



Our Place

Issue 3

Brand new offers...

At thomley we want you to come here as often as possible. We now have some brand new, fantastic offers that will hopefully make it cheaper for you and your friends to spend some time here.

Loyalty card

Pick up your loyalty card from reception. Get a stamp every time you visit for five visits, and we'll give you your sixth visit absolutely FREE.

Membership

We've always offered a membership to Thomley, giving you unlimited use of us throughout the year. All of our current members will receive an exclusive pack shortly and will also get the added bonus of receiving the activity planners a few days before everyone else. So not only are you saving money, but you get priority booking on activities and workshops.

Refer a friend

We've run our refer a friend scheme for three years now and every year more of you are bringing new users to Thomley. Thank you! You are enabling more families to get the much needed support that you are accessing regularly. When you refer someone to Thomley, make sure they put your name on their enrolment form. The person with the most referrals at the end of 2015 will receive a membership to Thomley for 2015.

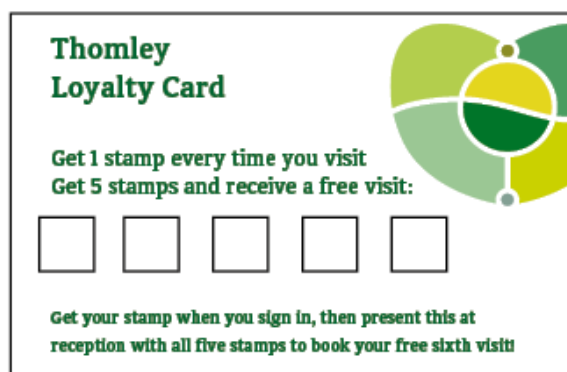
Facebook offers

Do you follow us on Facebook? If not, it may be worth it to take advantage of some great offers.



Here's an offer for you right now...

Bring a new family to Thomley with you on Saturday 13th June and you can have your visit absolutely free! Quote code 'Newsletter1' when you book in.



Launching our minibus service

Using our 16 seat, wheelchair-accessible minibus, we are launching a new transport service. Initially this will be for schools and groups unable to get to Thomley by other means.

The minibus will take a maximum of two wheelchairs and ultimately we hope to offer this service to families too, offering a pick-up service from key towns. We do not yet have a start date for this, but will keep you posted.

To keep costs down, we are seeking committed volunteer drivers. Please email Stan: stan@thomley.org.uk if you are interested, or call him on: 01844 338380 (Ext 103).

Open Day for Professionals

On Wednesday 1st July we will open our doors to professionals working with, or for, disabled people - teachers, carers, support group leaders, social care workers, or anyone who hasn't seen our site before. Come and have a tour of our fantastic facility and see what we have to offer.

After your tour you will have a chance to ask questions and will receive some special incentives to come back to Thomley, this time with the families, children or adults you work with.

To book your tour, email Joe: joe@thomley.org.uk
Morning tour: 11am
Afternoon tour 1:30pm

Wish list

At Thomley we try to keep our costs to a minimum. If there are any things on the list below you are able to donate, you'd be saving us money and we would be very grateful:

Plastic storage boxes	Wild flower seeds
Sewing needles, thread & embroidery hoops	Small mosaic tiles
Clear plastic bottles	Single fitted bed sheets
Cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls)	Blankets
Sand-pit toys	Single bed mattresses
X box games & controllers	Clothes, age 8yrs to adult
Minecraft, Warhammer, Mario, Adventure time, Phineas & Pherb, Transformers and Harry potter toy characters	Old typewriter
Old kitchen utensils	Large digital clock
Metal teapot	Large egg timer
Pots and pans	Glass jars with lids
Old toaster	Shelving
Bright coloured decorative cushions	Metal / plastic cups
	Jelly moulds
	Hanging wicker baskets
	Large pestle and mortar
	Baking trays, cake tins etc.
	Cardboard boxes – large and medium
	Bowls, egg cups, plates

Book now

Remember that booking is essential. Please email Courtney: bookings@thomley.org.uk or call her on: 01844 338380.

Some families are forgetting to book, it's important we know how many people are due each day so we have enough staff to cover the bookings.

We are now taking bookings for **May half term, Saturdays, preschool days, adult days and Youth Club for June and July.**

For the details of all upcoming activities, see our activity planner. And teenagers, don't forget to see what's on offer for you in your very own planner.

Upcoming workshops...



Lionel the train

Tuesday 26th May - afternoon

Friday 29th May - 11:30am

Saturday 6th June

Lionel was so popular in Easter, so he's refueling and planning his route for his next three outings. Lionel departs from the Thomley station (by the music room) on the above dates.



Chinnor Rugby Club Workshop

Friday 29th May - 1:30pm-2:30pm

Chinnor Rugby Club will be providing a rugby workshop for all our visitors. A fantastic opportunity for physical activity.

Twistina - the balloon workshop

Saturday 6th June - 1:00pm-3:00pm

Twistina specialises exclusively in the art of balloon twisting. She isn't a clown or magician, though she is often told she works magic with her balloons!



Camping - Friday 3rd - Saturday 4th July

Join us from 4pm on the Friday and experience Thomley camping. Always popular and it's our last one in 2015, so don't miss it.

Saturday 18th July - Family Fun Day

Save the date! This year you've chosen the theme 'Time Traveller's Ball'.

Who will you come as?

Our next Newsletter will detail all the activities planned for this day.

A message from our Centre Manager

The Easter holidays hopped by. Our thanks to the 460 of you that visited and made it so much fun.

Our theme was all about the universe and some of the activities you really loved were lava lamp making, doodling on the moon, planet splatter painting and jet pack construction. Workshops you also thought were awesome included the gaming wagon, drumming and golf, to name a few. 45 of you took part in the physical activities we planned, enjoying football, parachute games, bike races and golf. And not forgetting the 29 of you that had a go at our cooking activities too.

This year so far has been a real adventure and we've loved sharing it with you – as Danielle said "It's the best place on Earth to come to" and with that kind of stella review we can only get excited about what's to come during the rest of 2015!

Look out for our holiday planner where we've got days for careers and professionals to look forward to.

See you all soon

Hayley



Sensory Garden

Calling all budding gardeners and their families...

We need any herbs, vegetable seeds, wild-flower seeds or cuttings (heavily scented and non-toxic please!), or any fencing that you may have spare.

Also, if you know someone who works for a garden company that could help with our sensory garden we would love to hear from you.

And if you are green fingered and wish to help us out in the hortic area on a regular basis, please email Hayley: hayley@thomley.org.uk

Cancellations

83 visitors had to cancel over Easter – Parents and carers, please remember to let us know as soon as possible if you can no longer make your booking.

We have a waiting list for each day and would love to offer any available spaces to these people before they make alternative plans.



Upcoming events...



Zemsports are holding a charity golf day for Thomley at Radley College Golf Club on Thursday 27th August 2015. Tee off at 2PM.

Half price entry for our visitors and friends of Thomley: £30 per person or £80 for a team of four. Ticket includes refreshments, BBQ and competitions throughout the day. Family welcome.

To book or for more information, please email: inbox@zemsports.com or call Mark on 07861 885761

Our amazing supporter George Anderson (the chap who ran ten consecutive marathons for us last year) will be holding a charity Boot Camp session in aid of Thomley on Sunday 17th May.

The Boot Camp will start at our centre at 2:30pm with a brief word about the charity followed by a twenty-minute talk on nutrition before the exercise session which will take place on our playing field.

More information is on our Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1432829630363401/>

If you would like to book a place, please email: harriet@thomley.org.uk

If you would like to find out more about George's next challenge, he will be writing about it on his blog: www.runningbygeorge.com details of how to sponsor him will be posted on here soon.

