

THOMAS READE NEWSLETTER

10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

HEADS UP FROM MRS DAY

Welcome back! I am sure by now the holidays feel like a distant memory but I hope you all had a lovely few weeks away from school. It has been wonderful to welcome back the students, both old and new, and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for how smart they all looked. I know the cost of school uniform mounts up so please do use our second hand uniform sales or speak to the office to support if needed.

We have had lots of work going on over the summer holidays. Our Year 1 & 2 classrooms and cloakroom areas were painted with new cubby holes and pegs put in. The exterior of the portacabins for The Nest and breakfast and after school club were improved. We have a beautifully decorated new staffroom and of course our incredible new nursery (see below). I am so pleased with all of the improvements and as mentioned in the Nursery section below, a big thank you to Mrs Pearson.

The classes have all settled brilliantly and are working hard on all of their new topics. The Meet the Teacher meetings were a success this week and I hope it answered lots of your questions. For those unable to join, the PowerPoints will be uploaded on to the school website.

Next week is our circus day **Thursday 17th September**. This will be an opportunity for children to participate in circus themed activities ready for The Big Top to arrive on **2nd October 2026** (see School Association poster at the bottom of the newsletter for ticket information). Children are invited to dress in anything to do with the circus on Thursday but please bear in mind that Years 1 - 6 will also have a tennis workshop on this day so clothing will need to be appropriate for this activity.

Thank you for such a fantastic start to the year and I am looking forward to the term ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see our **Dates for the Diary** which was sent via email for the academic year.

Thurs 17th Sept

Whole School
CIRCUS DAY

Thurs 17th Sept

Tennis
workshop Yr 1-6

Fri 18th Sept

Year 6 cake
sale

Mon 21st Sept

Music Flood
week

Thurs 24th
Sept

Year 5
swimming

Thurs 24th
Sept

Music Flood
Abingdon Yr 3,
4 & 6

Fri 2nd Sept

Happy Circus

Fri 9th Sept

Nursery cake
sale

Please check your consents in
Arbor.



OUR NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Hi, I'm Andrew Dubock and I'm excited and proud to be the new Chair of Governors at Thomas Reade.

I've served on the governing board for the past eight years, learning huge amounts from staff and fellow governors, providing support where I can, and being hugely encouraged by all the positive changes and developments under Mrs Day's headship, most recently the new nursery provision.

I know the school well. Both of my two (now adult) daughters are former pupils at the school, and had a wonderful time here. You will probably know my wife, Sally, a member of staff, who teaches across the year groups. For my day job, I work in communications in the charity sector.

A huge thanks to my predecessor, Liz Fraser, for her diligent leadership in the position. I look forward to working closely with Mrs Day and her staff team, supported by Vice Chair, Claire Handyside, and the other governors, to strategically keep moving the school forward, striving for excellence, and continuing to ensure that every child matters, every moment counts.

Find out more about our Board of Governors at www.thomasreadeschool.org/Our-School/Our-Governors and can email me at chair@thomas-reade.oxon.sch.uk





CLUBS

We hope to be able to start clubs in the next couple of weeks and will email information out to you when we have confirmed start date and days of the week.

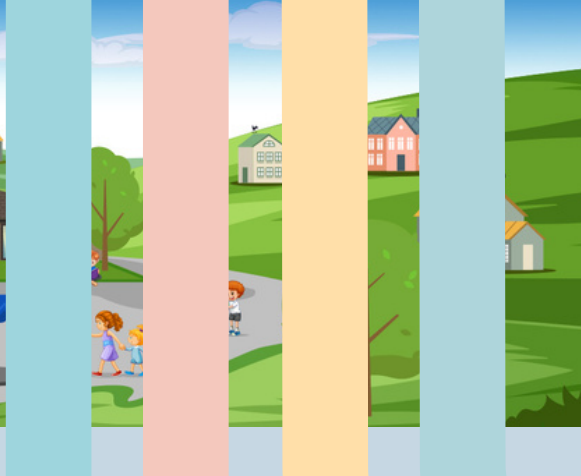
Mrs. Ali has kindly offered to run football club again for children in year 3 - 6 we are hoping to have two separate clubs for boys and girls, if there are any other parents who would be willing to help with this please speak to the school office.

We are always looking for parents who would be interested in helping with, or running an extra- curricular club. If you have any skills or interests that you would be willing to share with our children in a club please speak to the school office.

SCHOOL VIDEO

Please see our new school video which is available on our website along with a QR code for prospective parents to book a place on our upcoming Open Mornings.





OUR NEW NURSERY

We are very excited that our new nursery space is now up and running. A big thank you to Mrs. Pearson for all her work over the past year organising the project and working with the contractors in the summer to get the space operational. Thank you for Mrs. Wray and Mrs Smith for coming in during the last week of the holidays to make sure everything was ready. They have been joined this week by Miss Blair and Mrs Skeels to welcome all the new children and families to the new Rainbow Class. For more information on nursery places please see our [nursery webpage](#)



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

At Thomas Reade we encourage healthy choices for snack time and packed lunches. The image attached is from the NHS with ideas of what should make up a packed lunch.

We would also like to remind you that we are an **allergy aware** school and as such **no products which may contain nuts** are allowed as snacks or packed lunches. Suitable options for a break time snack may include (but are not limited to):

- fruit
- vegetables
- cereal bars (no nuts or chocolate)
- malt loaf
- yoghurts
- cheese

If you are unsure, please speak to your class teacher or follow the [link](#) for further advice.

To avoid choking risks, children eat their snacks in the classroom while seated and we would like to remind you that any grapes, tomatoes or small fruit must be cut in half.

Thank you for your support with this.



Healthy Lunch Boxes



- Eating a healthy lunch keeps gums and teeth healthy
- A healthy lunch box should include fruit, vegetables, carbohydrates and protein
- Choose foods in a variety of colours, finger foods and crispy snacks to make your lunch box more appealing



Lunch Box Ideas

See <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Salmon and salad bagel, rice cakes, grapes, semi-skimmed milk



Tuna and bean salad, satsuma, malt loaf, semi-skimmed milk

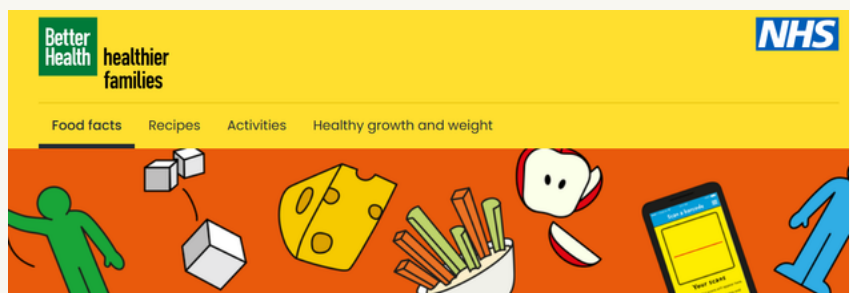


Spicy chicken and salad wrap, peaches/strawberries, homemade popcorn with cinnamon, sugar-free orange drink



Hummus dip with pitta bread and vegetable sticks, banana, sugar-free jelly, water

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SMART PHONE FREE

At Thomas Reade, smartphones have never been permitted for use during the school day. Any mobile phones brought to school are handed to the class teacher at the start of the day and returned at the end of the school day.

From September, in line with government guidance, Thomas Reade will become a smartphone-free school. This means that children should not bring smartphones or other smart devices onto the school site.

If your child needs a phone for their journey to and from school, they may bring a basic mobile phone (sometimes known as a feature phone), which will continue to be handed in to their class teacher at the start of the day. However, we do not feel that a mobile phone is necessary for most children at this stage of their education.

As some families may be considering purchasing a phone for their child over the coming months, we wanted to give you advance notice of this change so that you can take our policy into account before making a purchase.

Thank you for your continued support.



PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons

Lawrence has spaces for piano lessons from September. Contact him directly on laurencemusicman@yahoo.co.uk

Thomas Reade School Association
thomasreadesa@outlook.com

SA Update

10/09/2026

Welcome Back to School!

Hi All and welcome back to the new school year! We would like to say a warm welcome to all our new parents, grandparents, children and carers of the school, we hope you are all settling in and getting into your routines!

The SA is run as a charity and is made up of everyone who is apart of the school. We have a committee who meet termly and hold events to support the school and raise additional funds!

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Back to School
Special tickets
£10.50 each!!



A full length professional Big Top Circus
Acrobats, Aerialists, Magic and much more!

FRIDAY 02 OCTOBER

Gates open at 4:45pm

Show starts at 6pm



The Pizza Boys
Real Belgian Fries
Danni and Dave's Ice Cream
Alex's Crepes
Sweet treats

Circus

If you wasn't aware we have a big top circus joining us on **Friday 2nd October 4:45-8pm~** Tickets are currently on sale for £10.50 each at www.pta-events.co.uk/thomasreadesa. We had **Happys Circus** Joined us in 2023 and this was a sell out event of 600 seats! We have just over half left! The children will take part In a circus day on the **17th September** Within the school day!

What's on?

- Friday 11th Sept
Preloved Uniform sale
- Friday 18th Sept Yr6
Cake sale
- Monday 12th Oct AGM
- Friday 2nd Oct Circus
- Monday 19th Oct Bags2school
- Friday 23rd Oct Non-uniform day
- Thursday 19th Nov Wreath making
(Adult only)