



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## Parent sessions

We hope that all of the parents and grandparents who have been able to join us for the class sessions have enjoyed spending time in school. The children have loved showcasing what they have been doing in school.





## End of the first half term

The first 8 weeks of the school year have flown by, and the children are all now nicely settled into their new year groups and classes. Many events have taken place this half term already including:

- Parents visiting over the last couple of weeks to work with the children
- Reception classes visiting Packington Farm
- Rev Andy leading an assembly about Harvest
- English and Reception curriculum evenings for parents
- Year 2 have been learning to play the recorder
- 1SB and 2W have enjoyed their first half term fun in forest school.
- Year 1 have enjoyed a walk around Barton for their geography.
- A very, very busy open day for prospective families starting in September 2024
- The Halloween party

We hope that everyone enjoys a well deserved half term break. We look forward to hearing all about it when the children return. **Please remember that Monday 6th November is an INSET day—the children return on Tuesday 7th November.**

Below are some photographs of 1SB enjoying some marshmallow toasting as part of their last session yesterday,





## PTA Halloween Events

It was wonderful this morning to watch the children come through the gate dressed in their Halloween outfits with their pumpkins. Thank you for everyone who took part— Mrs Robinson from the school office said that judging was very tricky, but well done to Lillianna, Ella, Christopher, Charlie, Riley and Aemilia. A special well done mention to Luna for her very creative entry!





## After half term

**2W** and **1SB** have now finished their first half term of Forest School sessions—after half term **2W** will be doing PE on a Tuesday afternoon and **1SB** will be doing PE on a Thursday afternoon. Please can children come to school on these days wearing their appropriate PE kit.

**2MS** will be doing forest school on a Tuesday and **1L** will be doing forest school on a Thursday after half term. Children will need to wear suitable warm clothing (arms and legs must be covered please) and bring wellies with them for changing into. Children are welcome to bring more layers or waterproof clothing to change into before the session but please ensure that everything is well named. The forest school area can be very muddy so please don't send in any 'best' clothes or things you don't want getting dirty.

## Cut your carbon

Please can completed Cut Your Carbon forms be returned to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



## Burton Hope

Thank you to everyone that brought in donations for the Burton Hope charity helping local families and individuals in the area.



## Messages from Reverend Andy

WoW continues over half term and families with older children are very welcome to join us; at St James' Barton on Wednesday or at Tatenhill village hall on Thursday morning - 9:15 to 11am. Chat, play, refreshments and informal worship (Songs, Stories and Prayers).

Light Factory at the Methodist Chapel, a group for Primary aged children happens on the first Friday of each month 6pm to 7:30pm (Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov) All welcome.

Join us for our Autumn Sunday Sesh (*WoW Goes Large*) on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2:30 to 4pm at St James' Barton. Activities, craft, games, refreshments and informal worship for all, no matter what age or shoe size, with an Autumn theme. There will be Conkers!!



## Lunch Menu

Please see attached the new menu which will be available after half term.

## School council

We are delighted to introduce our new school council for this year. They had their first meeting yesterday and have been given the task of finding out from their friends what other games and activities they would like to see out on the playground at playtimes and lunchtimes. We will then take the most popular suggestions to the PTA—who we have heard might have a little pot of money to spend! Well done to Poppy, Hugo, Ben M, Marcie, Ben T, Eliza, Nixon, Astrid, Olivia and Noah who will be representing their class this year.



## PTA News

Happy half term everyone! After such a busy term, we all hope you enjoy your break.

After a really well received Halloween Trail in 2022, we have repeated the same in 2023. We welcome you to have a wonder around the village with your children and find letters to complete a Halloween phrase. The trail is FREE and the community businesses approached are really pleased to support our school TRIS ☐



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**October HALF TERM FUN: FREE Halloween Trail throughout the village!**

**CALLING ALL MONSTERS!** You are invited to join us for a FREE Halloween trail around the village. Just follow the map in the attached email to find clues to complete the letters, it's as simple as that. Trail runs from 28th October - 6th November as some friendly fun and activity to do.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7-9:30pm: TRIS PTA Christmas Wreath making**

Book online on the below link to come and join us for some festive Social fun led by an incredible Lichfield based Florist.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMLP6z6kQzSkT1ywI3gJyQ2JPQTEmdSLbwmnpqtKCnw7hB7g/viewform>



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3:15 -5pm: TRIS PTA Christmas Fair**

**Volunteer ask:** We need your support please to pull this off - please can you consider volunteering for at least a 30 minute slot (your child is welcome to help you) to allow the event to go ahead. More information on how to sign up for this will follow after half term.

**Bottle Tombola donations:** We have been busy already planning the popular bottle tombola, festive games and the raffle! Please start to consider if you will be able to donate bottle(s) for the tombola (more details post half term)

**Raffle donations:** If you have a business and you would like to donate a prize for the raffle to support all our children and future generations at TRIS, please do get in touch by speaking to one of the PTA team or email [thomasrussellpta@gmail.com](mailto:thomasrussellpta@gmail.com).

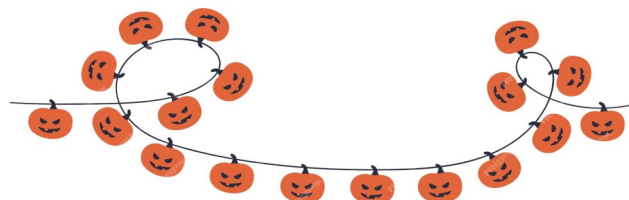
*Raffle prize ideas such as practical item, hamper, shopping voucher, cash prize as examples.*

We know this is a magical event for young and old, really enjoying making those precious memories together, raising awareness for businesses within our school community and raising incredible funds for the school towards events throughout the year. A real full circle benefit for all, so every element of contribution is truly appreciated - thank you!

### Halloween Disco:

Finally we hope all the children have fun today in their fancy dress, and those who were able to join in the pumpkin competition and/or the Halloween disco have all have the most amazing day together! Big thank you again for all our volunteers who helped today!

Happy half term all!







### Stars of the week



1L - Vaughan, Emily, Louis, Christopher, Charlotte, Reuben, Alice, Jacob  
For excellent co-operation when writing a shared sentence in English



### Dates for your Diary

*Lunch menu from Monday 23rd October will be Week 2*

**Mon 6th Nov** - Inset day.

**Tue 7th Nov** - School reopens.

**Thu 16th Nov** - Y2 trip to the NMA

**Fri 17th Nov** - Children in Need non-uniform day

**Wed 29th Nov**- Pantomime in school

**Thur 30th Nov**—PTA wreath making workshop

**Fri 1st Dec**—PTA Non uniform day—bottle donation

**Thurs 7th Dec**—PTA Christmas Fair

**Fri 8th Dec** - Christmas jumper day

**Wed 13th Dec** - Reception Christmas play to parents 2.00pm

**Thu 14th Dec** - Y2 Christmas play to parents 2.00pm

**Mon 18th Dec** - Y2 Music performance to parents 1.30pm & 2.10pm

**Tue 19th Dec** - JTMAT Christmas concert

**Wed 20th Dec** - Y1 Christmas play to parents 2.00pm

**Thu 21st Dec** - Christmas lunch

**Fri 22nd Dec** - Last day of term

**Mon 8th Jan** - Back to school first day of term

*Have a lovely half term break*

*Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore*