



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## Road Safety Week and Safeguarding

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities we educate the children around all areas of safety. Next week we will be talking about Road Safety and how we can stay safe when walking or cycling to school. The children will also be discussing how the local road users could make Barton safer for their walk to school.

Brake, the road safety charity have lots of useful information for parents and carers on their website-

A child's safety will always be a top priority for any parent or carer. Keeping children safe near roads is vital because road traffic injuries are the biggest cause of death among young people worldwide, and six children are killed or seriously injured on roads every day in the UK. At Brake we believe that every child has the right to make safe and healthy journeys where they live, without fear of danger from traffic.

<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

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As children get older, they use roads in different ways. The website give simple advice on keeping children safe near roads, from birth to when they become independent road users. Whether you are travelling on foot, by car, by bike, or with a buggy or pushchair, it's vital to keep children as safe as possible near roads. Follow the links below to find out how. You'll also find top tips for how to follow road safety rules when on a trip or a holiday and how to ensure your child travels safely on trips organised by their school or nursery.

### **Brake's top tips for keeping children safe near roads**

Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads

Children under 8 should always cross roads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place

Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car

Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, they should keep to cycle paths away from motorised traffic

Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off



## Advice for parents and families | Brake

How to make safe and healthy journeys with children

[www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk)

### Blue Peter Reading Badge

Does your child love to read?

Then you could apply for a Blue Peter Book Badge. You can follow the link to apply online or use the form attached to this weeks newsletter for postal applications. The badge has been designed by famous illustrator Sir Quentin Blake. You have to be aged 5-15 to apply for the badge and answer a few questions about reading. It can take up to 12 weeks to receive your badge, so please be patient. We would love children to wear their badge to school to show their teacher, once they receive it.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



### The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner has launched The Big Ambition survey to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please follow this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

This survey is for all children aged 0-18, parents, carers / other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance.



### Can you help?

One of our focus areas in school this year is looking at how we promote British Values and Diversity. We have looked carefully at our assembly plan and the work that happens in the classroom around different faiths and celebrations. We now look at a wider range of religions and religious festivals and we ensure that we link aspects of our school curriculum to the fundamental British values

We are hoping our school community might be able to help us. If you feel that you would like to share aspects of your religion or religious festivals that you celebrate with our children then please get in touch. You may have artefacts or clothing that we could borrow to show the children and to help develop their understanding a little bit more.



## PTA News

There is loads happening in preparation for the up coming Christmas fair!! We are so excited to share our raffle prize list with you next week - very generously supported by parents and carers within our school community and local businesses. A big thank you to them! We have some amazing prizes including the very popular Drayton manor hotel overnight stay with access to the theme park, hampers, treatments and vouchers! We try to offer a varied selection of prizes so there is hopefully something in there for everyone! 2 raffle tickets will be issued in bookbags next week should you wish to purchase. Please note, you can buy as many tickets as you like and this is open to all friends and family so the more the merrier! All monies raised goes directly back to funding special things for our children in the school. **Cash only please due to gambling regulations we have to comply with! More details will be issued next week.**



Dates for the diary:

W/C 27th, 2 Christmas raffle tickets issued within bookbags (please return the tickets if you do not wish to buy)

Thursday 30th Dec - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Friday 1st Dec - Bottle donation in exchange for Non Uniform day

Thursday 7th Dec - CHRISTMAS FAIR!!

## Christmas is coming!

**Please take a look at the dates for your diary section as December is a busy month!**

Next week we are starting our festivities with a pantomime in school on Wednesday. We are very grateful to the PTA for funding this treat for the children and we know that everyone is looking forward to it.

**Christmas performances**—these will be ticketed and limited to two seats per family, to ensure everyone is safe and comfortable in the school hall. Tickets will go out in book bags in early December and please remember to bring them with you on the day to gain entry into school.

**Cards**—the Christmas post box will be in the library from the 4th of December ready for the children to begin posting their Christmas cards to their friends or staff. If the children wish to use the post box, then they need to **clearly write** the full name and class of the person they are sending the card to, on the envelope. Some Year 2 children will then have the responsibility of delivering the cards around to the classes.

**Christmas Jumper Day** - Friday 8th December - We are inviting children to support the "Save the children Christmas Jumper Day" appeal which is actually officially on the Thursday. Children can enjoy wearing their Christmassy jumper for the day. Donations are welcome but they are not essential.

**Sing-along**—the children will be having a traditional Christmas sing-along on the last day of term with their friends. We have heard that a special visitor may be passing through the village during the afternoon and stopping off for a visit to our school.....

We are very mindful that Christmas can be a tricky time of the year for some of our families with the added pressure on finances that it can bring. Please do speak to Mrs Moore or Mrs Burton if you are facing challenges, because we may be able to sign post you to additional support through agencies who we have access to. Any conversations held will be in the strictest confidence.



Stars of the week



RC - Ben for confidently sorting nocturnal and diurnal animals

RC- Emily for confidently creating dance moves

1SB - Abi for growing in confidence in Phonics



Dates for your Diary

*Lunch menu from Monday 30th November will be Week 3*

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

**Thurs 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 2MS at 1.30pm & 2W at 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 weekend*

*Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore*