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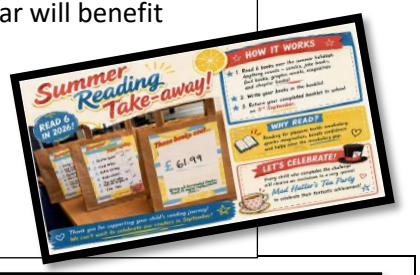
Issue 1: 18th September 2026

Happy New '*Academic*' Year!

Oh my goodness – what a splendid start to the year! It's so great to see all the children back, excited and raring to go. A very special warm welcome to all our new children both in EYFS and across the school – Thomas Hickman School is full to bursting with new BIRDS, including our new, extra Year 5 Bulge year!

The theme for this year is 'Echo' – our intention for 26-27 is that the children's achievements echo beyond our school gates; our aim is for all our community to be clear on our commitment and 'echo' this across Buckinghamshire – everyone should know how fantastic your children are!

Congratulations to the 137 children who attended DJ Dan Blaze's 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' – it was a hoot, I had to change out of my high-heels from all the dancing! Essentially though, how brilliant it is that 137 children committed to continue reading all over the summer, their learning this year will benefit greatly from their hard work – please Echo this!!!!



Don't forget clubs start on Monday 21st September.
It really is simply wonderful having our THS family back in school – it's going to be another fantastic year!
Pippa x

Macmillian Coffee Morning

Next Friday, 25th September we are hosting our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. We have checked the weather forecast and it's going to be lovely and warm – so, bring family, bring a friend, let's fill up the hall and spill out onto the grass to raise as much money for Macmillan as possible! If you still need to book your ticket please use the following link: https://forms.gle/sJ46bDBxgi8Ers5r7



This year we are hosting a prestigious children's Bake-off, judged by local, professional chef, Joe Slater, who is also the winner of the Young Chef Olympiad! We will run this year's competition in full MasterChef style.



Children will be invited to bake and bring in their own creations on Friday morning, Joe will cut, taste and judge (just like on the telly!) … winners will be announced during the coffee morning.

The winner will receive this amazing 'Young Chef' Hamper, donated by Tesco. The hamper includes the first ever Thomas Hickman cookie-cutter!

There will also be a raffle with the winning prize £20 voucher from Hartwell Nurseries!
Come along and join in the fun!

Don't forget to donate cakes for us to share and to label any home-cooked cakes with the ingredients and allergy information. All cakes, bought or baked are greatly received!

School ready?
Is your child 'school ready' in the morning?
Does your child have the correct school uniform? Reading book?? Water bottle? lunchbox? PE kit? Swimming kit? Etc. If your child turns up for school without the things they need for their school day, it does affect their learning. For example, how can they do PE if they don't have their PE kit on? All the applicable information has now been shared with parents/carers about the school week so please encourage your child to get everything ready the night before.
Start as we mean to go on!

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.

Attendance Reminder:

If your child is unwell, please **call the school** (01296 485683) before 8:50am as per usual procedures. Emailing in is not compliant with our safeguarding procedures - you must phone in. If your child is just a little under the weather, we would suggest you bring them in and we will monitor them. Remember Jo Lyons, our medical officer, is available to support and answer any queries

School Photos – say cheese!

Individual school photos will be taking place on Friday 16th October, and sibling photographs will take place later on in the term on Tuesday, November 17h.

Please make sure your child is in full school uniform, looking spick and span for their snapshot!



Attendance and Punctuality

The 97Up Club is returns!
Consistent, regular attendance is imperative in order for your child to learn. Therefore good attendance and punctuality is essential for success!
So, will your child be part of the 97Up club for 26-27?
Every child whose attendance is calculated to reach 97% or above for the term can order from the Abizon catalogue and receive a special, prime delivery! Be part of the action, the children really do love this initiative and we've purchased new goodies this year….

As a reminder the 'drop-off' Disco is from 8.30am and the school gates close at 8:45am for a prompt start to learning.

The school day ends at 3:15pm with the gates closing at 3:30pm to allow for a less congested pick up.

Please stick to these timings to support the staff and your child's learning. Please also be mindful that we do not provide after-school childcare at Thomas Hickman. Another part of our role begins at 3.30 when all the children go home whereby we take part in training, meetings and planning etc. all these are essential to ensure the smooth running of the school.

Jonathan Page are the nominated providers for afterschool childcare needs. Thank you for respecting this and picking your children up on time.

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School traffic and dangerous parking

Hurrah! We finally had a visit from the county parking enforcement officer on Wednesday. It made SUCH A DIFFERENCE! It proves that adults can drive and park safely. As THS BIRDS we do the right thing even 'when no-one is looking', so please continue to park and drive sensibly during every drop-off or collections (not just when law enforcement are watching….)

Collection reminder

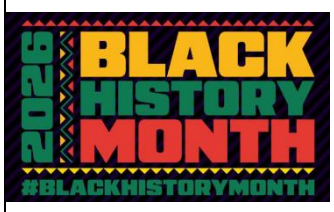


At drop off and pick up, our gates see around 500 children and parents pass through in a short window of time. At this frenetic time, our staff are doing a lot at once. We're keeping an eye out for the traffic, fielding the ice-cream van complaints, offering a quick word of advice to a parent who needs it, giving words of encouragement and congratulations to children, whilst also watching for any little one who dashes through the gate! We catch what we can, when we can, but we can't be everywhere at once and we're not officially 'on duty' as responsibility for your child sits with you as their parent or carer, when we have safely handed them to you. So please hold their hand or keep them close by until you're clear of the gate. It sounds like a small thing, but it genuinely gives us double the security: your eyes and ours, on the children, at the busiest moment of the day.

In addition, remember children are politely reminded to walk their bikes and scooters through the school at all times: we don't want any more 'near-misses' of a tangled Muddy Duck with a wheel!

Thank you, as ever, for working with us to keep our BIRDS safe.

Black History Month



To mark Black History month at THS this year, the children will take part in an array of lessons culminating in an artistic masterpiece 'Honouring Our Communities', which is the offical 2026 theme for BHM ths year.

To start things off, we'll be treating parents and carers to a special 'disco-inspired' musical treat on the playground after drop-off on Friday 2nd October! Children are invited to come to school in their disco clothes for the day to help us all get in the groove! Put the date in your diary and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!

Uniform Swap Shop:

Don't forget we have the Uniform Swap Shop in the Acorn Centre. For those new to the school, this is a collection of pre-loved uniform items which have been donated by our parents/carers. All items are freshly washed and hung up ready to be hand-picked and used again. If you have any good quality, pre-loved donations please don't hesitate to bring them in.

Please don't forget to clearly label your children's uniform. School jumpers are not cheap, and they regularly go missing. Simply writing your child's name on the label will ensure it gets back to them. Please do this for all school clothing, including coats

School Dinner Reminder

When ordering your child's school dinner, please ensure that you check their dietary requirements and that the meal you select is suitable for them.

For example:

- Please check whether the meal is Halal, if required.
- If your child requires a no-pork diet, please do not order meals containing pork. For example, Carbonara contains ham and would therefore not be suitable.

Please take a moment to check the meal and ingredients before ordering.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe and ensuring that they receive a meal that is suitable for their dietary requirements.

Bonkers for Conkers



Our annual conker championship kicks off in October. I have my conker named 'Hercules' ready!
I'll be seeing off any contenders in the playground.
Mark Lambert will be sending out the sign-up letters – adults, you are welcome to join in the fun!

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The importance of PE kit:

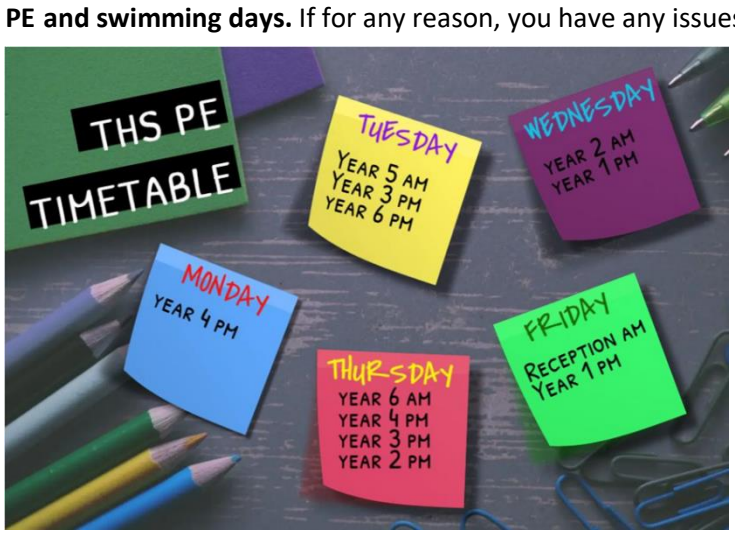
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- Safety and Hygiene.
- THS BIRDS having high expectations of themselves in PE.

Coloured THS house t-shirts are available to purchase for a very reasonable price from Bucks Schoolwear. Please visit www.bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk.
Speak to the THS office if you need to find out what house colour your child has been assigned. They will stay in this house colour for the duration of their time at THS.

In addition, you will need to provide:

- **Plain** dark shorts (for Spring/Summer)
- **Plain** dark jogging bottoms (for Autumn/Winter)
- A pair of suitable trainers (children encouraged to have comfortable trainers to enable them to be agile)

We expect children to be wearing the correct PE kit and will be monitoring this throughout year.
Bright items of clothing with large logos/football shirts/tracksuits **will not be permitted** and your child will be asked to wear spare kit for PE lessons on these occasions. For safety, your child will also be asked to wear spare plimsolls if the correct footwear is not worn.
Please note that jewellery of any kind (earrings, watches etc) is not permitted and needs to be removed on PE and swimming days. If for any reason, you have any issues with providing the appropriate kit, please speak to your child's teacher before school.



THS 'BIRDS' PE Kit 2025-26.

Griffin Pegasus Wyvern Phoenix



Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Lambert

Wednesday, 10 September 2025

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House Griffin



1, 2, 3, 4 Griffin's knocking at the door.
5, 6, 7, 8 We will win, no mistake.

Go Griffins!

House Wyvern

We are the Wyverns, strong and brave.
We are the Wyverns coming your way!

Go Wyverns, Go Wyverns!



House Pegasus



Be bright like a Pegasus,
Brave and proud,
Nothing in the world can hold us down!
Go Pegasus!

House Phoenix

Phoenix fire, burn so bright.
Keep on trying, we'll win the fight!
Go Phoenix!



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Dates for Autumn 1.....



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21st September Year 5 pitstop 2.30pm	22nd September	23rd September	24th September	25th September 10.00am – 11.00am Macmillan Coffee Morning. Who will be our Star Baker?
28th September Bucks Family Learning First aid course 9.00am – 11.00am. Acorn Centre adult learning KS2 Y3/4/5/6 Author virtual visit 11.00am	29th September Parent pitstop - Reception	30th September Pre-school Stay & Play 10.30am /2.30pm	1st October Amazing animals workshop Year 2 (children only)	2nd October Black history Month Launch 9.00am Medley disco - Children in disco mufti
5th October	6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October Yr3 Harvest Festival
12th October Year 2 Pitstop – 2.30pm	13th October Planetarium in the Hall – Year 1	14th October Muddy Ducks Stay & Play 10.30am /2.15pm Bucks Family Learning - adult learning KS1 Science workshop, Acorn Centre 1.00pm	15th October Flu vaccine whole school 9.00am	16th October Whole school individual Photos
19th October Year 6 Pitstop (Making blood) 2.15pm From 1.00pm Yr1 walk around the local area (1 Birch first, then 1 Pine)	20th October Parents evening 3.40pm – 6.30pm Year 1 pitstop 2.30pm	21st October Year 4 Pitstop 2.30pm Parents evening 3.40pm – 6.30pm	22nd October	Inset Day

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In the community

The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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14 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Aylesbury Vale Academy Open Events

Aylesbury Vale Academy is holding its annual Open Events for current Year 5 and Year 6 students in September and October.

On **Thursday 24 September** the school will host an **Open Evening** from **6pm to 8pm**, with tours running throughout the evening.

There will be presentations from the Principal, Secondary Headteacher, and other key staff taking place just after 6pm and again at 7pm. The evening is open to all Year 5 and Year 6 students and their parents, and no booking is required.

We will also run three **Open Mornings** on **Thursday 01 October**, **Tuesday 06 October**, and **Thursday 08 October** for current Year 5 and Year 6 students. Tours start at 9.15am and 10.15am and last approximately 30 minutes, covering many areas of the school.

Places on the Open Mornings tours are limited, so please reserve your place here.

I look forward to welcoming you all then.

Yours sincerely,

MR G GIBSON
Academy Principal

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