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Issue 2: 22nd October 2026

They say *'time flies when you're having fun'* and this half-term is no exception: from the Mad Hatter's Tea Party to the incredible Bake-off for Macmillan (and everything in between), Autumn 1 2026 has been amazing.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to attend Parent Consultation Evening this week. Many of you were really impressed with the quality of learning you saw in your child's books: the children do work incredibly hard, day-in and day-out and so do our teachers, so it was particularly lovely to hear the wealth of recognition you shared with me and the Governing Body about the staff.

A quick reminder: Monday 2nd November is an INSET day, so the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 3rd November. Clubs begin straight away too.
Wishing everyone a restful and happy half-term break!

With warmest wishes,
Pippa x

Harvest Festival

Year 3 performed their entertaining and informative assembly to their parents, carers. During this, we showed the incredible amount of donations from our amazing families! 123.51kg



This has been donated to the local food bank and will help so many people in our local area.
Great job, THS BIRDS!

Message from Miss Honeybourne – Head teacher for the day winner

Please be careful where you are parking at drop off and pick up. We have little BIRDS' crossing the road and we need to keep them safe.
Thank you,
Miss Honeybourne

Miss Abi's 97UP Club!

Take a look at what Abizon has for all the children who have achieved **over 97% attendance during the Autumn Term!** Prizes will be available to collect from **16th December.** Miss Abi is looking forward to seeing all the children when they come to collect their prizes!



Available from Wednesday 16th December

Secondary School Application Yr6

Reminder: The final date for applying for your child's secondary school is 31.10.2026. Here is the link if you still need to. Apply for a secondary school place | Buckinghamshire Council

Reception Open Morning – September 2027

Are you looking for a Reception place for September 2027?

Our Early Years team are holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 11th November, from 9:30am–10:30am.

Come along and see all the great things that happen in our Early Years area, meet our wonderful team and find out more about starting Reception with us.

Applications open: 5th November 2026
Applications close: 15th January 2027

Link to apply below:

Apply for a primary school place | Buckinghamshire Council

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes our Early Years provision so special!





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Dine In for Diwali – Join Us!

Come and celebrate Diwali with us at our very own **Diwali Café**!

When: Friday 6th November 2026
Time: 2:15pm–3:10pm
Where: School Hall (Diwali Café!)

Everyone is welcome, but tickets are limited to **60 families** due to the capacity of the hall. We may be able to release more tickets if the weather is good.

To request your family ticket, please use the link below:

https://forms.gle/dYMjGVVZmKaBdXrm6

Please note that submitting the form will be taken as your ticket allocation.

Cake Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of colourful cakes for our buffet. Please remember that we are a **'KNOW' Nuts school**, so all donations must be completely nut-free.

Please also provide a **full list of ingredients** with any cake donations.

Tea and coffee will be provided for parents and carers.

All children will be enjoying Diwali activities in their classrooms, so nobody will miss out on the celebrations!

We look forward to celebrating with you



'Christmas Where I Live'.

Reception to Year 6 can you create a Christmassy photo, using any medium you like (e.g. pencil, paint, collage). Your artwork could feature anything from decorations in your community, to winter wildlife, or Christmas traditions that are important to you. Hand in your pictures to Miss David by Friday 20th November.

These pictures will be submitted to the Aylesbury MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith for 'Laura's Christmas Countdown'. During the run up to Christmas, Laura will be sharing a selection of the pictures submitted via social media. To ensure your child's picture is able to be shared on social media as part of 'Laura's Christmas Countdown', please confirm your consent via the Arbor app.

Library Update

The Summer Reading Take-away was a great success and the library has been busy with all the book returns! If you haven't returned the books yet please return them via class teachers. We have some exciting new books in stock which include books to support class topics and a good selection of new fiction and non-fiction books.



Macmillian Coffee Morning

Joe Slater our celebrity chef, handing over the winners hamper to Robbie and Michael Sugden. Well done boys! Amazing millionaire shortbread...





CANCER RESEARCH UK

My name is Karli I am a Year 5 pupil. I am raising money for Cancer Research by cutting off my hair. I want to raise money so people with cancer can buy wigs. Lots of people in my family have cut their hair off in the past, and now it is my turn.

Cancer Research is important to me because my cousin had cancer and my Nan passed away because of it.

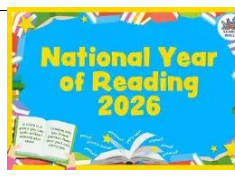
I will be cutting my hair off on Thursday 19th November, which is the same day as our pyjama day.

On pyjama day, we would love it if you could bring in a donation to help raise even more money!

If you would like to come along and support me, I would love to see you there. To tempt you more, there will also be a bake sale after school that day to raise more money!

If you could bring in some cakes for us to sell, that would be amazing! Every cake will help us raise more money. Please make sure these are labelled with the ingredients.

Sharing the joy of reading



What is The Queen's Christmas Present?

As a passionate advocate for literacy, and inspired by the National Year of Reading 2026, Her Majesty The Queen wanted to give children a personal gift at the end of the year to help inspire a love of reading.

The Queen's Christmas Present is an initiative in support of the National Year of Reading. As Katherine Rundell is one of Her Majesty's favourite authors, the National Literacy Trust, with Her Majesty as its Patron, has come together with the publisher, Bloomsbury, to build this initiative so that every year 6 child across the UK will be gifted a special edition for free of the award-winning children's book, *Impossible Creatures*.

Children in year 6 will come home with their special Gold embossed book during November. Look out for this special gift



We were delighted to launch our Black History Month project on Friday 2nd October, welcoming Dorothy, manager of the Aylesbury Multicultural Centre, to our special launch assembly.

Over the coming months, each class, from Reception to Year 6, will paint one square of a collaborative mural. This mural highlights many significant black figures from our local community, as well as the Aylesbury Multicultural Centre, tying in perfectly to this year's theme: Honouring our Community. Once complete, the squares will be put together to create a beautiful mural which will be gifted to the multicultural centre as a lasting celebration of how Thomas Hickman honours *our* community. We can't wait to ECHO our message across Buckinghamshire - there are No Outsiders here!







Encompass: Supporting Your Child

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, and in line with the statutory guidance *Keeping Children Safe in Education*, our school is part of Operation Encompass, a national scheme run in partnership with Thames Valley Police. If police attend an incident of domestic abuse and a child from our school was present or associated with the household, the police will share this information with our school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) before the start of the next school day. The purpose is not to judge or blame anyone, but to make sure that trained staff can offer any discreet pastoral support to your child if they need it. This might include extra pastoral care, a trusted adult to talk to, or simply being a little more understanding if your child seems tired, upset or unsettled. The information is shared in confidence, kept securely, and is only shared with staff who need to know. If you ever have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, or would like to talk to someone about support, please contact our pastoral team at any time.

THS PE – A Flying Start to 2026–27!

What an amazing start to the 2026–27 academic year for PE at Thomas Hickman School!

We are delighted to welcome Mr Hughes to the PE team, working alongside Mr Lambert to provide our BIRDS with even more exciting opportunities in PE lessons and extra-curricular clubs.

Both Mr Lambert and Mr Hughes have been busy teaching across the school, and the enthusiasm, engagement and positive attitudes shown by our children have been phenomenal!

Our youngest BIRDS are continuing their physical literacy journey, developing essential skills to improve their coordination, balance and control, whilst building confidence and fostering a lifelong love of physical activity.

Across KS2, there has been plenty of sporting excitement! Year 4 and Year 6 have enjoyed fantastic cricket coaching sessions delivered by Bucks Cricket, developing their skills and understanding of the game. Meanwhile, Year 3 and Year 5 have been busy improving their football skills, with a particular focus on teamwork, decision-making and applying their learning in exciting mini-games.

Our HAWKS teams are also back in action and already spreading their wings! Children have been representing THS at a fantastic range of sporting events, including Padel Introduction Sessions, a Glow in the Dark Festival, Dodgeball competitions, and the return of our football leagues. With so many more exciting opportunities planned before Christmas, we cannot wait to see our BIRDS continue to grow, challenge themselves and shine!

GO HAWKS!

Let's keep flying high, THS!

DETERMINATION PASSION RESPECT HONESTY SELF BELIEF TEAMWORK



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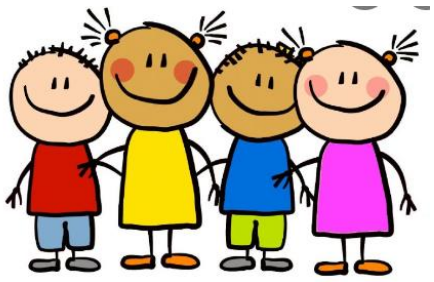
YEAR GROUP NEWS



Muddy Ducks

The children have settled very well into Nursery and are beginning to follow our daily routines with confidence and enthusiasm. Our Field of Study this term was **'I Am Special'**, during which the children explored their emotions and learned about what makes each of them unique and special. They enjoyed creating a variety of art and craft activities, and we are very proud of the beautiful work displayed in our classroom.

Next term, our Field of Study will be **'Over the Rainbow'**, where we will be learning all about colours through exciting, hands-on activities and creative experiences.



Pre-school

We have had a fantastic first term in Preschool! Our focus has been *'Incredible Me'*, where the children have been exploring who they are, celebrating what makes them special and learning more about themselves and each other. Throughout the term, the children have enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including arts and crafts, messy play and sensory experiences to support their learning and development. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, their curiosity shine and their little personalities flourish. We are so proud of everything they have achieved this term and look forward to lots more fun, learning and adventures next term!



Reception

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Reception! The children have settled into school really well and have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms, getting to know their teachers and making new friendships. We have been learning about our local superheroes and have been lucky enough to meet the police, firefighters and paramedics. We also had a fantastic experience with Little City, where the children got to act out some of these roles for themselves. They loved exploring the different areas and getting stuck into the role play. It was a really enjoyable experience for everyone! We have also enjoyed watching our amazing new playground come to life. The children have been very excited to see the progress and are looking forward to enjoying the finished space.

It has been a lovely start to Reception, and we are so proud of how well the children have settled in and grown in confidence over the past few weeks. We hope everyone has a lovely half term break!



Year 1

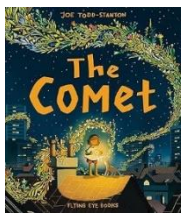
What an amazing start to Year 1 we have had! The children have settled in brilliantly and have loved exploring our new Field of Study, **'Out of This World'**. They have been busy designing new rockets and spaceships to help aliens who have become stranded on planet Earth! In Maths, we are currently exploring numbers to 10. Please begin practising the **2, 5 and 10 times tables** at home to help build confidence. We loved our local area walk on 19th October and building our dens in forest school the next day. Finally, please remember to bring **reading books and a water bottle to school every day**. Thank you for your continued support!



Year 2

It has been an exciting term of learning and fun in Year 2!
We had a fantastic time during our Amazing Animals science experience! We learned all about what animals need to survive and enjoyed taking part in lots of exciting science games and activities. We also became animal experts by categorising animals into their scientific groups. One of our favourite parts was getting to see a model animal skull!
In English, we have really been enjoying our new book 'The Comet' and have been developing our writing skills by writing in the character of Nyla.

We have also been exploring a poem called 'The Moon'. The children have been busy creating their very own diamante poems, using carefully chosen words to describe the moon.
In Maths, we have been becoming careful and confident mathematicians as we have been practising adding and taking away. We have been working hard to choose the correct method and check our answers carefully.
Excitement is building for our Year 2 Nativity!
A letter containing your child's part and lines has been sent home. Please practise these with your child regularly so that they can learn their lines off by heart.



Year 3

Year 3 have had an incredible start to life in Key Stage 2! They have blown us away with their place value, adding and subtracting ability in maths. We have also seen their incredible creatively written pieces in English. Alongside this, we've seen their acting potential and growth in confidence in our Harvest Festival Assembly. We are so proud of all their hard work so far and can't wait to see what happens throughout the rest of the year.



Twocans

This term, the children have been learning about significant people in our community and the important roles they play in helping others. We have explored different professions, including police officers, firefighters, paramedics and dentists. Through stories, roleplay and fun practical activities, the children have developed their understanding of what each person does, the equipment they use and how they help keep us safe and help others.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a jam-packed start to the academic year. We have hit the ground running with our Swords and Settlers topic and begun learning about what life was like for the Anglo-Saxons/Vikings. We have also had our first experience of the practise Multiplication Times table Check. We still have some room to soar to our Sky of Opportunity to master all of our timetables up to 12 but we are determined to ACE it!

In Science, have been looking at teeth and the importance of keeping them clean. Ask us why it's important to keep our teeth clean and how we can do that! It's been all things Online Safety in Computing- Year 4 have learned about what things should and shouldn't be shared online and how to be a digital citizen.



Year 5

What a busy and exciting half-term we have had in Year 5! In English, we have been exploring *The Willow Pattern*, producing some lovely descriptive writing, dialogue and shape poems. In Maths, we have focused on place value and the four operations, developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Our Field of Study has taken us on a fascinating journey into Ancient China! The children have particularly enjoyed learning about oracle bones and how they were used to communicate with the gods. Our Pit Stop was a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their learning and celebrate how much they have discovered.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into Year 5 and the progress they have already made. We look forward to another exciting half-term!



Year 6

What a first half term year 6 have had! We have got off to a flying start with a heart dissection, blood making, and a singing performance to our Community of our "Nile Rodgers Medley!" We are working hard and enjoying our Field of Study "Stand Up, Stand Out". A reminder that there is a trip for year 6 to the Houses of Parliament - permission on Arbor. This trip is on 27th of November, full school uniform, arrive in school for 8am ready to depart. As the Houses of Parliament do not charge and school are kindly funding the coach, there is no cost but we must have the permission!

Year 6 have homework set every week and are expected to complete it - your on-going support with this is crucial in the children achieving well. Maths is set using My Maths and reading is either on Reading Eggs or Reading plus (Dreambox) if your child is doing that - we will have spoken about it at Parent's Evening. The children already have all their log in information. Please support us to ensure your child is completing homework every week. Dates for next term: Trip 27th November and parent finale on Monday 7th December @ 2.30pm in the Hall which is a performance "Rise up - Undefeated". Don't be late as it is only around 15minutes long!

What a super scholarly start to Year 6! See you ready for action on Tuesday 3rd November 2026.



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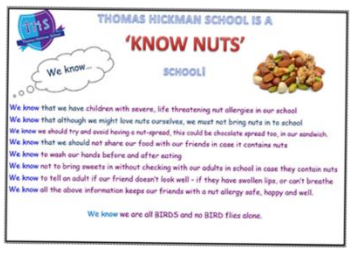
Dates for you diary Autumn 2……

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inset Day	3rd November Clubs Start Again Reception – Celebration clothes dress up day	4th November	5th November	6th November Diwali 2.15pm – 3.15pm
9th November Yr2 trip to Stoke Mandeville hospital 2 Beech AM 2 Lime PM	10th November Re-scheduled Year 4 Pitstop 2.30pm	11th November New Starters - Reception September 2026 Open Morning 9.30am	12th November	13th November Year 5 STEM day Sport for Children in Need
16th November Re-scheduled Multiplication Times Tables Check, drop in, after drop off in class	17th November Siblings Photo's 9.00am	18th November	19th November Karli Yr5 Pyjama Day and cake sale for Cancer research	20st November Yr5 Ashmolean Museum
23rd November Yr4 - Ufton Court Viking Trip	24th November	25th November	26th November Yr1 Geography Walk	27th November **Clubs finish** Yr6 Trip to Parliament 8.00am Yr3 Chiltern Air Museum 8.30am
30th November Yr4 Finale 2.30pm	1st December 2.15pm Tree lighting	2nd December Pre-school - Pyjama party day	3rd December Yr5 Parent finale 2.30pm	4th December Yr5 Tree planting Meadowcroft Re-arranged Yr2 Football talk
7th December Yr6 Finale – Stand up, stand out. 2.30pm in the hall	8th December Pre-school stay & play 10.30 and 2.30pm	9th December Muddy Ducks - Stay and Play 10.15am and 2.15pm Yr4 Anglo Saxon Day	10th December Cinderella Panto 9.00am Christmas dinner and jumper day Xmas Fayre – 3.30pm	11th December Yr5 Fieldwork Walk to Aylesbury Town
14th December Yr1 Parent finale – 2.30pm	15th December Yr2 Nativity 10.00am & 2.00pm	16th December Reception Nativity – 2.00pm	17th December Yr3 Finale 2.30pm	18th December Last day of term Merry Christmas/happy holidays Happy New Year

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In the community





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WYCOMBE MUSEUM

Half Term Events

Sun 11th Oct - Sun 1st Nov



Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize!
Best for age 3 - 11. Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child.
Please note museum is closed Mondays & Saturdays.

Sun 25th Oct



Halloween Ghost Hunt

Come dressed up and ready to scare in this after-dark Halloween experience. With spooky crafts, biscuit decorating and ghoulish games. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £7 per child.

Tue 27th & Wed 28th Oct



Discover & Make: Nature's Wind Chimes

Craft a natural wind chime using pine cones, feathers, twigs and twine. Best for age 4 - 11.
Pre-book. £4.50 per child.

Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

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