

# Our Place

## Issue 18



# Upcoming Workshops...

## Christmas opening at Thomley...

Historically Thomley has either not opened or only opened a few days over Christmas. This year we are open more than ever before.

You will see from our activity planners we are open from 20th December and close only for 24th, 25th, 31st Dec and 1st January.

We are also open the first week of 2018 on the 2nd and 3rd, where a lot of schools are going back on different dates! If you're stuck for something to do, give us a call!



We have also introduced a Christmas Disco for the first time ever and carried on with our annual Christmas party where you will get the chance to meet Santa and if you're lucky get a present! Further details on the activity planner.

### A1 Martial Arts Club

Every Saturday in December & January (except Saturday 30th Dec)

A fantastic opportunity to access a club fully accepting of all abilities.

### Christmas Party

16th December

Our annual Christmas party gives you the chance to meet Santa, make festive goodies and generally experience a Thomley Christmas!

### Lego workshops

2nd December & 13th January

Join Adam our 'Lego Expert' in his Lego workshops. 2nd December will be Christmas themed Lego!

### Sumo suits!

20th December & 3rd January

Just how strong are you? Try out our new Sumo suits. Can you be the king of the Sumo?

### Soundabout music sessions

20th January

Soundabout are back in 2018 at Thomley, book your sessions in advance as they are very popular!

### Giant Bubbles

28th Dec, 6th & 27th January

Make human-sized bubbles...And yes Mum and Dad, you can play too!





## October half term fun...

Wow! It's another record-breaking half term at Thomley, as over 500 young people came to play.

For the first time ever we were open for all seven days of half term PLUS an evening! Another smashed record was the amount of pumpkins carved throughout the week, with some truly brilliant designs. Well done to all of you who took part!



**Trunk or Treat was a huge success! Every family made so much effort, decorating the trunk of their car and displaying them for all to see.**

There were also some wonderful outfits on show and a special thanks to the 'volunteers' who got called up 'on stage' with the incredible magician Jay - very entertaining!

A great night that we will certainly provide again in 2018!



## How was your day in half term?

It's always good to hear how we did, if you had fun, and what we can improve to make your visits even better. Did you come in October half term? If so, please give us a minute of your time, tell us your thoughts:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TodayInOctoberHalfTerm>

## Welcome Paul Lawrence...

Paul joined Thomley in September 2018 as Head of Fundraising, and he had this to say on joining the team:

*"My whole career has been spent in the voluntary sector, and I have been fortunate to have been CEO of three amazing charities prior to joining, which were the Oxfordshire Association for Young People, Pets as Therapy and most recently, The Feathers Association.*

*I am keen to develop a range of fundraising opportunities that will not only bring in the much needed funds into Thomley, but we will also create some wonderful opportunities for everyone to be part of team Thomley. Further news on this to follow"*



## Welcome to Julie Lunn...

**Julie joined the team in October this year as our new site cleaner. You may see her towards the end of your day at Thomley, as she will be trying to get the site nice and clean ready for our next set of visitors! Make sure you say hello to her when you see her. She had this to add:**

*"I'm already enjoying being part of the team at Thomley, and it's great to make a difference by ensuring our site is super clean and ready for all you visitors. I look forward to meeting lots of you over the coming months."*





# Christmas Market

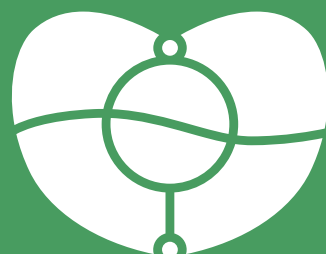
*25th November, 10am - 3pm*

Join us for our very popular Christmas Market, where you can shop for your Christmas goodies and eat lovely festive food whilst the kids can play! There will also be the famous Christmas raffle and Santas Grotto will be available to book on the day!



*Where are we?*

Thomley, Menmarsh  
Road, Worminghall,  
HP189JZ



# Thomley

# Join us for Thomley's Christmas Disco...

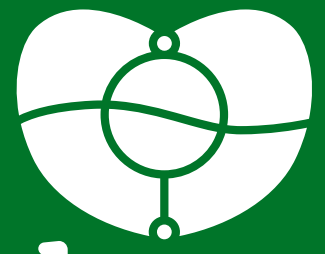


*Friday 15th December, 5:30pm-7:30pm*



**Our first official Disco is being brought to you by DJ Scully, who will have a great selection of Christmas (and other) tunes...**

Our disco is for people of all ages and all abilities. Dance, sing, socialise or just enjoy the lights! However the disco works for you is fine by us!  
Food and drink available to buy on the night.  
£5 per young person to attend.



**Please book:  
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