

# Our Place

## Issue 19



### February half term fun...

**We are now taking bookings for all of our February and March activities including February half term.**

We are expecting half term to be very busy, so we're opening on the Sunday before and after the one-week holiday to try and give some quieter days for those in need.

Have a look at the online calendar or find the downloadable version for the full range of activities and opening times during the half term.

During half term a member of staff may be going round asking families a question or two about their day at

Thomley or general questions about the Thomley service. If you don't want to take part that's absolutely fine and we won't pressure anyone to do so, but anyone that is willing, we would of course appreciate your feedback.



# Upcoming Workshops...

## Giant bubbles

**Sat 3rd, Fri 16th & Sat 24th February**  
Who can make the largest bubble??

## Sumo Suits

**Saturday 10th & Monday 12th February**

Sumo suits have been very popular so far! Challenge a member of Thomley staff or have a battle between the siblings! Great fun for all the family.

## Soundabout Music Sessions

**Saturday 10th February and Saturday 24th March**

Music sessions for all ages, please reserve your space when you make your Thomley booking.

## Animation workshop

**Tuesday 13th February**

Join a 'Mash up media' session of animation, using model figures, magazines and Ipads to make a group animation.

## Beat boxing & rapping workshop!

**Thursday 15th February**

Write and perform your own rap, as Nugent Education deliver this 2 hour workshop from 1-3pm!





# A December to remember!

**We've never opened more days over the Christmas break than we did this Christmas.**

Thanks to all of you who took advantage of the additional opening. There were over 300 young people able to get a much-needed Christmas run-around!



**We also had our first Disco just before Christmas, and what a success it was. The relaxed atmosphere ensured all of our young people let their hair down, danced and had 'Simply the best time ever'.**

Thanks go to DJ Scully and his mobile Disco for kindly doing the Disco and making it a really good first (of many) Thomley Discos.

We also wanted to thank Santa for travelling all the way to Thomley for our Christmas party. We can't imagine how stressful this must have been in the middle of your run up to Christmas. But it made many of our young people very happy. Here's four happy chappys after giving their Christmas wishes...

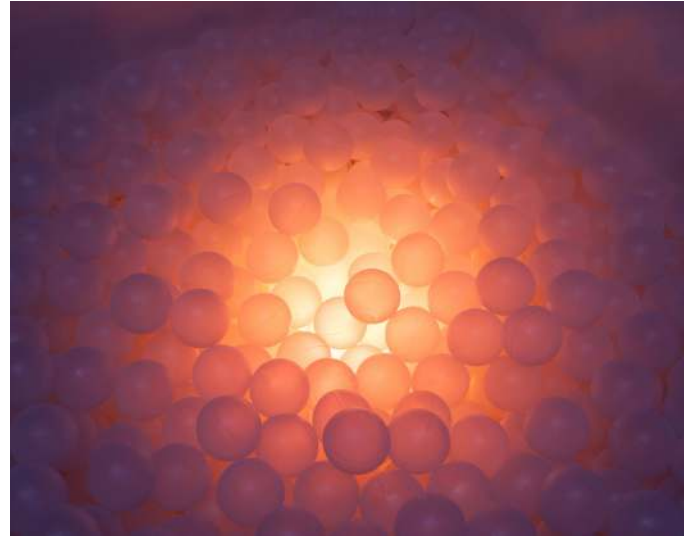


# Exciting site changes in 2018...

We added a lot to our service last year, including: trampolines, the wheelchair swing, the pavilion, the construction room and lots of new sports & gym equipment. Well this year we want to continue developing, and we will be adding several more exciting features to the site.

## A new sensory room...

We are so excited to add a brand new second sensory room to our site. This will be ready to go sometime in March and you can book in as you would for the current room. This means we can take double the amount of bookings, as we know the current one gets booked out so quickly. The new room will be a bit smaller, however all the equipment will be brand new...So exciting!



## An accessible additional soft play space for all ages...

We have mentioned previously about changing one of the play-rooms slightly, to offer an alternative soft play area for all ages. Also providing an accessible ball pit, as we are quite aware it can be difficult without hoist access in the current soft play.

We hope to also have this completed in March, but you will see changes from now until then.

**We will also be relocating the current games room, to accommodate the other room changes. This may have even happened before your next visit, but we apologise for this being out of use in the meantime.**

You will find the new games room between the construction room and the art room, where the doors are now all open and you can roam between all the rooms more easily.



# Pavilion menu changes...

The pavilion was such an amazing addition to our service in 2017. This year we will be developing our menu further, and here are a few bits you will see changing from the beginning of February.

## Breakfast option (served until 12pm):

- Bacon sandwich
- Beans on toast /  
Child's beans on toast
- Full English Breakfast  
(Sausage, bacon, egg,  
beans, tomato, toast  
and cup of tea)



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**Tea and Cake Card**

Get 1 stamp every time you buy  
5 stamps for a 6th tea & cake free!

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Get your stamp when you pay for your tea and cake.  
Present this card when you order your 6th tea and cake.

The logo for the Tea and Cake Card is a stylized circular emblem. It is divided into four quadrants by a white cross. The top-left and bottom-right quadrants are green, while the top-right and bottom-left quadrants are yellow. In the center of the cross is a small white circle.

You can continue to take advantage of our 'Hot Drink & Cake' loyalty card, get your loyalty card stamped every time you buy a hot drink and cake! Drink and eat five, and get your 6th for free! The home-made cakes are definitely worth it!

## Home-made sausage rolls (served all day):

Everyone loves sausage rolls! We will be making these fresh every morning, with lovely sausage meat from a local butchers.



# Join us for Burns Night...



*Friday 26th January, 5:30pm-7:30pm*

Burns Night is annually celebrated in Scotland and Thomley will be putting on a haggis pie, topped with neeps and tatties of course, plus various games and activities to take part in.

There will be a Nessy treasure hunt, a caber toss, art activities and other games to keep you busy either side of the meal....There is also cranachan for pudding if you can find space!



## Burns Night

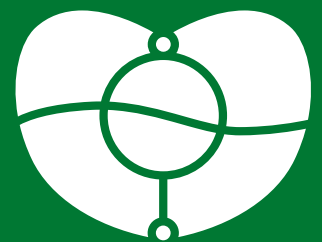
It is a recommended donation of £5 per young person to attend the evening, parents and carers are free.

Food is £3 per person for main course and £2 for pudding.

Please book by calling: 01844 338380

Or by emailing us:

[bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk)



# Thomley

# Paul Isaacs

## “Sensory Integration”

**Friday 9th February 5:30pm for a 6pm start**  
**£5 per person. Hot dogs, soup, cake & drinks available.**



Join us and listen to our Patron Paul talk about his personal experiences of Autism and specifically Sensory Integration. This talk is for parents, teachers and anyone looking for ways to understand and deal with common behaviours children and young people in their care may be experiencing.

**Booking is essential, email us on:**

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[www.thomley.org.uk/staff-vacancies/](http://www.thomley.org.uk/staff-vacancies/)



# **We are recruiting...**

## **Casual Play Staff**

**£7.05 per hour (under 25) £7.50 (over 25)**

**Shifts available for term time, evenings, weekends and school holidays**

**Thomley is a place for people of all abilities and we are based in Worminghall, just a short distance from Thame.**

Thomley require enthusiastic casual play staff to support our full time staff, delivering a fun and varied service to disabled children and adults of all abilities. You will help us set up the centre for the day, play with the children, support families and then tidy up ready for the next day.

The role is often popular with teaching assistants and students.

For the full job description, please visit:

[www.thomley.org.uk/staff-vacancies/](http://www.thomley.org.uk/staff-vacancies/)

**Closing date for applications: 31st January**

For any further information about the role please contact Joe:

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