

Thames View Primary School Newsletter



Responsibility

Resilience

Respect

Special events coming soon

December

- 9th – 12th – Santa visiting TVP*
- 10th – Yr4 – Harry Potter World
- 11th – Christmas Fun Day!
- 11th – PTA Christmas
- 11th – Christmas Lunch Day
- 11th – Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th – LAMDA at Glassbox Theatre
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- 13th – Sparkles Christmas event
- 16th – Yr R Nativity
- 17th – Yr 1 – Nativity
- 18th – Yr 2 – Nativity
- 20th – KS2 to St Margaret's Church
- 20th – last day of term

***buy your tickets in advance – see PTA page**

January 2025

- Tuesday 7th January – children return to school
- 8th – HOOK Day
- 10th – Open Day for 2025 entrants
- 14th – Yr 1 – VR Space workshop
- 15th – Yr 1 – Greenwich Observatory

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Mrs Rogers Message

This week, we have had our third of four open days for potential new parents starting in September 2025. Our year 6 pupils took the tours and did a fab job of explaining what happens at Thames View and why it is such a lovely place to come to school. For all of our current parents, please ensure you follow our social media, as we want to keep you as informed as possible on activities happening in school on those platforms and through our weekly newsletters.

If you are a year 4 parent, please can you ensure that you have given your child permission to attend their trip to Harry Potter world on Arbor. This is such a lovely trip, going to Hogwarts in the Snow. Our Year 4 children will be able to see the sets used to produce the film, use green screen to fly on a broomstick, visit the knight bus and the Hogwarts Express, amongst some of the fun adventures at the studios. We look forward to seeing the pictures!

We had our Non-Uniform Day for bottle and chocolate donations for the PTA today. As you are aware, the children will be having a school fayre on their Christmas Fun Day next Wednesday (11th). This is also Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day, with a very special visit from Santa's reindeers. They will even be bringing his sleigh! So, keep an eye out for pictures coming soon!

Next week is a very busy week for us, as not only do we have the fun day, but we have our big production of Matilda. There are 68 children in this production at the Glassbox Theatre, which we hire. The show will run for 4 performances, 2 in the afternoons and 2 in the evenings on the 12th and 13th of December. If you have not bought your tickets yet, please log on and buy them! We look forward to seeing you there!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe, Mrs Rogers.





Golden Ticket is every Friday and a child in each Key Stage 2 class can win the golden ticket for outstanding effort, behavior and for showing our 3 school values, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance Stars:
KS1: Sunrise
KS2: Blenheim

ECO Class:
KS1: Kanzi
KS2: Discovery

PE Champions:
Mason, Year 3

PE Class Trophy:
Windsor

Class	Star of the week	Star Reader	Star Writer	Maths Champion
Sparkles Nursery	Mollie-Mae			
Pippin	Oscar	Rae	Danny	Eddie
Sunrise	Grayson	Neve	Luelle	Ally
Elstar	Harper	Ethan & Olivia	Evie-Rose & Myles	Freya
Kanzi	Ayda	Chloe	Caitlin	Harvey
Fortune	Darcie	Olivia	Ernest	Ava
Liberty	Miles	Summer	Amelia	Andrea
Opal	Jayden	Logan	Oscar	Mila
Topaz	Patrick	Albie	Neve	Lily-Mae
Enterprise	Theo	Milo & Jack	George	Samuel
Victory	William	Sophie	Zoe	Farah
Blenheim	Bethany	Aya	Louie	Daniel
Windsor	Harry	Amelia	Layla	Imad
Discovery	Chloe	Reuben	Reggie	Leighton
Pioneer	Laynie	Henry	Eliza	Toby

Our inclusion team and our safeguarding team are here if you need us, no problem is too small! This week's focus is about having a tech free Christmas and enjoying family time!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Dot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



#WakeUpWednesday

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CHRISTMAS FUN DAY !

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER :

Christmas Jumper Day - come to school in your Christmas Jumper !

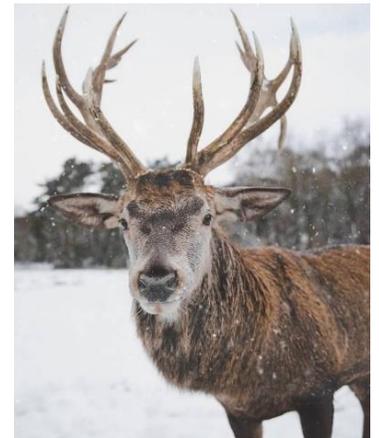
We are going to incorporate this into our Christmas Fun Day



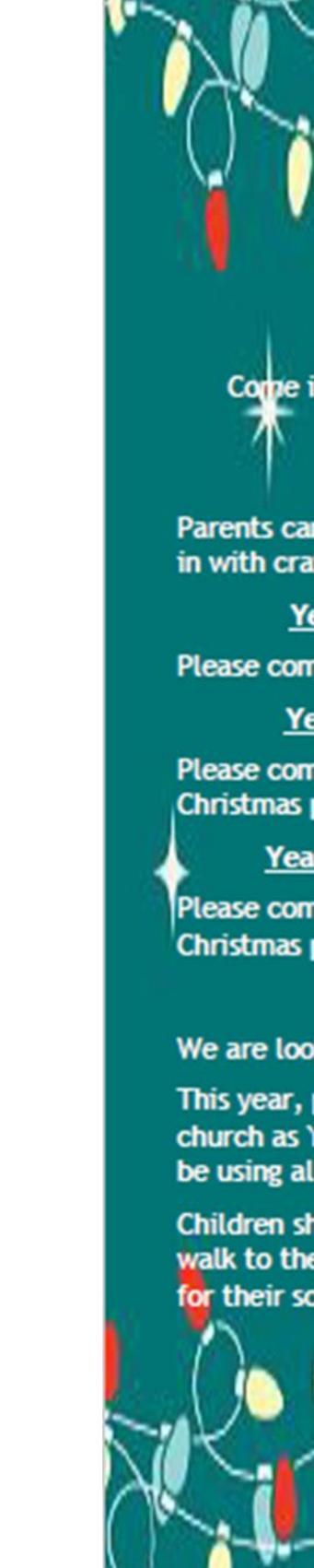
Christmas Lunch Day – menu & further details to follow

Christmas visit –

The PTA have arranged for Reindeers to come and pay a special visit for all the children to see during the school day. *(no guarantee of snow though!)*



... and it is Christmas Fun Day too !



CHRISTMAS 2024 AT THAMES VIEW

Christmas Fun Day! - Wednesday 11th December

Come in your Christmas Jumper, to have some Christmas Fun and have some Christmas Dinner too if you'd like !

Sparkles Nursery - Friday 13th December - from 9am

Parents can come along and join the Nursery for their Christmas celebrations, join in with crafts and some Christmas nibbles

Year R - Monday 16th December - 9.15am - 9.45am (approximately).

Please come along to the KS1 hall to watch their Christmas play

Year 1 - Tuesday 17th December - 9.15am - 9.45am (approximately).

Please come along to the KS2 hall, (via the office reception) to watch their Christmas play

Year 2 - Wednesday 18th December - 9.15am - 9.45am (approximately).

Please come along to the KS2 hall, (via the office reception) to watch their Christmas play

Years 3-6 - Friday 20th December - am

We are looking forward to the Christmas Assembly at St Margaret's Church.

This year, parents will not be able to attend the church due to limited space in the church as Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will be taking part together and as such will be using all the available seating.

Children should come to school at their normal time for registration and they will walk to the Church together for their Christmas Assembly and then return in time for their school lunch.

Year R, 1 & 2 Nativity Production

No tickets will be issued, but we allocate 2 spaces per household. In cases where Mum and Dad live separately 2 spaces will be allocated for each parent.

The Years R, 1 and 2 performances are being recorded by the Trust and will be available on the school website a few days later

(we will email families with the log in details when we have them – hopefully before the end of term, if not then it will be in January)

..... a SEND Christmas

With the Christmas season coming closer, many children are becoming excited about what is in store.

However, Christmas can be a tricky time for neurodivergent children or children with SEND and their families. This could be the case if your child is autistic or has ADHD or a sensory processing disorder.

We thought it would be useful to share these links to a helpful guide and some top tips about how you can help a neurodivergent child to cope with Christmas.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/development-additional-needs/neurodiversity/send-christmas>

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/blogs/fostering/tips-for-making-christmas-easier-for-neurodivergent-chidren/>

.... PTA News

Father Christmas will be visiting Thames View week beginning Monday 9th December – *book your ticket via the link*

<https://buytickets.at/thamesviewpta/1466509>



Thank you for all your donations today, for the
**Chocolate
Bottles
and your £2**

Don't worry if you forgot today, there is still time to bring your donations in on Monday or Tuesday to your class.

Thank you again for your continued support.





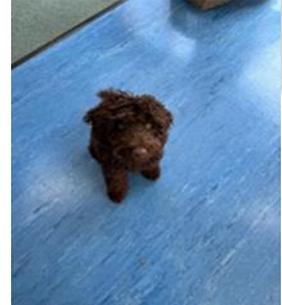
Weekly Dog Mentor Spot!
What have our dogs been
up to this week?

Rocky

Ruby

Rolo

Reggie



Our Therapy
Dogs love getting
visits from the
students that
come to the
Inclusion Hub
for a Chat and a
cuddle.

Reggie has been working hard this week learning some
new tricks.



Matilda the Musical – Thames View Production

Our LAMDA Drama Group have been working hard practicing, all in readiness for their production of Matilda.

We would love to see you there, to support the drama club and enjoy the show.

It is taking place at The GlassBox Theatre, Gillingham, ME7 1FN

Tickets are £8 per adult and £6 per child

There are four performances over the two days :

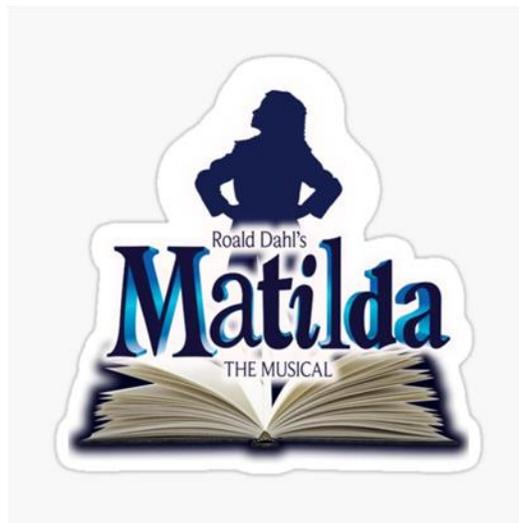
Thursday 12th December 1.30pm performance

Thursday 12th December 5.30pm performance

Friday 13th December 1.30pm performance

Friday 13th December 5.30pm performance

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/midkent/e-kodrmz>



.... Congratulations

to Darcy in Year 3 who you will remember wanted to have her hair cut to help other children who are poorly.... Here are her before and after photos.... She had 36cm cut off!

Darcy raised an amazing £765 which will enable a wig to be made, fitted and given to another child.

Well done Darcy

