

Our Place

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Camping Pods



Opening dates have been announced for our camping pods, which you will see are now being constructed onto their bases. The design is really coming to life, we absolutely love the arched structure.

The three pods will have their own individual theme and interior design and be kitted out with WIFI, a TV, Radio, bathroom and kitchenette. We hope that the pods will offer our families a disability friendly holiday destination, that we know is rare to find. Keep up to date with the build on our Facebook page.



Camping Pods Booking information



BOOKING

- * You can book over the phone, email, in person or on the website.
- * Every booking is a 3:30pm-10am stay and the pods are available to book from Friday 23rd July.
- * We are accepting bookings for children without a disability, however these bookings will need to comply with our current booking conditions so some dates won't be available to all.

THE PODS

- * There are three themed pods – The Enchanted Forest; The Hare Hut; The Chill Cabin.
- * The pods will be roughly 8 meters by 3 meters.
- * Every pod will have a bathroom with toilet, shower and sink.
- * Every pod will have a kitchenette which includes microwave, kettle, fridge and cutlery.
- * There will be four double electrical sockets in each pod.
- * Each pod will include WIFI.
- * Each pod is designed slightly differently; all sleep 4 people but travel cots and fold out beds can be added for larger families.
- * All pods will have wide door openings and ramps onto the decking.
- * The 'Enchanted Forest' pod will have a slightly larger bathroom and smaller living space, with supports and a fold down seat for the shower. This pod will include a bed guard.

PRICING

- * All nights include using the centre the day before or after your night in the pod.
- * Book for more than two nights to receive a voucher worth 10% of your stay to spend on extras.
- * Thomley Members will receive a discount of 10%.

EXTRAS

- * You can add on a food box to your stay, to cook on the provided BBQ in the enclosed social area. Breakfast box (Full English); BBQ box and a snack box.

TO BOOK or for pricing information please visit the website:
www.thomley.org.uk/visit-us/camping-pods/

Summer Activities

Bouncy Castle!

23rd July, 4th, 20th and 25th August

Jump, jump and jump some more, on our awesome bouncy castle!

Fitness with Bernie

24th July and 21st August

Bernie delivered fun & accessible fitness sessions throughout lockdown. Well now she is coming to Thomley to deliver them on site!

Lionel the land train

26th, 30th July, 2nd, 5th, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August

Take a trip around the Thomley field on Lionel - weather permitting

Cooking Skills - Children in Need funded workshops

26th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 23rd & 31st August

Join in with sessions that encourage learning of new cooking skills. Prepare, cook, eat and clean up. Limited spaces.

Water Day!

27th July and 24th August

Lots of water play based activities, as Thomley closes the indoors for the day and focuses on outdoor water play and games, be prepared to get very wet!

Woodwork workshop with Paul

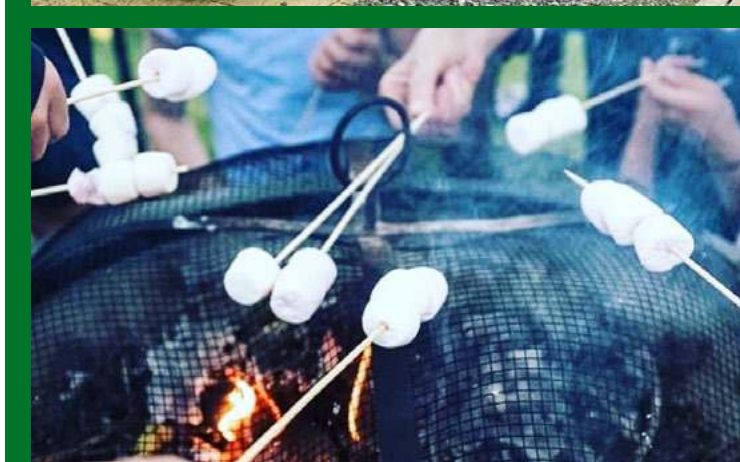
28th July and 10th August

This workshop has been a popular one at Thomley for years. Paul assists with any woodwork idea or project and will help you make your own design to take home with you at the end of the day.

Sumo Suits

31st July, 2nd 5th, 13th & 17th August, 4th September

Challenge your friends or maybe even the staff to a sumo wrestle!



Giant Bubbles

24th July, 6th, 18th, 21st August and 10th September

Who enjoys bubbles more, parents or the children? It's a close call!

Sarah's Adventures in Science!

3rd August

What science experiment will Sarah have in store this time? Book to find out!

Summer Open Day

7th August

FREE entry and open to all, 10am-3pm.

Camping!

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th

Saturday 28th August

Pizzas, marshmallows, archery and a whole night at Thomley! Stay for one or both nights on the 13th / 14th weekend.

Slime making

15th and 20th August

Can you perfect the recipe? It's not easy!

Stories and Music workshop with Thame Music Academy

25th August

We can't wait for a day of musical fun with the fantastic Thame Music Academy!

Bouncy Obstacle Course

27th August

The very popular assault course is back! Can you make it to the end?

Guitar music workshop with Thame Music Academy

18th September

Try out the guitar and improve your music skills with Thame Music Academy.

PLUS LOTS MORE...Including:

Archery, glitter tattoos, face painting, laser tag and the snow machine!

Fantastic opportunity for visitors this summer...

On 8 November 2020, the government announced that the holiday activities and food programme will be expanded across the whole of England in 2021. The programme has provided healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018.



Thomley are delighted to now be a part of the programme for the summer holidays. We are therefore able to offer funded visits to those who are in receipt of free school meals.

Each child who qualifies will be able to book up to 4 days per week, for 4 weeks from August 2nd to August 29th. This will need to be booked in advance as per Thomley's normal booking procedures and parents still attend with the children as they normally would. Each child would receive a funded meal as well as their day entry to Thomley on each of their visits.

To book in your dates please provide proof of your free school meal eligibility and email us: bookings@thomley.org.uk

For more information about the programme visit here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2021>

Summer holiday deals...

Get 20% off of our salad box in the cafe this summer when you quote code **'SummerSalad'** when you order.

Do you know someone that would benefit from a visit to Thomley who hasn't been before?

Tell them to quote code **'FirsttimeatThomley'** when they book and they will receive their first visit for half the price!

Sign up to a membership with **NO** sign up fee for the summer holidays!

Become a Member...

Part of the Thomley family ...



Sign up today at reception

* Show your membership card on every visit to gain entry and book your extras

* Show your card at the cafe to take advantage of your member benefits

£30 a month per child

£25 a month if you are in receipt of income support or DLA

Member Benefits:

Day ticket entry in the school holidays
Day ticket entry in term time
Day ticket entry on Saturdays
Entry to both sensory rooms
Entry to Trunk or Treat event
Entry to Mothers Day event
Entry to Fathers Day event

10%

off of venue hire
off of all cafe purchases

One office still available...

We have one remaining office available to rent.

The room would suit any tenant looking for a one or two person office, this can be left empty or part-furnished.



Please contact Operations Manager Joe to arrange a visit or for further details, on: joekitchen@thomley.org.uk

Visit our Instagram page and be sure to tag us in your Instagram stories, we love to see your Thomley photos!

@Thomley_



Preschool summer term special offer...

Our spring preschool offer was so popular we have extended it until the start of the summer holidays!

Every Wednesday in June and July we have the following offers for you to take advantage of:

- *****FREE** entry for any preschool visitor who hasn't visited us before.
- *****HALF PRICE** for any preschool visitor who has been before.
- *****HALF PRICE** sensory room sessions.
- *****COFFEE and CAKE** for £3 in the cafe.

To book, click 'Book now' on your selected date on the calendar:
www.thomley.org.uk/calendar



Playground development continues...

Our new playground area was opened back in May. We are thrilled that the second phase of the development will start before the end of June.

The area to the right as you come through the entry gates will be sectioned off whilst the work takes place. The area will be the same design as the current refurbished area but the grass pitch will be larger and used for sports and activities. This will unfortunately mean the music room will be out of bounds for the duration of the work. We are really sorry for the disruption, but hope it will be worth it.



Thomley on the news...

Did you see us on the news? We were thrilled to be shown on BBC News to cover the fantastic efforts made to transform our tired horticultural area.

Every week we are adding plants, herbs and new features to make the area a quiet and engaging sensory area for visitors.

We thanked many volunteers in our last newsletter, but we want to highlight again our huge appreciation for the time, effort and money put in by various people. You are making such a difference for our visitors. Thank you.

To watch Tom (one of our Duty Managers) talk about the sensory garden, take a look here:

https://youtube/2z9pYyt_7LY



Fundraising events...

Thomley Car Boot



Sunday 11th July 2021

Introducing Thomley's first ever car boot sale!

There will be a few Thomley tweaks, so plenty for the kids to do too; bouncy castles, face painting, multi-sport and our glorious giant bubbles. You will be able to book our sensory room for those who may need a bit of quiet time.

That's not all, we will be serving take away food from the café, and the pavilion will have market stalls too, to purchase unique crafts, yummy cakes and much more.

There will also be a tombola and bric a brac stall too. Put it in your diary and come and grab yourself a bargain!

- *Entry fee £1 per adult
- *Children enter for free
- *Cars cost: £10
- *Vans cost: £12.50

To book a stall or boot contact us:

bookings@thomley.org.uk

Thomley Fitness Day



Sunday 1st August 2021

Fitness instructors and local sports clubs, we need you!

We are currently looking for local fitness instructors and sports clubs to volunteer their time at our fundraising fitness event on 1st August. You could help out by hosting a fitness class, running our outdoor family friendly fitness activities or sponsored track event or donating to our fitness focussed raffle. Contact Amy if you are keen to get involved on: amymcsweeney@thomley.org.uk

Other events

**Run Thame 10K
for Thomley**



Sunday 5th September

Book a place on our Thomley running team:
anna@thomley.org.uk

**The Thomley mens
6 a side football
fundraising tournament**



Sunday 19th September

Book a team of up to 8 players by emailing:
joekitchen@thomley.org.uk

**Charity Winter Ball
Saturday 20th November**

Join us for:

Drink on arrival, 3 course meal, disco,
band, auction & raffle



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

Current Summer Visitor Information...

At Thomley we understand that the nature of some of our visitors will mean it is very hard to abide by the guidelines we have put in place to aid the prevention of spreading Coronavirus. Thomley will monitor and follow advice on a day-to-day basis given by the Government and may adapt the below information to remain compliant and safe.



The main changes to your next Thomley visit (until July 18th):

- Please do not attend your booking if you or your children have any symptoms of Coronavirus.
- When you arrive please queue at the entrance gate in the designated marked areas. When signing in you must scan the QR code to support the Government track and trace scheme, please download this prior to coming.
- You may still go into reception to be signed in and pay / if you need support, but please do not use unnecessarily.
- Please follow hand-washing protocols as often as possible and social distancing measures that we have put in place.
- Please follow any one-way routes.
- We encourage all visitors (over the age of 10) to wear a mask when indoors at Thomley unless exempt. You may remove this when seated to eat.
- All indoor and outdoor areas are open.
- Both sensory rooms are open and can be booked at reception or prior to your visit. These are cleaned regularly.
- The café will be a take-away only service, which you can access via the patio next to the pavilion. The pavilion dining room is open, with a maximum of 2 families per table.
- If you require more bikes or equipment in the art room, please do ask us.
- We have limited the volume of toys throughout the indoor areas to ensure we can keep everything as clean as possible.

Changes to the above may apply when the Government release further details on July 19th

**Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news, activities and visitor information:
[@thomleypublic](https://www.facebook.com/thomleypublic)**



Thomley Summer Open Day



Activities include:

*Free entry - all day BBQ - Ice Creams - Lionel the train
Soft play areas - Giant bubbles - Tug of war - Facepainting
Trampolines - Archery - Football - Sumo suits
Zip wire - Park - inflatable assault course - Sensory rooms*



10am - 3pm, Saturday 7th August 2021

Free entry and booking is not necessary, everyone is welcome. Join us at Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP18 9JZ for a fun-filled day of endless activities for children of all abilities.

A guaranteed good day for all the family!

****Please note the entry gates will not be locked on this day**
www.thomley.org.uk - 01844 338380 - bookings@thomley.org.uk**