

THOMAS FAIRCHILD

NEWSLETTER



Friday 6th February 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Families,

While the weather may be grey and drizzly, the learning inside our school has been anything but! It has been a fantastic term so far, filled with energy and progress.

Our new topics have truly taken off, and it was a joy to see so many of you at our 'Come Learn with Me' sessions and Reading Teas. Thank you for such a brilliant turnout; your involvement makes a world of difference to the children.

A huge thank you also for your support with our punctuality drive - our 'Swift Starts'. Seeing the children in class and ready for the day from 8:55am ensures they don't miss a second of vital learning. Your effort in making these Swift Starts happen is much appreciated.

Our recent trips have been a resounding success! From riding the Thames Clipper to exploring the Natural History Museum, the children have been fantastic explorers. We have more exciting trips coming up next week, so please check trip letters for all the details.

Thank you for a wonderful term so far.

-Mr Matt Trahair



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 9th February** - Year 5 Walthamstow Wetlands trip, 9.00am
- Tuesday 10th February** - Year 4 Come Learn With Me, 9.00am, Year 2 Hackney City Farm trip, 12.15pm
- Thursday 12th February** - Year 3 Epping Forest trip, 9.00, Year 5 & 6 Family Digital Safety Session
- Friday 13th February** - Valentines Day Cake Sale, 3.30pm
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February** - **Half term, School closed**
- Tuesday 24th February** - Year 3 Come Learn With Me, 9.00am, Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event Hackney Downs 12.00pm
- Thursday 26th February** - Nursery, Reception, Year 1,2,3 & 4 Family Digital Safety Session
- Friday 27th February** - Nursery and Reception Family Friday, 3.00pm
- Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March** - Year 5 Bikeability and Cycle Training
- Wednesday 4th March** - Year 3 & 4 Come Dine With Me, 12.30pm
- Friday 6th March** - Year 4 Reading Tea, 3.00pm
- Monday 9th March** - Year 4 London Symphony Orchestra workshops
- Tuesday 10th March** - Year 2 Come Learn With Me, 9.00am, Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event Hackney Downs, 12.00pm
- Thursday 12th March** - Family Attendance Coffee Morning, 9.00am
- Friday 13th March** - Year 5 Reading Tea, 3.00pm

ABSENCE ADVICE

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone school everyday before 9.00am to let us know. We have to follow the NHS guidance when logging the absences. The NHS encourages children to be in school if they are well enough to participate in school activities, even if they need Calpol in the morning to alleviate their symptoms. Authorised reasons for absence are high fevers which do not respond to medicine and vomiting/diarrhoea. Thank you for all your support with children's attendance at school.

SPRING 2 CLUBS



Our fabulous Spring 2 timetable and sign-up information will be coming home next week. After school clubs will be available to book from 4.00pm on Monday! EXCITING!

-Ms. Bev Dickinson



ATTENDANCE FIGURES



Our aim for each class is at least 96% attendance. This term's attendance figures so far are:

Nursery AM	- 90%
Nursery PM	- 93%
Nursery full time	- 87%
Reception	- 88%
Year 1	- 91%
Year 2	- 92%
Year 3	- 95%
Year 4	- 91%
Year 5	- 93%
Year 6	- 94%

**MOMENTS MATTER,
ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

-Ms. Sophie Medhurst





Swift Starts!

We are incredibly proud to share the phenomenal success of our new 'Swift Starts' focus here at Thomas Fairchild! There is a wonderful buzz in our corridors as children across all year groups demonstrate a commitment to arriving at every lesson on time, and ready to learn. These prompt starts have created a calm, purposeful atmosphere where teachers can dive straight into the day's activities without delay. It is wonderful to see our children taking such pride in their routines and their education. Keep up the amazing work Thomas Fairchild!



WE CAN DO IT



Bake Sale Alert!

Valentine's Bake Sale
 Friday 13th February
 3.30pm
 Playground

Come join us for some tasty treats!

See you there!

Donations needed if possible!
 Please bake (or buy) treats to share and drop off at the school office on the day!

Cakes, Cookies, Donuts, Cupcakes, Popcorn - please be mindful of our children with allergies
 No Nuts or Sesame Seeds

Year 6 and Junior Citizenship

Today, our Year 6 children took part in the TfL Junior Citizenship event. They explored how to stay safe when travelling, what to do in emergencies and how to make good choices as they grow more independent.

The children were so enthusiastic and listened carefully to all of the guidance. It was a fun, interactive and valuable experience for all!



Year 5 families:
 spaces available for
 the October 2026
 Year 6 residential to
 PGL Liddington –
 more information
 coming home!

STAY SAFE