lastly, in Science, we explored states of matter, and a big thank you goes to all the parents who attended our exciting butter-making experiment!



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have shown great curiosity, enthusiasm and maturity in their learning. We have really enjoyed our Field of Study on food discovery, where pupils learned where food comes from and how climate zones around the world affect what can be grown. This learning was brought to life during our visit to **The Living Rainforest**, where the children asked sensible questions, made clear links to their learning and represented the school brilliantly.

We were also very proud of the children during our **Young Voices** trip. Their teamwork, confidence and positive attitude made the experience special and showed how well they work together as a school community.

It was lovely to welcome so many families into school for our Parent Pit Stop. Pupils enjoyed sharing their learning and speaking confidently about their work. These moments show the strong partnership between home and school.

Overall, it has been another fantastic term for Year 5. The children have worked hard, supported one another and shown the curiosity, creativity and ambition that are at the heart of Thomas Hickman School — where curiosity hatches, creativity takes flight and learning soars to a sky of opportunity.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful Spring term 1 learning about Frozen Kingdoms of the world and the environments of the Polar Tundra and the geography of the regions. The children enjoyed the animals experience where they learnt about the inter dependency of nature and evolutionary adaptations. We have been immersed in the Titanic Detective Agency novel which was an historically accurate fiction - a genre the children have all enjoyed. It was lovely to see so many parents at Parent's Evening and share the great progress being made as well as at our Pit Stop where we worked on chalk art images of the Northern Lights. We very much look forward to continuing our exploration of the Polar regions, focusing on the historical achievements of explorers in the next term. During Spring 2 we have the Residential to look forward to and another practise run of SATS style tests - this is never something for your child to be concerned about, it's about getting them prepared! Our Finale of Frozen Kingdoms Field of Study will be on Monday 16th March @ 2,30pm in class. Enjoy half term!



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THOMAS HICKMAN SCHOOL IS A 'KNOW NUTS' SCHOOL!

We know...

- We know that we have children with severe, life threatening nut allergies in our school
- We know that although we might love nuts ourselves, we must not bring nuts in to school
- We know we should try and avoid having a nut-spread, this could be chocolate spread too, in our sandwich.
- We know that we should not share our food with our friends in case it contains nuts
- We know to wash our hands before and after eating
- We know not to bring sweets in without checking with our adults in school in case they contain nuts
- We know to tell an adult if our friend doesn't look well - if they have swollen lips, or can't breathe
- We know all the above information keeps our friends with a nut allergy safe, happy and well.
- We know we are all BIRDS and no BIRD flies alone.



Dates for you diary Spring 2.....

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>23rd February</u> Back to school 8.30am Ramadan Lunch Club begins	<u>24th February</u>	<u>25th February</u>	<u>26th February</u>	<u>27th February</u> Reception-Bug hunt in woodlands 2.30pm Parents welcome
<u>2nd March</u> Geoff animal encounters – Early Years (no parents)	<u>3rd March</u> Banji Alexander Author event	<u>4th March</u> World book day - whole school	<u>5th March</u> Bike ability Level 1 & 2	<u>6th March</u> Bike ability Level 2 Yr3 Natural History Museum
<u>9th March</u> Yr4 River and Rowing Henley Museum	<u>10th March</u> Muddy Ducks Stay & Play 10.30am – 2.15pm	<u>11th March</u> Yr2 Blenheim Palace	<u>12th March</u> Yr5 Greek Day Pre-school Stay & Play 10.30am – 2.30pm	<u>13th March</u> Yr5 Farm visit
<u>16th March</u> Yr6 Finale 2.30pm	<u>17th March</u> Yr1 trip to London Eye & River Cruise Reception Share a story, Stay & Play, make a bug hotel.	<u>18th March</u> Yr3 Finale 2.30pm	<u>19th March</u> Possible day for EID	<u>20th March</u> CLUBS END Yr2 Finale 2.30pm
<u>23rd March</u> Yr6 Residential Yr5 Finale 2.30pm	<u>24th March</u> Yr6 Residential Yr4 Production 9.30am	<u>25th March</u> Yr6 Residential Yr1 Pitstop 2.30pm	<u>26th March</u> Hot cross bun Café 10 – 11am Yr4 Production 2.00pm	<u>27th March</u> Yr2 Windsor Castle Trip Reception- Ugly bug ball (Children only) Last day of term

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

MAKE MATHS FUN

A FREE workshop for parents and carers of children from 3-11 years old, living in Buckinghamshire.

Easy, fun ways to help your child's understanding of maths.

Tuesday 17th February

10:00am-12:00pm

Quarrendon Adult Learning Centre,
Holman Street, Aylesbury HP19 9LJ

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → [01296 383582](tel:01296383582) - Enrolment team

SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link below

FOR MORE INFORMATION → [Nina- 07710 145234](tel:07710145234)

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FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → [01296 383582](tel:01296383582) OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link below

RECEPTION EARLY READING
Simple, practical activities to boost your child's early reading skills with story sacks

Mon 23rd Feb - Mon 23rd Mar
Tue 24th Feb - Tue 24th Mar ← Choose from 1 of these 3 dates
Thurs 26th Feb - Thurs 26th Mar

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMER021**

YEARS 1 & 2 WELLBEING
Support your child's wellbeing and learn ways to help children deal with setbacks and build their resilience, both at school and home

Tue 24th Feb - Tue 24th Mar

12:30pm - 2:30pm

Course code: **FMWB008**

YEARS 1 & 2 READING & COMPREHENSION
Simple, practical activities to support your child with Reading and Comprehension

Mon 23rd Feb - Mon 23rd Mar
7pm - 9pm
Wed 25th Feb - Wed 25th Mar ← Choose from 1 of these 2 dates
9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMRC067**

YEARS 1 & 2 PHONICS & READING
Simple, practical activities to support your child with Phonics and Reading

Tue 24th Feb - Tue 24th Mar

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMPR064**

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS
for parents and carers of children with ADHD and AUTISM

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH ADHD AT HOME

Course code: **FMAC135**

This course will give you practical strategies for supporting children with ADHD at home, help you understand ADHD and its characteristics, and guide you in creating a supportive environment. The workshop will also provide resources and signpost you to further information.

Wednesday 25th February

9:30am - 11:30am

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH AUTISM AT HOME

Course code: **FMAC134**

This course will give you practical strategies for supporting autistic children at home, help you understand autism and its characteristics, and guide you in creating a supportive, inclusive environment. The workshop will also provide resources and signpost you to further information.

Tuesday 3rd March

9:30am - 11:30am

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → [01296 383582](tel:01296383582) - Enrolment team
or SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link

FOR MORE INFORMATION → [07770 641997](tel:07770641997) - Kathryn

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ST. MARY'S YOUTH CHOIR

WANT TO SING AGAIN?

It has been brilliant singing carols together!
We would like to grow our Children's Choir and offer more opportunities to sing together.

We have new monthly rehearsals at 6pm on a Friday to sing at St. Mary's Church with the Main Choir 2nd Sunday of the month.

SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 13

TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP SIMPLY SCAN THIS QR CODE

Tamara Zimmerman Pioneer Youth Minister
choirnetwork@aylesburystmarys.church

St. Mary's Church
HP20 2JJ

Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

February Half Term

14 - 22 February 2026

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with Sand Art, Dragon Puppets for Chinese New Year, Superhero Capes and Masks, plus dazzling Rainbow Science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the I Grew Up 90's exhibition, family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Book Now!

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe

BOOK TICKETS

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Every Thursday from 22nd January

4:30-5:15PM 8-11YRS
5:15-6PM 12+YRS

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Bierton
HP22 5DL

Email nadia@udoitdance.co.uk to secure your place

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FOR ALL ABILITIES

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WHAT TO EXPECT CIRCUS

- 1 **Join the flips and tricks in the circus:** Get introduced to the circus activities of the day
- 2 **Teamwork:** Bond with your fellow performers through fun ice-breakers and team challenges
- 3 **Get active:** Structured gymnastics and ninja-style sessions on the gym floor – just like a real circus
- 4 **Picnic time:** Snack breaks and lunch break – don't forget your packed lunch!
- 5 **Fun & Games:** Our energetic coaches will lead thrilling circus games guaranteed to bring laughter and big smiles.
- 6 **Arts & crafts:** Get creative and make spectacular circus-themed crafts and colourful masterpieces!
- 7 **Cool down time:** Wind down the camp day with a chilled out game and reflection of the day before pick-up.

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Be Healthy Bucks

Show your heart **some love this February**

It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

Activity 1: **Move a little together, every day**

Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.

Activity 2: **Fill your plates with colourful foods**

Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.

Activity 3: **Get kids involved in the kitchen**

Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!

Beezee FAMILIES **Want more healthy lifestyle support?** Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link bhb.maximusuk.co.uk