

THOMAS FAIRCHILD

NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Friday 25th September 2026



We have been so thrilled to welcome back our families and children after the summer break. Our favourite time of day is seeing everyone come through the school gates ready to bring our building to life! The children have had a fantastic start to the term, settling into their new classrooms and routines. We have been very proud of the can do attitude they have demonstrated as they have taken their first steps into their new curriculum objectives.

The title Community School is a core value at Thomas Fairchild and this week we launch our first Community events of the school year including our Come Learn with Me sessions and our Reading Tea events. These events are a wonderful way to bring our families inside the classroom to nurture the interests and celebrate the achievements of our young learners. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

READING FOR PLEASURE



Reading for pleasure helps children's brains develop and boosts their happiness. When kids pick books they like, they naturally learn new words which support school progress!

Reading also builds a strong imagination and helps children understand others' feelings. Diving into a good story is a simple way for kids to relax and lower stress. With all of these wonderful benefits, we encourage all children to bring a book to school every day and read for at least 20 minutes at home. We invite parents to partner with us in instilling these lifelong habits, so together we can help our children thrive both in and out of the classroom.



LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hackney Foodbank is hosting a free Open Day on Saturday 26th September (10am and 3pm) for games, a bouncy castle, crafts and a cake sale.

It is at Wally Foster Community Centre.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We aspire for every child to be in school every day! We know consistent and punctual attendance has a lasting and positive impact!

Our aim for each class is at least 96% attendance. Last week's attendance figures were:

Nursery	90%
Reception	90%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	93%



MEET OUR THOMAS FAIRCHILD LEADERSHIP TEAM

Miss Medhurst joined New Wave Federation in September 2016, spending the last five years at Thomas Fairchild.

"It is a privilege to be the new acting Headteacher at Thomas Fairchild. As a familiar face, you will know my passion for working in partnership with families to ensure every child is happy and thriving, with access to the tools they need to succeed and reach their full potential no matter their journey."



Mrs Clarke joined New Wave Federation in September 2021 and has spent this time based at Woodberry Down, working in Upper Key Stage 2.

"I am delighted to work alongside two exceptional leaders who share my vision for Thomas Fairchild. I firmly believe every child can excel, and I look forward to helping bring out the very best in all our pupils."



Miss Alford joined New Wave Federation in September 2022, working predominantly in Thomas Fairchild, in the Early Years.

"I am very pleased to be back at Thomas Fairchild and taking a new role within the school. I will be working closely with our EYFS team and our whole school learners who require additional support and their families. I take great care in supporting all children to achieve success at school and creating an inclusive environment"



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has welcomed the new leadership team with warmth and positivity!

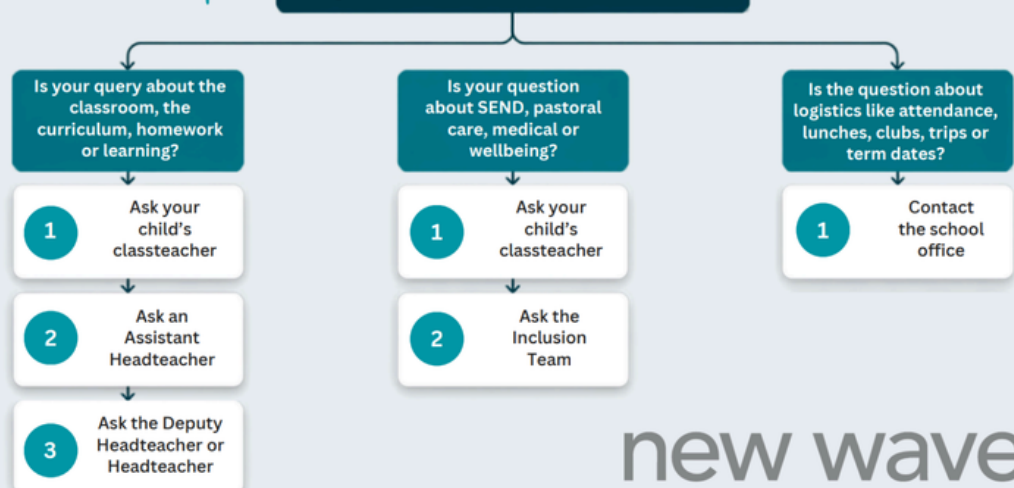
HAVE YOU GOT A QUESTION?

WHO DO YOU TALK TO?



Families

**Have you got a query?
Want to know who to ask?**



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