

# Our Place

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## October half term...

We are so excited to host our first short holiday since February half term.

We will be carving pumpkins throughout the week and will have some on sale. Please either reserve one or bring one of your own to be sure that you don't miss out.

The sensory rooms will be open and available to book, but please do so in advance as we still have to clean between each session, reducing the overall availability.

We are thrilled to be hosting Trunk or Treat again this October, plus opening on all nine days that the schools are off. Be sure to check the online calendar to see who each day is available to and all the activities.

Booking is absolutely essential. Anyone that has not booked will be turned away. Please remember that if you or someone in your household is ill to cancel your booking and do not attend Thomley.



## Upcoming workshops...

### Quiz night!

**Saturday 10th October - 5pm**

Our first quiz night! A couple of tables left - contact Amy to book: [amy@thomley.org.uk](mailto:amy@thomley.org.uk)

### Roast Dinner Day

**Sunday 11th October**

An amazing roast dinner at an accessible venue. Open from 11am-3pm to play, pre-book your dinner for 12pm or 2pm.

### Lego Day!

**Saturday 24th October**

For all you Lego fans out there!

### Cooking Skills

**Monday 26th October**

Our Children in Need cooking session returns. The whole process of cooking, from preparation to eating! Booking is essential.

### Lionel the Train

**26th and 29th October**

Roll up and ride on Lionel - did you notice he looks a little different?

### Pumpkin Carving

**Mon 26th - Sat 31st October**

We will be taking small groups and helping you to carve your pumpkins! Prize for the best design!

**PLUS more of the popular activities, including: Archery, football, laser tag, bubbles and lots more!**





# What to expect on your next Thomley visit...



**We have worked tirelessly to ensure our site is safe and compliant with Government guidelines ever since we re-opened in July.**

You will see on your next visit that there is a QR code at reception when you sign in. This is not optional and all visitors must scan the QR code with their phone before accessing our facilities to support the Government's track and trace system.

We have been keen to open as many of our rooms as soon as safely possible. This does however mean that some rooms will have to remain shut for the time being. From October 1st, the pavilion, games room, art room, teenage den and pool room will all re-open. These will all be cleaned very regularly throughout the day. There will be a clearly signed entry and exit door on all rooms, there will be a one-way system in the pavilion and limited tables available to eat at. These tables must be pre-booked in the October half term and on weekends. We have also added automatic sanitiser dispensers at the entrance to the cafe, the art room and both sensory rooms.

This does however mean that the soft play, play rooms, construction room, imagination room and mini-gym will remain closed. We know this is not ideal, however visitor and staff safety is our top priority.

We have also introduced a new online booking system where you can go directly onto the online calendar and book for a day. You will receive an automatic response confirming your booking. We ask that if you use this feature to book, please currently only do this for up to six people, unless your direct household is more than six, then this too is acceptable.

# Adult cooking club, social club & youth club have all re-started...

Thomley's social and skill based groups have seen so many friendships formed over the years so it is fantastic that we are able to get these safely started again.

Cooking club and social club have started again in September and will run once a month for adults with a disability. Youth club will start from October and is every other Thursday evening, for teenagers with a disability.



The groups all have a lovely dynamic, with some structured activities (that the young people contribute to planning themselves) and some free / social time to be able to discuss mutual interests, such as gaming, perhaps.

Parents and carers are expected to stay for all sessions, although with the youth club the parents or carers are based elsewhere on site and not directly supervising. To book in for any of our clubs, please contact us: [bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk) or 01844 338380.

## Follow us for updates...

**Be sure to keep visiting our Instagram and Facebook pages where you will find all the up to date information about opening, activities and everything Thomley:**

**Facebook:** @ThomleyPublic  
**Instagram:** @Thomley\_



# “Amazing Camping...”



**Thank you to all the families who joined us for two brilliant weekends of camping. There were lots of new families as well as regular campers, which was really pleasing to see!**

One of the new families said “It has been the most amazing camping experience. The pizzas, the staff, the bar, the facilities were all fantastic. It has been a life-changing two nights for us. Thank you”.

# Tedcenzo FC win the first Thomley tournament...



**Seven teams played in a friendly (but still very competitive!) tournament, consisting of local teams, Thomley families and even some Thomley staff.**

A fantastic day - the sun was shining, good football on display and we took roughly £1,000 in the process. Thanks to all who came and watched, took part and spent their Sunday afternoon with us. Congratulations to our winners Tedcenzo FC. Some familiar faces in here as some of the team are regular visitors and supporters of Thomley.

# The new sensory room...

**The sensory room has already received a huge amount of praise from the many visitors who have booked sessions since it's opening back in July.**

The impressive sensor floor technology in particular has been a firm favourite with visitors, be sure to try it for yourself to see what all the fuss is about!

We are continuing to offer sessions on weekdays, Saturdays and in the school holidays. Be sure to reserve a session when you book to come for the day, to avoid disappointment.



# The Christmas Market...



**Our Christmas Market is usually held at the end of November every year. It's always very popular, with many stalls and lots of guests coming to buy Christmas goodies.**

This year we are hoping to offer a much smaller version of the event, which will be ticketed (free) to restrict the numbers. This does mean that there would be a very limited number of stalls.

We will release details at some stage in November. Whatever happens, we will definitely go ahead with our Christmas raffle, which we know many of our families buy tickets for.



# Thank you for the support...

There are so many people to thank for their recent support. Including all of you who have donated money, contributed to events, donated equipment and goods or provided services for free. **THANK YOU!** Your support helps us to keep going through incredibly tough times. You are all super stars!

Just to mention a few names that have gone above and beyond in the last month:

- \* Stephen Southey for continued fundraising efforts
- \* Gemma Drewett for continued fundraising efforts
- \* Mike Boydell for several donations of equipment
- \* The Wall family for donating equipment
- \* Harrison Jacobs for providing free electrical services
- \* Blanchfords Scaffolding and Greenplant Wheatley for donating scaffold planks to make our new pizza oven stand
- \* Supporters of the Palety birthday party, who all donated to Thomley instead of giving gifts
- \* Amanda Potts for donating equipment for cooking club



## Fundraising events...

### Quiz Night!

**Saturday 10th October 2020**

Enter a team into the first Thomley Quiz Night. Only £30 per team of 6 to enter, food and bar available on the night too.

The bar will also be open!

**HURRY, SPACES RUNNING OUT**

### Thomley Race Night

**Saturday 14th November 2020**

Book up to 6 people per table and enjoy Thomley's very first race night! It's £5 per person, or £10 per person to include a hot food buffet for your table. The bar will also be open!



For any fundraising enquiry or ideas please contact us, we would love to hear from you: [fundraising@thomley.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@thomley.org.uk)

## Are you looking for office space?

Thomley will soon be renovating the upstairs office spaces at Thomley and will have four offices available to rent.

The rooms will have a modern feel with access to a shared meeting room, tea and coffee station and toilets. The on site cafe is also available to buy lunch from.

Being located near to the M40 and on our beautiful site, it's an ideal location for you or your business. The offices are due to be ready to move into from January 2021. For more information please contact our Operations Manager Joe: [joekitchen@thomley.org.uk](mailto:joekitchen@thomley.org.uk) / 01844 338380



## Support if you need it...

Lockdown has been tough for everyone, and after speaking with many of our families since re-opening we appreciate just how hard it has been for many of you. We wanted to share a paragraph from Buckinghamshire Mind, in case it is of benefit to some families:

"Buckinghamshire Mind is charity working to support and represent people with mental health problems living across the county by providing high quality services.

We all have mental health and mental health problems are a part of life. Our services find positive ways to make people feel valued and live well. We support our service users to live safe, purposeful and fulfilled lives in their communities. We believe in their recovery and we are hopeful about their future.

For more information, please visit: [www.bucksmind.org.uk](http://www.bucksmind.org.uk), call: 01494 463364 or email: [info@bucksmind.org.uk](mailto:info@bucksmind.org.uk)





# A Thomley Roast Dinner!

Sunday 11th October 12pm or 2pm

The art room, music room and outside areas will all be open from 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. We do provide a vegetarian alternative, so please let us know when you book.

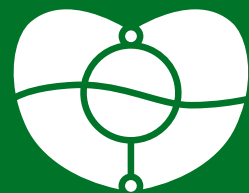


Several Thomley families have suggested that going out for one of the most pleasurable of dinners (a roast) can be quite a stressful and rare event which they would love to be able to do more often. Well we are offering the disability friendly venue you have been looking for! We will be observing social distancing measures in the pavilion on this day.

Join us on Sunday 11th October and book in for the 12pm or 2pm sitting. 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 £12.

We will be serving roast chicken, potatoes, vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and a chocolatey pudding!

Please book by calling:  
01844 338380  
Or by emailing us:  
[bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk)



# Thomley

# Trunk or Treat!

Saturday 24th October, from 5pm-8pm

We will be holding our fourth year of 'Trunk or Treat' after it has been such a hit the last few years. This trend started in America and we think it is a fantastic activity to bring to you as something accessible and different to the usual trick or treat! £6 per child / young person to attend

*A **HUGE** thanks goes to Chinnor Parish Council who kindly have funded the evening, enabling us to put this on again.*



The activity involves the trunk of your car being open and displaying treats, sometimes games, and decorations. Take a trip around our site and visit the trunks! You can still attend even if you don't want to decorate your own trunk.



We will be serving hot dogs, jacket potatoes with chili-con-carne and lots of cake from the pavilion. We will also be making Halloween slime, doing Halloween facepainting and Halloween story time!

**Dressing up is optional and there will be a prize for the best car boot and outfit on the evening!**

To book, email: [bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk) or call: 01844 338380



# Wish list

## Can you help?

There are a few items that we are looking for, can you help us by donating them? Or do you know someone that may be able to?

If you can tick anything off our wish list please get in touch:  
[enquiries@thomley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thomley.org.uk)

**Railway Sleepers**   **Sensory Plants**   **Lego**

**Water play toys**   **Go-karts**   **Bike helmets**



**Raised beds**   **Benches**   **A Playstation 4**

Alternatively you could select something from our Amazon Wish list which gets sent directly to Thomley in the post:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1C90936R6TX-YM?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_wl\\_dp\\_dfSERQYReVijx](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1C90936R6TX-YM?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_dfSERQYReVijx)

