

Our Place



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Join us this Easter!



We can't wait for another eggcellent Easter holidays here at Thomley. There will be lots to do!

We will be joined by several exciting external workshops, including Birds of Prey, woodwork and a new workshop as we welcome 'Crazy Colin' for a show. We will also be putting on some firm spring favourites, such as our giant bubbles, the return of the bouncy castles and the popular Easter egg hunts. Find out more on the activity planner and on the April-May workshop page of this newsletter.

There are still plenty of spaces in our camping pods for half term, with many offers to receive a discount to stay with us.

Lastly we are delighted to be a part of the **Buckinghamshire Holidays and Food Programme** again for Buckinghamshire families this Easter. Be sure to read on for the full information about who can come, what you get included in your free visit and what days you are able to visit.

Workshops

April-May



Mother's Day Meal
Sunday 20th March

Another opportunity for a lovely meal in an accessible setting, making Mother's Day less stressful for the whole family.

Giant Bubbles

2nd, 15th & 19th April and 14th May
The parents always enjoy our giant bubbles as much as the children!

Crazy Colin Show

Tuesday 12th April - 1:30pm

Join us for a Thomley first, entertainer 'Crazy Colin' is putting on a show!

Paul's wood workshop

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th April
Get creative and design your own woodwork, then paint it and take it home!

Easter Egg Hunt

14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th April

Can you find the clues? Chocolate rewards for everyone who completes the hunt!

Birds of Prey workshop!

Tuesday 19th April

A fascinating workshop learning about some birds of prey. If we are lucky, we may also get to see one fly!

Bouncy Castle

15th, 20th and 21st April

Always popular, get bouncing on our very own Thomley bouncy castle!

Roast Dinner Day

Sunday 1st May

Our accessible roast days are very popular, enjoy a roast in a safe, familiar and secure setting.

Buckinghamshire HAF programme is back at Thomley this Easter...

We are delighted to offer Buckinghamshire families FREE visits to Thomley, inclusive of their lunch for up to six days over the Easter Holidays.

Those who receive free school meals will be able access Thomley for up to three days on both weeks, including lunch and a free session in one of our specialist sensory rooms. The available days will be the Monday, Wednesday and Friday of both weeks.



BOOK FREE TRANSPORT SERVICE TO AND FROM THOMLEY TO ATTEND THE PROGRAMME

There will be the option to book transport directly to Thomley, also for free, as part of the scheme. This is for any family in Buckinghamshire. Please get in touch with us so we can arrange to pick you off and drop you back at the end of your visit.



Easter Camping Pod offers...

We hope to see lots of you over Easter, but why not make it extra special and stay with us too! Every night you stay includes a free day visit to the main centre.

There are some special offers below which will be active for the coming weeks, be sure to book soon to avoid missing out! If you would like to add on a BBQ or Breakfast box, we also have added a brand new BBQ for you to cook them on! Pre-order for us to leave your box ready in your fridge for when you stay.

TO BOOK or for more information please visit the Thomley website:

www.thomley.org.uk/visit-us/camping-pods/



10% off Mon-Thurs

Book a one-night stay

20% off bank holiday

* 10% off of all Monday to Thursday bookings in the Easter holidays - Code 'Aprilweekday'

* We are accepting one-night stays on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th April - no code required. We had to make the decision to change to two-night minimum bookings for the pods, to help our staff with the cleaning and maintaining of the area. If your family would really struggle to cope with more than one-night away, then please contact us.

* If you book all three nights over the bank holiday weekend (15th, 16th and 17th) you receive 20% off of your stay 'Bankholiday20'

Congratulations to Laura Peck who won our competition for a FREE stay in a pod this Easter!

New gym now open...

There are TWO rooms: A cardio studio, which includes a treadmill, cross trainer, bike and rowing machine, plus some extras in the cupboards such as ropes, arm and leg weights, skipping ropes and jump box. Room two is a weights studio, with a range of dumbbells, kettle-bells, weighted balls, work benches and a free standing punch bag.

The gym will be open to all visitors who book in for a day visit, however if you would like to book a private session in either room, please feel free to contact us. We are open to renting the space out for personal trainers and



Some rules for the gym:

- * For young people aged 13+
 - * All young people must be supervised by an adult
 - * Please ensure you stretch and are prepared for physical activity
 - * Please ensure you know how to use the equipment - talk to a member of staff for a tutorial
 - * Please put all equipment back in place and use the natural spray to clean equipment after use
 - * All equipment must remain in the gym
- Enjoy the new space!

Have you tried the new bikes and trikes?

Try something NEW at Thomley on your next visit. Have a go on our new three wheeled trikes (for 4-8 years old). If you don't fancy driving, then take the taxi! OR try our adult sized trikes! We hope you like them.



Welcome to Dan...

Our huge site takes many hours of maintenance and there just isn't enough time in the day to keep everything working and looking great. So we have hired another maintenance coordinator to help the current maintenance team.

Dan will be a HUGE help to Thomley. We have so many projects lined up, having the additional time and skills will be so beneficial. Make sure you say hello if you see him around site.



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

@Thomley_



Buy a paver and become a permanent part of Thomley...

Buy a paver for Thomley and have your name added to the walkway in our sensory garden



This is an exciting opportunity for our families to have their names fixed permanently within Thomley's grounds. The engraved pavers will be a red paver engraved with black writing with a message of your choice. It can be used to help to celebrate your time at Thomley, a birthday, anniversary or memorial.

In order to join us fundraising for Thomley, simply send the below information through to us here: greta.shurrock@thomley.org.uk

Name - Address - Postcode - Telephone number - Email address - Your message: Line one / Line two.

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



Join our visitor voice forum...

We are looking for just a few more people to join our forum. We are having an initial meeting on Friday 8th April. If you would like to come along or join the forum then please contact Joe: joekitchen@thomley.org.uk

Fundraising - join in!

Car boot

Sunday 3rd April and Sunday 3rd July, 10am-2pm



Who doesn't love a car boot? Book yourself a car, van or inside stall here:

<https://thomley.org.uk/events/thomley-car-boot-sale/>

Milton Keynes Marathon

Monday 2nd May (bank holiday)



- * A distance for everyone
- * Fantastic race reviews
- * Amazing stadium finish
- * Scenic route

Be one of the first people to run a marathon for Thomley! We would love for you to join our marathon team and make Thomley history.

Football Tournament

Sunday 8th May - 11am-5pm



The Thomley 6 a side tournament has successfully raised thousands of pounds for Thomley across the three tournaments we've already held. Enter a team to take part in this annual event and take home the trophy as Thomley champions.

Teams are a maximum of 8 players which includes six starters and rolling subs.

£80 per team to enter. All day BBQ and bar available.

Quiz Night

Saturday 25th June - 5pm-9pm



We had a fabulous night last year at our quiz nights! Our DJ host Matt is back and ready to entertain you again. Food platters also available for your table on the night.

Contact us to book: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

To register your interest in any of the above, please contact us: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

Visit our fundraising page for more fundraising inspiration: <https://thomley.org.uk/fundraise/>