Thomas's ACADEMY Newsletter

Quality First Education Trust

13th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, it has been a week filled with memorable experiences that extend far beyond the National Curriculum. From Reception to Year 6, children have been learning, exploring and challenging themselves in a wide variety of settings. Reception to Year 6 have enjoyed outdoor learning sessions, Year 3 have been swimming and exploring Hyde Park, Year 5 have experienced life at Fulham Cross Academy, and Years 5 and 6 have had an unforgettable camping adventure in Kent. These enriching opportunities help to build confidence, independence and curiosity, creating memories that will last well beyond the classroom. We are regularly updating our Instagram page, so please do take a look to see these experiences in action.

I am also delighted to share some exciting news for September. Thanks to two successful grant applications - one from Green Shoots at Hammersmith & Fulham and another from Thomas's Foundation - we will be reintroducing gardening and dance to our wider curriculum. We are thrilled to welcome back Pascale Rochefeuille from Growing Space and Annaliese Neubauer from Thomas's London Day Schools. These programmes will provide our children with even more opportunities to discover new interests, develop their talents and enjoy high-quality learning experiences that complement and enrich the National Curriculum.

The excitement is not over yet! During our final week, children in Years 1 to 6 will take part in a range of Design and Technology activities, and we also have some fantastic performances to look forward to as we celebrate another successful year together.

As this is our final newsletter of the academic year, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support and partnership. It has been a privilege to watch the children grow in confidence, character and achievement throughout the year.

To those families who are leaving Thomas's Academy, we wish you every success and happiness in the future. We hope you will look back on your time here with great pride and many happy memories. To everyone returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year of learning. On behalf of all the staff at Thomas's Academy, I wish you a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Miss Kelly

The class with the best attendance last week:
Year 4 100%

👏 Awards 👏

Weekly awards are given to children following **school values**. Congratulations to last week's winners.

Nursery	Grayson
Reception	Chloe & Arabella
Y1	Sabrina
Y2	Danylo and Venus
Y3	Yannis
Y4	Ibrahim
Y5	Maya B
Y6	Violet
Y1 - 3	Kaisen (Y2)
Y4 - 6	Haile (Y4)
Star of the school	Julien (Y3)

Upcoming dates:

- Monday 13th - End of Year Early Years' Show
- Tuesday 14th - Year 6 Performance
- Wednesday 15th - End of Year Disco
- Thursday 16th - Key Stage 2 results in
- Friday 17th - Last Day of Term - School finishes at 2pm
- September 3rd - Children return to school

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As we come to the final weeks of the summer term, the **Nursery** children have been showing fantastic progress in their social skills, engaging positively with their peers, taking turns and playing cooperatively. From building houses together in the outdoor area to demonstrating excellent turn-taking in the role-play area, they have shown growing confidence, kindness and teamwork. Well done, Nursery! We are so proud of everything you have achieved and can't wait to see you continue to flourish

This week, **Reception** enjoyed learning about minibeasts. We explored different insects and other small creatures, talked about where they live, and discovered why they are important to our environment. The children went on an exciting minibeast hunt around the outdoor area, carefully searching for and observing the creatures they found in their natural habitats. They also enjoyed sorting minibeasts by their features and sharing what they had learned through stories, art, and discussion. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm grow throughout the week.

Year 1 had a wonderful week, they enjoyed the outdoor learning experience and making fairy houses. We learnt about countryside and city life in the uk and engaged in discussions. In English, we have continued with our tales from around the world and have written our own stories about African animals. Leading up to the final week we have been focusing on revision of all the topics covered in maths. Well done year 1!

This week in **Year 2**, we have been continuing our learning about haiku poetry. We wrote our own Haiku poems about a chosen science topic e.g. space or plants. We then watched poets perform their own poems before practicing and presenting our own poems. We also had Outdoor Learning this week where we participated in many space themed activities, some of our favourite activities were launching a water powered rocket and saving Teddy Tod! What a great week!

This week in **Year 3,** we have enjoyed two exciting trips. On Tuesday, we visited BST Hyde Park where the children watched a brilliant performance from West End Kids and took part in a fun basketball session with National League coaches from London Westside Basketball. Later in the week, Year 3 went to Walton Firs for outdoor learning, where they developed their teamwork, confidence and problem solving skills.

Year 4 had a wonderful time taking their learning outside into nature this week! The children headed into the woods, where they worked beautifully in groups to play a variety of collaborative games. It was fantastic to see them using their imagination, communicating clearly with one another, and problem-solving in the natural environment. The highlight of the day came in the afternoon, when the children were given plenty of free play time. Whether they were building dens, exploring the woodland trails, or creating their own games among the trees, their creativity and enthusiasm shone through. It was a perfect blend of teamwork and independent exploration.

Years 5 and 6 had an unforgettable time on their residential, spending three days and two nights enjoying a wide range of exciting activities. The children challenged themselves by building fires, toasting marshmallows to make delicious s'mores, trying their hand at archery and axe throwing, and cooling off with fun water fights, alongside many other games and team-building activities. Throughout the trip, they showed fantastic teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm, making wonderful memories and friendships that will last a lifetime!

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Year 5 and Year 6 Residential - 8th July to 10th July

What an incredible adventure Years 5 and 6 had on their residential trip to Penshurst! While the water fights were undoubtedly the highlight for many, there was so much more packed into our action-filled few days.

As always, the excitement began as soon as we arrived, with everyone eager to unpack and settle into their tents. There wasn't much sleep on the first night (we know who you are, Tent 1!), but after two days of non-stop activities, everyone was so exhausted that the second night was much quieter—much to the delight of the teachers, who even managed a lie-in!

Children embraced a fantastic range of outdoor challenges, including archery, axe throwing (congratulations to Abigail, our undisputed champion!), trap making, woodland first aid, outdoor games, *Tribe's Got Talent* (well done to *The Wonderful Wizard of Boz*!), SOS survival challenges and even the infamous salmon ponassing—for those brave enough to watch!

No one went hungry. We cooked burgers over our own campfires, created personalised pizzas that were baked in the on-site pizza ovens, and Josh, one of our fantastic tribe leaders, even cut each pizza exactly how its owner requested! Delicious treats throughout the trip included hot chocolate, muffins, ice lollies and popcorn, with fresh fruit always available to keep everyone fuelled.

With the temperatures soaring, we made sure everyone stayed well hydrated and sought shade wherever possible. The only exception was the eagerly anticipated water fights, where a special mention must go to Mr Ip for throwing himself into the fun and ending up completely soaked!

Despite the heat, the occasional bug (which certainly caused plenty of dramatic screams!) and the less-than-fragrant campsite toilets, everyone had an amazing time. We returned home tired, muddy, a little smelly, but full of smiles, newfound confidence and memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you to Mr Ip, Ms Sofia and Ms Kelly for giving up their time to make this such a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience for all our children.

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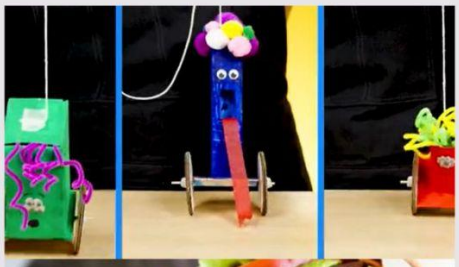
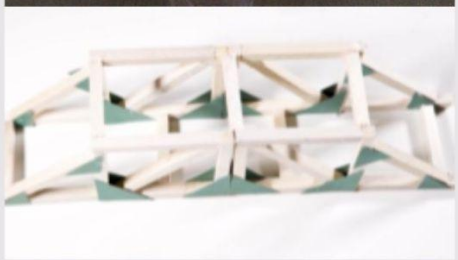
Curriculum Update

What's happening in Design and Technology?

Summer 2 - Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July 2026





YEAR 1

Mechanisms: Wheels and axles

Children will explore how wheels and axles help objects move. They will investigate different types of vehicles before designing, making and evaluating their own moving vehicle using wheels and axles.

YEAR 2

Cooking and nutrition: Balanced diet

Children will learn about the different food groups and why a balanced diet is important for a healthy lifestyle. They will prepare and make a healthy snack or meal, using basic food preparation skills and evaluating how nutritious it is.

YEAR 3

Pneumatic toys

Children will discover how air can be used to create movement through pneumatic systems. They will investigate existing toys before designing and making their own pneumatic toy with moving parts.

YEAR 4

Electrical systems: Torches

Children will learn how electrical circuits work and explore the components needed to make a torch. They will design, build and evaluate their own functioning torch, developing their understanding of electrical systems and product design.

YEAR 5

Structure: Bridges

Children will investigate different types of bridges and discover how engineers design strong and stable structures. They will explore ways to strengthen materials before designing, constructing and evaluating their own bridge.

YEAR 6

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