



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Welcome back

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the half term break. We have had a busy first week back with World Book Day yesterday and the first of our parent consultations for this term. If you attended on Wednesday, then we hope that you enjoyed looking through your child's work and being able to see the progress that they are making. We look forward to seeing everyone else next week, on Tuesday or Thursday. If you didn't make an appointment then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please don't forget that on our school website under the curriculum section there are ideas and suggestions for ways that you can support your child's learning at home.

World Book Day

The children had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. They will have brought home their World Book Day tokens which can be used towards the purchase of a book or to purchase one of the special £1 books released for World Book Day. Lots of retailers accept them including Spaldings bookshop in the village, if you would like to support a local business.

During the day, the children enjoyed lots of opportunities to read, as well as having teachers visit each class to read their favourite book. We have tagged photos for you to see on Twitter with #dropeverythingandread and #JTMATlovesreading.

At TRIS we love reading and aim to inspire our pupils to love reading too. With this in mind, we have set up an Amazon Wish List of books. We hope over the coming year to develop the classroom areas by providing a range of books linked to different areas of the curriculum, as well as books that encourage reluctant readers to pick up a book. We feel very passionate about all pupils having as many opportunities to read as possible.

We would love to invite you to have a look at the Amazon Wish list and consider if you are able to help us by buying a book for school. The process is very easy and all you have to do is to follow the link below to purchase a book with Amazon doing the rest! The book is delivered straight to school, where it will be enjoyed by pupils in the classroom. Thank you

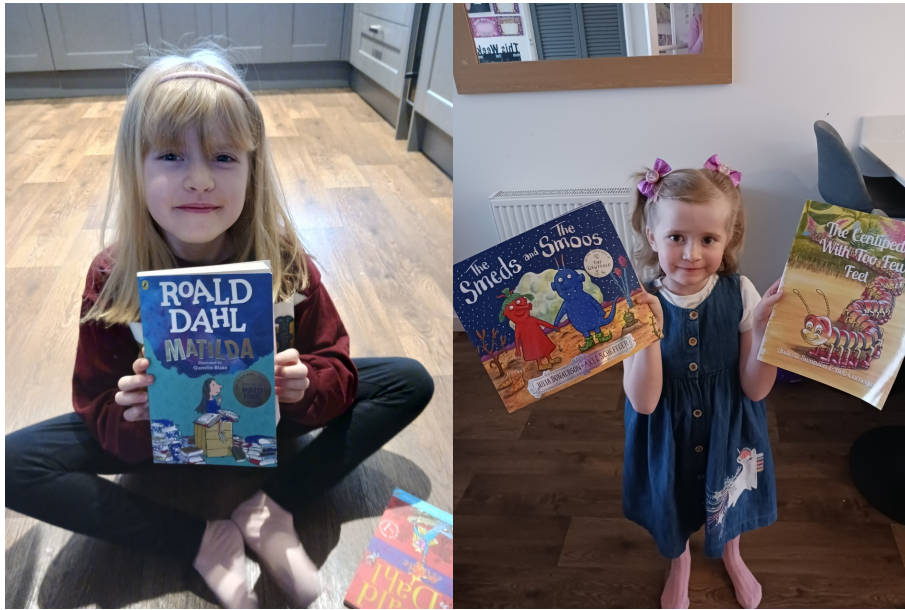


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Book recommendation

This week it is the turn of Georgie and Erin to recommend books. Georgie has recommended Matilda by Roald Dahl. Erin was spoilt for choice and she has recommended 2 books—The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson and The Centipede with Too Few Feet by Andrew Swanson. Thank you for sharing them with everyone girls.



More World Book Day photos

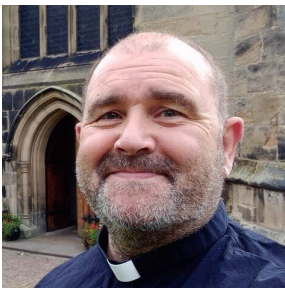


Meet the Team

This week we are meeting the last members of our Governing Board. We hope that you have found it insightful to learn about the different skills that our governors bring to the role. We also have 2 members of staff who sit on our Governing Board—Miss Rowley and Mrs Sutton who represent the views of staff in meetings.



Katie Manning is a parent governor who initially became involved with the school through the PTA. Katie has a degree in Neuroscience and she is a qualified Speech and Language Therapist with a keen interest in Science, Maths and human development. She also has many years' experience being a project manager and key account manager in a large corporate company and more recently as a self-employed house renovator. This has given her insights and practical experience of budget setting, working to a strict timeline and often having to problem solve.



Revd Andy Simpson was licenced as the new Church of England Vicar of Barton and Dunstall with Tatenhill in December 2020. Andy is a community governor. He had a career in financial services before he was ordained in 2009. Andy also served with the Air Training Corps as an Officer with the Royal Air Force Volunteer reserve for over 20 years, rising to the rank of Squadron Leader, and subsequently serving as chaplain. Andy has served as trustee on numerous charities. In his previous post, he was School governor for three Church of England schools, helping two convert to MAT status and serving as chair for the other.



Charlotte Garner is a parent governor who has two sons at the school. Charlotte has seen her sons grow and learn through the support and challenge they get at school every day so wanted to become a governor to give something back. Becoming a school governor in 2022 has given Charlotte further insight into the passion and dedication of the leadership and teaching staff to provide the best care and learning. She aims to add value by offering strategic guidance, accountability, and encouragement of ongoing development. Charlotte hopes that the experience she brings running her own business and training as a coach provides her with the necessary skills to do this successfully.



Kayte Haselgrove is a parent governor who first attended Thomas Russell Infants School as a pupil! Kayte works in further education at the University of Derby. As an educator she is passionate about ensuring that the children have the very best experience possible during their educational journey. She feels that her perspective as a parent helps her to understand the priorities and concerns of other parents and carers which relate to strategic actions taken by the governing board. Kayte's experience as a former teaching and learning manager with a subject specialism of English gives her the knowledge and holistic view of educational establishments to understand the importance of working as a team.

Our 5 Ways to Wellbeing Display

Can you help us with our new display in the school hall? We are hoping to display photographs of the children showing examples of things that help to keep their emotional and mental well being, fit and healthy. We would love for you to email through any photographs of the children doing things which show any of the 5 ways to wellbeing. We look forward to seeing the display coming together.

Connect

Examples of the children nurturing relationships with friends, family and neighbours.

Be active

Examples of any physical activity, for example, playing at the park, going for a walk, taking part in an activity club, swimming, etc.

Keep learning

The children are learning at school each day. In addition though, if you have any examples of the children doing homework activities or learning a new skill such as a musical instrument or a sport, then please send these through.

Give

Examples of helping others, saying thank you, or just giving someone a smile.

Take notice

Examples of the children being more aware of the present moment, the world around them or their own feelings and thoughts.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 17th March

This will be a non-uniform day and children are welcome to choose their outfit for the day or to wear something red! In return we are suggesting a donation of £1 be brought in to school for Comic Relief.



Forest school - Wednesday 22nd March

IRS parents and carers are invited to join in from 1.30pm. Please wrap up warm and dress to be outside for the afternoon in any weather!

Reception Music Performance—Wednesday 29th March

Parents are invited to watch their child perform during a music lesson. RT parents are invited at 1.30pm and RC parents at 2pm. Each performance will last approximately 15 minutes.

Easter service at St James' Church - Thursday 30th March

The children will be visiting St James' Church at 2pm and parents and carers are welcome to attend. We recommended a maximum of 2 adults per child attend due to the space available. Children can be taken home straight from the church after the service but, if you aren't able to attend or your child attends Badgers then please don't worry we will walk them back to school. Any help walking the children to the church would also be greatly appreciated, so if you are able to help with this please can you let the class teacher know. Thank you.

Easter Activities and Bonnet Parade - Friday 31st March

Information to follow next week.

Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 27th of February is Week 2

Fri 17 Mar—PTA Mother's Day Pop up shop

Fri 17 Mar—Red nose day

Wed 22 Mar - 1RS Forest school with parents 1.30pm

Wed 29 Mar—Reception music performance for parents RT 1.30pm RC 2pm

Thu 30 Mar - Easter service St James' Church 2pm

Fri 31 Mar—Easter bonnet parade and coffee morning

Fri 31 Mar—Break up for Easter

Mon 17 Apr—Back to school

Mon 1 May—Bank holiday

Mon 8 May—Bank holiday

Thu 25 May—Break up for half term

Mon 5 Jun—Back to school

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore

