

# THOMAS READE NEWSLETTER

8TH OCTOBER 2026

## HEADS UP FROM MRS DAY

What a fantastic event the circus was! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and a huge thank you to the School Association and Rachel in particular. So much hard work goes in to organising these events which we really appreciate. We are always looking out for new volunteers for the School Association so if you think you might be able to spare a couple of hours to help, please join us in the hall on Monday evening at 7pm for the AGM. Any help is very much appreciated.

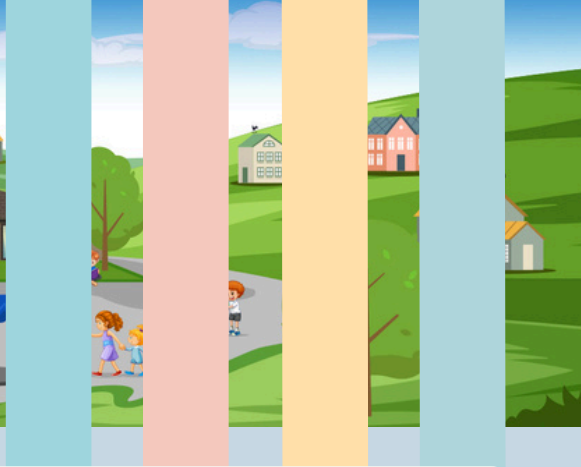
We welcomed a Hampshire Maths advisor into the school on Monday with a focus on equity for all learners in Maths. He recognised all of the wonderful things the teachers and support staff do in lessons and gave us some more great ideas to incorporate moving forward. Mrs Knowles is our new Maths lead and she is excited to incorporate these suggestions.

We welcomed back Mrs Badger from her maternity leave and I hope some of you have seen her around the school on a Monday and Tuesday. With this in mind, there will be some changes to our staffing in the coming weeks which we will share with the relevant parents and carers. Tomorrow the children will have their flu vaccinations at school and Tuesday sees our individual and sibling school photos where all children will need to be in school uniform. If your child has Forest School or PE on that day, we ask this to be brought in a separate bag and we will ensure there is time to change. It is also our Harvest festival in school on Friday afternoon for the children. Please do support this cause for the Abingdon Food Bank by bringing in any goods listed in the following pages. I hope you have a lovely weekend when it comes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct        | Flu vaccinations                |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct       | School Association AGM          |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> afternoon | Cross country (selected pupils) |
| Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>          | Individual and sibling photos   |
| Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct      | LEGO assembly and workshops KS2 |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct       | Harvest Assembly in school      |
| Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct      | Open morning for new parents    |

Our allergy policy has been emailed with a Microsoft form attached to complete any allergies for your child. Please help us to keep the children safe by completing this form.



## RECEPTION CLASS

Some photos of Reception class and their sensory experiences using shaving foam and 'oobleck' and exploring the mud kitchen





## FLU VACCINATION 09/10/2026

Please click on the link below to register your child (reception to year 6 ) to receive their flu vaccination by 08/10/26

Your unique School Consent form Link

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=OX123073>

## CLUBS

**Monday** - Dance club year 4-6

**Tuesday** - Lego year 3 - 6

**Tuesday** - Girls' football club year 4 - 6 (Some year 3)

**Thursday** - Boys' football club year 4 - 6 (Some year 3)

Thank you to Mrs. Ali and Mrs. Tolley who are currently helping with our clubs. 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.

Letter from the Minister of Early education. A huge thank you to Mrs Pearson, the EYFS team and everyone else involved.



**Pau I Waugh MP**

Minister for Early Education

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Dear Thomas Reade Primary School

**Phase 1 of the School-based Nursery Programme**

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations on the successful set-up of your school-based nursery project.

I have seen first-hand the care, creativity and commitment that has gone into transforming surplus space into vibrant early years provision. It is clear that these new settings are already making a meaningful difference to children, families and the wider school community.

I know that delivering new provision within a busy school environment is not without its challenges, and I want to thank you and your team for your continued engagement and dedication throughout the process. Your efforts have helped to create thousands of much-needed childcare places across the country, and your contribution is deeply appreciated.

I wish you every success as your nursery continues to thrive, offering a nurturing and enriching environment that gives children the best possible start in life.

Thank you once again for your participation.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Paul Waugh'.

**Paul Waugh MP**  
**Minister for Early Education**



## HARVEST DONATIONS

Every year, we ask children to bring in Harvest donations to support the local Abingdon food bank. We are very pleased to support such a wonderful charity who regularly feed over 400 people a month including children. This year, the food bank have asked for the following:

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a school Harvest assembly to teach the children where food comes from, the importance of gratitude and to promote community sharing. The school hall boasts the donations that are brought in and we then deliver these to the food bank the following week.

As always, thank you for your generosity with this.



### HARVEST 2026

Thank you for supporting Abingdon Foodbank this harvest.  
This year we would be really grateful for:

**WC - 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER - TINNED MEAT, FISH and VEGETABLES**



**WC - 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - SOUP, BAKED BEANS, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, PASTA**



**WC - 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - TINNED FRUIT, PUDDINGS, PEANUT BUTTER, HONEY, BISCUITS**



**WC - 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - CEREAL, UHT MILK, COFFEE, SQUASH**



# SA Update

08/10/2026

## General Info...

WOW.. how amazing was the circus for those that came..a huge Thank you we managed to raise £2,000. This will go towards the play grounds new markings.

You may have recieved the copy of your child's Christmas artwork if not please look out for it! It's a great gift for the festive season! Every order placed generates additional funds for the school. Orders should be placed before 16th October.

Kits available to purchase for £18 - So the kids can get involved at home too!

## Wreath Making

£25

Please join us for a festive evening making your own Christmas wreath. We will provide you with all the essentials.

**Just bring:**  
Secateurs, gloves, any special ornaments  
Drinks and Snacks  
This is an adult only event.

**Thursday 19th November**  
7.30 - 9.30  
Doors open at 7.15

Thomas Reade School Association

## AGM

Our AGM followed by a general meeting will be held on **Monday 12th October 7pm** In the **School Hall**. It's an opportunity to find out what we did LY and how much we raised. We are also planning for the year ahead and how all the funding we raise helps supports the school with things their own funding doesnt cover! Come and share ideas, meet new people and be a bigger part of the school community!

## What's on?

- Monday 12th Oct AGM
- Monday 19th Oct Bags2school
- Friday 23rd Oct Non-uniform day
- Thursday 19th Nov Wreath making (Adult only)
- Follow our FB page Thomas Reade School Association for updates!

Thomas Reade School Association

## Cheese & Wine AGM

Monday 12th October 2026 • 7pm

School Hall

Join us for a relaxed evening

All parents & carers welcome

Enjoy cheese, wine, and conversation as we review the SA year and discuss plans for the year ahead

- SA updates
- Treasurer report
- Committee nominations