

THOMAS READE NEWSLETTER

15TH OCTOBER 2026

HEADS UP FROM MRS DAY

It has been a very mild start to Autumn with cooler mornings and warm afternoons. In line with this, the children come to school in jumpers and hoodies which are discarded throughout the day. I have never known the levels of lost property that we have in school at the moment. Please ensure you have looked through the collection (situated in the main Reception area) as any left behind by the end of term will be donated to the School Association (SA) and lunch boxes disposed of. A plea to please label all items of uniform with your child's name as all items in the lost property are unnamed. Thank you to those who attended the SA AGM on Monday. It was lovely to see some new faces and reflect on the past year. We said a huge thank you to Rebecca and Helen who have stepped down after chairing the committee for the last few years. It has been a pleasure to work with them and it has been calculated that during their time in office they have raised a massive £50,000 for the school along with their fellow committee members. This money has made a huge difference to the children of Thomas Reade. Mrs Skeels has taken on the role of Chair of the School Association for the academic year with the support of Zella, Odele and other members. Please do contact us if you can support the SA in any way possible.

Next Friday 23rd is our final day of the half term with a non uniform day at the cost of £1 or a bottle for the Christmas bazaar. This can be a bottle of any kind (alcohol / soft drink / shampoo / shower gel etc). Any donations are appreciated. Children are welcome to wear home clothes **or** a Halloween themed outfit (no masks and nothing too scary!) if they wish. Year 6 children will be collecting money on the playground. It is also not too late to donate for our Harvest Festival tomorrow. Items will be transported to the Abingdon Food bank next week.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 16 th Oct	Harvest Assembly in school
Mon 19 th Oct	SA Bags to school
Weds 21 st Oct	Open morning for new parents
Fri 23 rd Oct	Non uniform day for £1 or a bottle
Fri 23 rd Oct	END OF TERM 3.05pm
Mon 2 nd Nov	INSET DAY - School closed
Tues 3 rd Nov	START OF TERM 8.35am

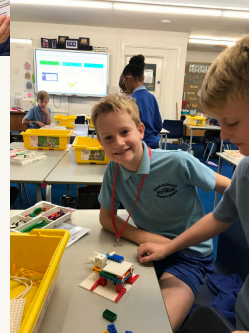
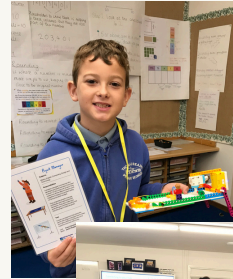
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LEGO WORKSHOP

Year 5 and 6 took part in a Lego and coding workshop provided by Thames Water on Wednesday morning. The visitors shared information about the variety of careers available in construction, with the whole of key stage 2 in an assembly before year 5 and 6 had the chance to build a programmable Lego model, based on one of the careers.





CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the children who made it into our Cross Country teams. They were selected to represent the school following their performances in the house cross country competition. The children attended the Abingdon and Oxford West Partnership competition at Tilsley park on Monday afternoon.

All the children ran exceptionally well in some really difficult races and achieved some great results.

Year 5 and 6 boys, 3rd Overall

Year 5 and 6 girls 3rd Overall

Year 3 and 4 girls 2nd Overall

Year 5 and 6 boys 2nd Overall

This was out of 16 schools with approximately 130 children in each race. We also had some exceptional individual performances with Archie placing 7th and Eden 8th, Hallie coming 5th, Matilda 4th (3rd out of Abingdon schools) and Alex who was first in his category. Thank you to the staff who helped out (Mrs Moulster, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Day) and to all the parents who helped with lifts and came along to support.



Unfortunately some of our team members had to leave early for clubs and missed the photos.





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 16th 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 - 21st SEPTEMBER - TINNED MEAT, FISH and VEGETABLES



WC - 28th SEPTEMBER - SOUP, BAKED BEANS, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, PASTA



WC - 5th OCTOBER - TINNED FRUIT, PUDDINGS, PEANUT BUTTER, HONEY, BISCUITS

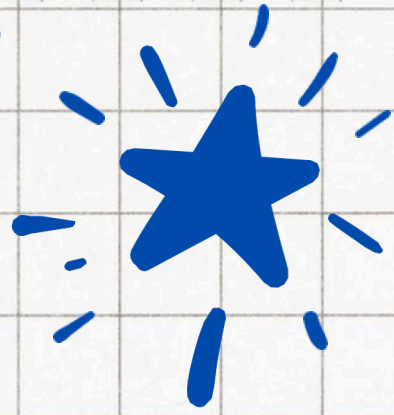


WC - 12th OCTOBER - CEREAL, UHT MILK, COFFEE, SQUASH



SA Update

15/10/2026



General Info...

Thank you to those new faces who attended our AGM on Monday! If you are still interested in supporting please email us at thomasreadesa@outlook.com alternatively speak to your class rep!

Children will bring home a bag2school bag for any old and unwanted clothing. You have until after half term to have a clear out. Check out their website for more info! If you would like to order your child's festive art work please do, tomorrow is the deadline.



NSU & Wreath

Non-school uniform (NSU) will be Friday 23rd Oct. We are going for a Halloween themed event. Please no scary outfits or masks/face paint. See poster for more details!

Wreath making tickets are selling fast - we have sold half the tickets. Purchase yours from www.pta-events.co.uk/thomasreadesa

What's on?

- Friday 23rd Oct Non-uniform (Halloween theme)
- Bags2school- 11th Nov
- Thursday 19th Nov- Adult only Festive Wreath
- Unfortunately **ALL** cake sales will not go ahead this school year, look out for similar events.
- **Don't forget...** to order your children's festive art by the **16th October!**