

Our Place

Issue 26

A fun-filled February...

We had such a lovely week over half term. Thankfully the sun was shining most of the week so we were able to enjoy the outside activities too!

Sarah's Science was a massive hit, as of course was the Lego Robots (pictured), Flynn's Retro Gaming and the inflatable assault course!

We were also really pleased to see so many of you benefit from the visit of 'The Sensory Touch' on the Disability Family Day - they will be back at Easter for those that missed out!



As always your feedback is important to us, please take a minute to fill out this survey specifically about how half term was for you at Thomley:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ThomleyFebHalfTerm>

Upcoming Workshops...

Animalia animal workshop

Monday 8th April, 1-3pm

See a selection of rare and exotic animals up close and find out more about them.

Lionel the train

8th, 12th & 15th April

Lionel will be taking you on trips around the Thomley site throughout Easter!

NEW...Laser tag!

Tuesday 9th April

Try out our laser tag sets as you battle to be last in the game!

Bouncy Castle

Friday 12th April

The classic bouncy castle will be up for the day from 10am-2:30pm (weather permitting)

Birds of Prey workshop

Monday 15th April

A great chance to see and find out more about Birds of Prey!

Sarah's Adventures in Science!

Tuesday 16th April

Sarah will be exploring the volcano in a bottle!!

Inflatable Assault Course

Friday 19th April

The assault course is a firm favourite with visitors, can you make it to the end of the course?

Roast Dinner Day

Sunday 14th April

Join us for yummy roast chicken or vegetable option (photo right)

Spring Open Day

Saturday 4th May

SO MUCH to do on this day! See full details on the Spring Open Day poster.

Camping

Friday 24th May - Saturday 25th May

For full details see camping poster.



Thanks to Thame Crash Repair!

You may have noticed our popular bed swing has been out of action for a while. We apologise for this. Sometimes it is difficult to find the funds to repair things quickly.

We are really grateful to Thame Crash Repair, who kindly have fixed the frame by welding it together, free of charge. This has saved us a significant amount of money and means the swing will be back in use very soon!



Reminders to visitors...

We would like to remind visitors of a few things that really helps us or other visitors on the day of a visit. Thank you in advance for reading and helping us in the process. Please remember:

- * To book in before you come - and if you can no longer make it, just let us know so we can offer your spaces to others

- * That we open at 10am and close at 3:30pm - the time either side of this is to get the site ready for your visit / tidy up ready for the next day

- * To return any keys you have used for the sensory rooms / trampolines to reception. It costs us a lot of money over the year replacing these!

- * To not reserve tables in the pavilion, and once you are finished eating please move on so others can find a table for lunch

- * To supervise your children! Every visitor has different needs, so it's important to minimise risks and triggers

A few site changes...



You will see a slight change at reception at your next visit.

We've blocked off a little bit more space for us behind the desk and we've moved some more lockers around the corner so you still have plenty to use. (photo left).

We are steadily adding to our park / sensory garden area. Have a go on our new colourful xylophone which is near the new sensory arch.

Next up you may hear some wind chimes and see some nice sensory planters around the area too...Watch this space!



Photography day...

We were left frustrated as the wind and rain stopped our scheduled photography day at the beginning of March.

Apologies to those who had booked to come along, we hope to see you on our re-scheduled date on Sunday 28th April from 2-4pm.

Please make sure you book: bookings@thomley.org.uk



Mother's Day at Thomley

Sunday 31st
March,
12pm or 2pm



Come and join us for a lovely Mother's Day meal, where you can pre-book lasagne or carbonara which will be served with garlic bread, salads and followed by a pudding of pavlova or cheesecake. The site will be open to play between 11am and 3pm, but all attending must book for the meal.

Mother's Day is another day that some of our families struggle to celebrate. So take advantage of our accessible, familiar venue and celebrate it with us! Many of you may know Nikki (who works in the kitchen), she is a chef and will make you a lovely meal!

Join us on Sunday 31st March and book in for the 12pm or 2pm sitting, where we will serve the adults meal for £12. Children (up to 15) will also get a free meal after paying their entry donation of £6, £8 or £10 (children can have lasagne, carbonara, a plain pasta, or chicken nuggets and chips).

We will also be making cupcakes with the children and planting a little flower pot to take home as gifts for Mum.

Please book by calling:
01844 338380
Or by emailing us:
bookings@thomley.org.uk



A Thomley Roast Dinner!...

Sunday 14th April, 12pm or 2pm



Come and join us for a lovely roast dinner!

The site will be open to play between 11am and 3pm, but as the day is about the roast dinner we won't be taking bookings unless you are booking either of the lunch slots.

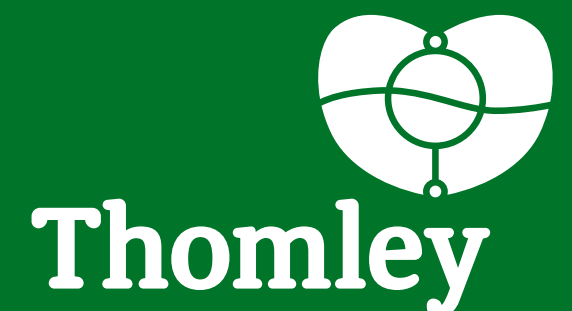
The normal menu will not be on offer on this day.

Why are we offering a day solely for this?

Several Thomley families have suggested that going out for one of the most pleasurable of dinners (a roast) can be quite a stressful and rare event which they would love to be able to do more often. Well we would like to give it a go and offer the disability friendly venue you have been looking for! Many of you may know Nikki (who works in the kitchen), she is a chef and makes a fantastic roast dinner!

Join us on Sunday 14th April and book in for the 12pm or 2pm sitting, where we will serve the adults a roast dinner and a pudding for £12. Children (up to 15) will get a free roast after paying their entry donation of £6, £8 or £10.

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Paul Isaacs

Autism Expert & Thomley Patron



Friday 26th April

“Life with Autism”

(For introductory parents, siblings, friends, teachers)

Friday 21st June

“Understanding the mechanics of Autism”

(Helping parents and children understand Autism)

Join us for an informal conference with Paul Isaacs in the Thomley Pavilion, arrive any time from 5:45pm for a 6:15pm start, it is £5 per person to attend the talk.

The soft play areas will be open for those wishing to bring their children, just £3 per child to come too! Hot dogs, cake and drinks are all available from the cafe to buy on the night.

Please share this with your contacts who may benefit from hearing Paul’s fantastic talk.

Booking is essential, email us on:
bookings@thomley.org.uk
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Thomley Spring Open Day



A chance to try us out for FREE, activities include:
*Live music - All day hot food - Ice Creams - ‘Random Mike’ entertainer
Lionel the train - Soft play areas - Giant bubbles - Face painting
Tug of war - Inflatable assault course - Archery - Sensory rooms
Football - Trampolines - Park - Sumo suits and LOTS more to see!*



Saturday 4th May 2019
10am-3pm

Free entry and booking is not necessary, everyone welcome. Join us at Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP189JZ for a fun-filled day of endless activities for children of all abilities.

A guaranteed good day for all the family!
Please note that our gates will not be locked on this day like they normally are

Camping at Thomley...

**Friday 24th May from 3:30pm
until Saturday 25th May at 3:30pm**

It is £10 per person, per night, to camp at Thomley. Arrive from 3:30pm on the Friday to pitch up. The cafe is open until 9pm and will re-open early on Saturday morning, where you can purchase snacks, drinks, dinner and breakfast. There will also be activities throughout your stay such as marshmallows around the fire-pit, archery and giant bubbles. The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy staying with us for longer than usual!

No disposable BBQs / fires are allowed and no hot food is to be brought on site by visitors.



Father's Day at Thomley...

**Sunday
16th June
12pm or 2pm**



Come and join us between 11am and 3pm for a Father's Day meal, where we will be doing a BBQ including home-made burgers, hot dogs, sticky ribs and salads.

Father's Day is another day that some of our families struggle to celebrate. So take advantage of our accessible, familiar venue and celebrate it with us! Many of you may know Nikki (who works in the kitchen), she is a chef and will grill up a great burger!

Join us on Sunday 16th June and book in for the 12pm or 2pm BBQ where we will serve the adults meal for £12. Children (up to 15) will also get a free meal after paying their entry donation of £6, £8 or £10 (children can have a hot dog and a burger plus unlimited salad).

We will also be having a game of Dads V Staff and kids football match for those wanting to join in! Please note, disabled families are still welcome to join us even if Dad may not be able to make it.

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