



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Bedtime story night

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Bedtime Story Night last Friday. There was a lovely cosy feeling in school as we welcomed everyone back to enjoy some stories together. It was lovely to watch everyone snuggle under blankets and make themselves comfortable! The evening was finished off with hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits before a last bedtime story together.



Dates for your Diary

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| Wed 25 Mar | Y1 music performance for parents
- 1F 1.30-1.50 and 1P 2.00-2.20 |
| Fri 27 Mar | Y1 trip to Rosliston |
| Tue 31 Mar | Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Wed 1 Apr | RM parents Forest School session 1.30 |
| Thu 2 April | Easter church service |
| Fri 3 Apr | Break up for Easter |
| Mon 20 Apr | Back to school |
| Wed 6 May | Y2 trip to Tamworth Castle |
| Fri 8 May | Early May Bank Holiday |
| Fri 22 May | Break up for half-term |

ROAD WORKS—IMPORTANT!

As you will have seen from the signs outside school, major roadworks start on Monday. There will be three weeks of four-way traffic lights, followed by two weeks of complete closure (fortunately over the Easter holidays). We would urge you to walk to school if at all possible, and if not, park well away from the roadworks area and walk the last part of your journey. Please also allow extra time for your journey. Thank you.



Star of the week

Thommas Fossett

Monika Bateman-Hopson

Franco Kaleja

Lola Boulter

Elijah Russell

Qunain Rahouff

Aria Garside

Harry Gwynn



Barton Library

This half term, all the classes are having the opportunity to visit Barton Library. It is a chance for all the children to see the fantastic books that are available, as well as sign up to become a member and take books home with them. To make things even easier for parents, there will be a box in the school reception where library books can be returned which will be collected half-termly, so feel free to have a hunt around the house and bring back any Barton Library books which have been lurking around for a while! Barton Library is a fantastic resource run by volunteers and they are delighted to be creating a close link with the school.



Coronavirus—update

We are currently following local and national government guidelines to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. As emailed out earlier in the week, the children are being encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently, and staff are following appropriate hygiene routines in school.

Please do ensure you read the attachment today as this gives the most recent updates from yesterday in greater detail.

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline on 0800 046 8687, or email: DfE.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk. Opening hours are 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

The NHS website has lots of information about the symptoms of the illness and how it is spread—go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Parents can register to receive the latest county council Coronavirus updates using the following [link](#) (control + click to follow link). Parents can also sign up for the county council [school closure alerts](#).

Wellbeing



**FREE NHS Health Check event @ Barton Village Hall
Sunday 15th March 10 -4pm for people aged 40-74 ,
Not had a Health Check in the last 5 years and do not
have long term cardiovascular conditions.
Call to book 03330050095**

PTA News

Happy Friday everyone :)

Next Friday is the Mother's Day Pop Up Shop

ALL children will have the opportunity to explore the shop and pick a gift for someone special. We would like to kindly ask that the children bring a suggested £2 donation on the morning of the 20th March and hand it to their class teacher.

50/50 winner for February was Sian Lockwood!

Don't forget there is still time to bring in some loose change for the Change Challenge. Remember it's the most amount raised in £'s that will win the reward. On Thursday we did a count up for the **Change Challenge!** Here is how it's looking so far...

RR- £54.69

RM -£18.63 and a button, jewel and 2 francs!

1P - £57.11

1F - £36.36

2M - £22.71

2W - £27.79



Scooters

While we encourage children to come to school on their scooters can we please ask parents to ensure that they are still closely supervising their children, making sure they are riding them safely as we have had some near misses reported recently.

Sports Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated money today. We have raised a total of £146.46.

It was wonderful to see everyone in colourful sports clothing.



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer