

THOMAS READE NEWSLETTER

22ND OCTOBER 2026

HEADS UP FROM MRS DAY

We have made it to the end of a long first half term of the academic year. The children have coped brilliantly with any last minute changes to staffing and I am very proud of the resilience they have shown during assessment week this week. We have managed to cram lots in to the last 8 weeks including external visits from the Local Authority Attendance Team, the Regional Education Partner and an external consultant for Maths. I am happy to report that the feedback given was extremely positive and all made comments about the behaviour of the children and how engaged they all were. Yesterday was our open morning for prospective parents and again, it was a delight to show them around the school (despite the weather!). We have another open morning for new parents on 27th November.

Tomorrow is a non-uniform day where children can wear their home clothes or a Halloween themed costume (no masks or scary outfit) for £1 or a bottle.

Just a reminder that the first Monday back is an INSET day so school will be closed to all pupils. School returns on Tuesday 3rd November at 08.35am.

Thank you for all of your support and hard work in the first term back. The next term is always a busy one (but my favourite time to work in a primary school) so please make sure you have a lovely rest over the half term holidays. As always, our website includes ideas of activities for the week off and our local library always runs sessions for children. Keep your finger crossed for some nice weather and I look forward to seeing everyone back after the break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Fri 23rd Oct

Non uniform
day for £1 or a
bottle

Fri 23rd Oct

END OF TERM
3.05pm

Mon 2nd Nov

INSET DAY -
School closed

Tues 3rd Nov

START OF TERM
8.35am

Tues 3rd Nov

PC Ben talk Yr
1&3

Tues 10th &
Weds 11th Nov

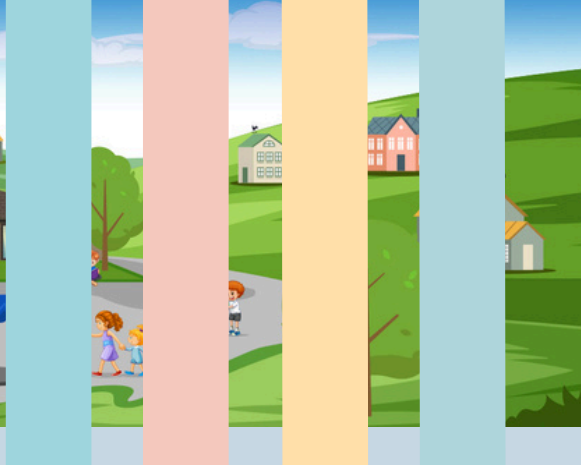
Parents
evening

Fri 13th Nov

Children in
Need (children
welcome to
wear spots)

Please note a change in date to the Nursery Christmas singalong which will be Weds 15th Dec 2026

There is also a change to the Year 4 trip on 18th Nov due to a clash with cross country - please await further information



A FEW LITTLE REMINDERS

We have noticed some children coming to school in cold and wet weather without coats or warm clothing on, please make sure children have a **school jumper or cardigan and a coat** in school. For PE days children can wear plain navy, black or dark grey leggings or tracksuit trousers over their shorts or instead of their shorts and a school jumper or PE hoodie

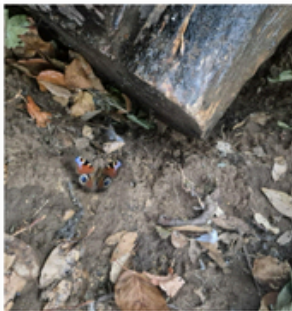
Please also note that only water is to be brought into school in water bottles unless a specific need is agreed with the school.



Our school uniform is royal blue school jumper or cardigan with **grey** trousers or skirt. Socks or tights should be **grey** or **white**. School shoes should be plain sensible black low heeled shoes.

Please visit the school [website](#) to find more information or speak to the office if you need any support with uniform.

Uniform suppliers



Forest School News

It's been a really lovely first term with the Year 1s and 3s. They showed such imagination and creativity, tackling new challenges, having a go at new things and working together. The children remembered the routine and rules of forest school from last year so there seemed more time to get on with den building, tree climbing, creating in the mud kitchen, cooking on the campfire and group games. We have been finding out about the animals and insects that live at Forest School and looking at the different trees and all their roots underground.

Year 1 have shown so much enthusiasm but also great listening skills. They have used hammers, made natural paint with elderberries, blackberries, beetroot & onion and painted bug stones. The glass jars rainbow water xylophone was amazing, with the children measuring the water themselves, mixing the colour and making a lovely sound with the beaters. There were beautiful leaf rubbings in the last session. We cooked pitta pizzas and marshmallows on the fire.

The Year 3s have a lot of knowledge about our natural world and are so keen to learn more. We have looked at owls, caterpillars, the squirrel who lives on site and lots more. They have been hammering leaves in cotton, creating autumn leaf watercolours, decorating tree cookies with acrylic pens and making holes using the palm drill. Tools have included spades, mallets and tent pegs to build some amazing dens, working collaboratively with each other.

Den building and the game Eagle Eye has been so popular this term, with the children also creating their own group games. There has been a lot of kindness to each other.

I would like to say a big thanks to all our volunteers. Thank you so much for giving up even a morning or afternoon of your time.

Have a lovely half term break! Mrs Bustin

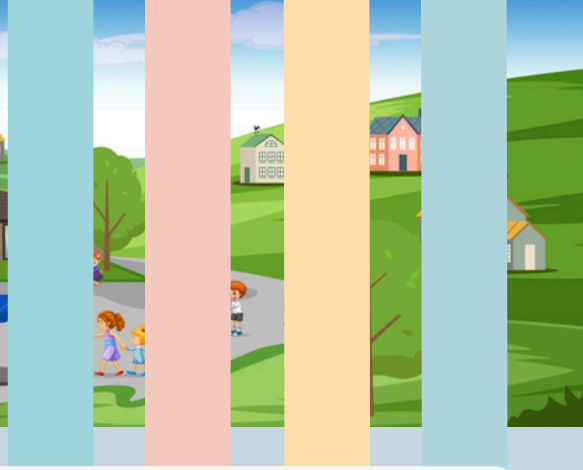




REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY APPEAL

After half term Year 6 will be selling poppies to students at break and lunchtimes to raise money for the Royal British Legion and in honour of Remembrance Day. The suggested donation is £1. There are also bracelets and keyrings available, suggested donation for those items is £1. The items will be available for Reception and Nursery class parents to buy at morning drop off.

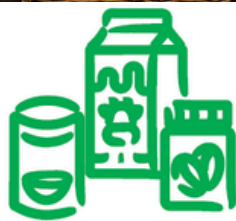




HARVEST DONATIONS



 Abingdon
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Thank you!

Thomas Reade School

For your wonderful Harvest donations to the Abingdon Foodbank.
We are very grateful!

Your generous support will make a big difference and help us to
support people facing hardship.

Philip Bingham
Foodbank Manager

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations as part of our Harvest collection. We held our Harvest assembly last Friday afternoon where the children took part in some team challenges based around 'field to fork,' thinking about where our food comes from. Mrs West took all the donations to the foodbank this week and we received a lovely certificate of thanks in return.

SA Update

22/10/2026

General Info...

Non-School uniform **TOMORROW**. Dress in your halloween outfit or something you would prefer! Please ensure there are no masks. If your child has PE please ensure it is suitable.

Don't forget to have a clear out of any unwanted clothing this half term and place it in the bag2school bag ready for the morning of Wednesday 11th Nov.

We are taking a **PAUSE** on school uniform donations we have a lot in our stock pile!



Wreath



Tickets are all on sale and at www.pta-events.co.uk/thomasreadesa This is an adult only event. However, we have kits available for home making at a reduced price so the children can be involved too.

What's on?

- Friday 26th Oct Non-uniform (Halloween theme)
- Bags2school- 11th Nov
- Thursday 19th Nov- Adult only Festive Wreath
- Your child's festive art work has an extension **Friday 23rd October!**
- **HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR HALF TERM**