



Thomas Russell Infants' School

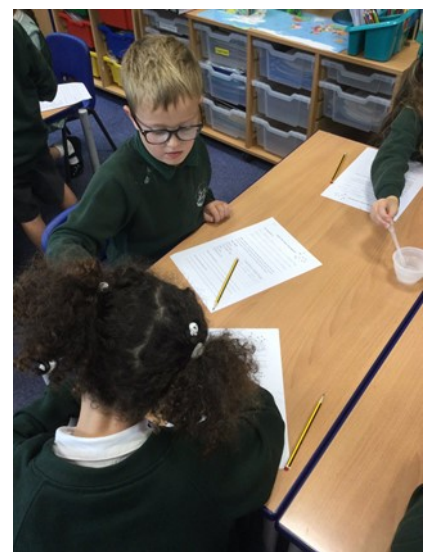
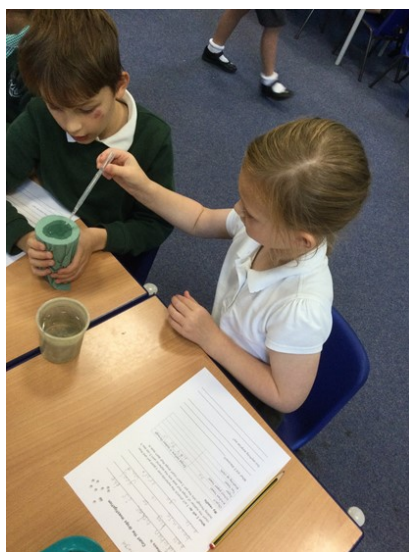
'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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It has been another busy week in school this week—it feels hard to believe that we are at the end of our third week of term already! This week Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore have been popping into lessons to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. We have seen some fantastic phonics lessons, great maths, computing and DT amongst lots of other things. There is a lovely 'learning' buzz around school.

Next week we have got our PTA coffee morning which they are linking with a Macmillan Coffee morning. It is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet other parents while enjoying a hot drink and piece of cake after you have dropped your child off for the day.

In this weeks newsletter you will also find information about our open day for children due to start school in September 2024. Please pass on the information to anyone who you know has got a child due to start so that they don't miss the opportunity to come and have a look around.



Music at Thomas Russell

We are lucky to have such a wonderful Music curriculum offer at our school. We would like to thank the Tipper family from Tippers Builders Merchants, who have made a donation to school to cover the costs of our external music provision again this year. They have been providing us with this for a number of years and it has enabled our Music provision to go from strength to strength. This donation enables all year groups to access whole class music lessons for a term, run by a qualified music teacher from the Entrust Music Service Staffordshire. We welcome Mrs Glover this year who has already started teaching the Year 2 children how to play the recorder. Year 1 will get the opportunity to learn how to play the glockenspiel in the Spring term and Reception will be focusing on untuned percussion in the Summer term. All children will have the opportunity to perform and showcase their learning at the end of their teaching block. Please keep a look out for the dates for the Year 2 performance which will be in December.





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**Do you have a child due to start school
in September 2024?**

Come and visit our
OPEN DAY!

**Wednesday 18th
October 2023**

**Pre-booked tours and talks
start at 9.30am and 1.30pm**

**Please call 01283 247930 or
email tri-office@tri.jtmat.co.uk
to book a space**

**Children are welcome to
join you!**



"Children get off to a very good start in Early Years. Highly skilled staff engage children with activities that develop their interests and promote independence." Ofsted July 2023

Thomas Russell Infants School, Station Road, Barton-Under-Needwood,
Burton on Trent, Staffs, DE13 8DS.



School photographs

Individual photographs are being taken on Wednesday morning. Doors open at 8.30 if you wish to have siblings that are not at this school photographed together. If there are older siblings then please let the relevant school know if your child may be late as a result of having photographs taken. Siblings already at this school will have their photographs taken during the normal school day. Please note 8.30 is the earliest the photographer is able to start.

PTA News

The PTA would like to welcome all the children back to school, especially reception and any new starters joining Thomas Russell. We hope you have settled in well over the last couple of weeks.

We will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday, 29th September, from 9 a.m. in the school hall for anyone to pop along to once they have dropped their children off at school. This year the PTA will be linking the coffee morning with Macmillan Coffee mornings and donating some of the money raised to them. It would be brilliant to see everyone come along so that new parents can get to know each other or existing parents can just enjoy a catch up. It will also give you an opportunity to meet us to find out what the purpose of the PTA is and what we do. We will be able to tell you where and what the money we raise goes towards, events coming up and how you can help going forward.



Donations of cakes on the morning would be very welcome!

Attendance

Evidence shows pupils with excellent school attendance are more likely to reach higher standards of achievement and be at less risk of exposure to crime and other safeguarding risks in their later lives. Excellent attendance is a learned behaviour. Therefore, we place equal importance on high attendance and excellent punctuality for all our pupils, including those who are below statutory school age.

We are required to carefully monitor the attendance and punctuality of all children and will be looking at how we celebrate excellent attendance. We do also have to follow procedure if attendance or punctuality begins to dip and will send home letters to advise parents of any concerns we may have.

Arriving on time in the morning helps children to settle into the day with their peers and be a part of the early morning class routine. If children arrive late, it can be disruptive to the whole class and can lead to the child feeling anxious.

We welcome your support with helping your child to be on time every morning to give them a good start to the day.

Stars of the week



2MS - Marcie, Billie, Violette and Amy for excellent co-operation in DT



Safeguarding

We aim to provide you with regular updates about safeguarding throughout the year. Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
 - preventing harm to children's health or development
 - ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes

This week we would like to direct you to some resources all about online safety. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. The UK safer internet centre has some great resources and tips to support your child/ren to use the internet safely. Please follow the link to find out more. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

The JTMAT safeguarding policy and our school procedures have been updated in line with the September changes to 'Keeping Children Safe In Education 2023' and can be found using the following links or can be viewed within the safeguarding section of our school website.

<https://jtmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/JTMAT-Safeguarding-Policy.pdf>

<https://www.thomasrussellinfants.co.uk/s/safeguarding-Procedure-23-24.pdf>

In addition to the above is our updated 'online safety procedures':

<https://www.thomasrussellinfants.co.uk/s/Online-Safety-Procedure-2023-d6gg.pdf>

Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 25th of September will be Week 1

Wednesday 27th September—School photographs: individual and family.

Friday 29th September—PTA/Macmillan coffee morning 9.00am.

Wednesday 4th October—Flu vaccinations.

Thursday 5th October—English information meeting for parents 6.30pm

Tuesday 10th October - Reception Early Years

Information evening for parents 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th October—Open day for 2024 intake.

Friday 27th October—School closes for half term.

Monday 6th November—Inset day.

Tuesday 7th November—School reopens.

Friday 17th November - Children in need non-uniform day

Wednesday 29th November - Pantomime in school

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore