

Our Place

Issue 43

New jumping pillow to be installed at Thomley this July...



Last year we asked visitors what additional equipment they wanted to see at Thomley.

The number one item of equipment you requested was a jumping pillow. Well, we will have one installed prior to the summer holidays for you to enjoy!

Jumping Pillows have an exclusive Motor Skills Jumping Pillow, containing 25 tasks and games designed to improve children's coordination, balance and cognitive skills whilst still enjoying playtime. Thomley will be one of the first places to have this new version of the jumping pillow.

Installation will be in early July. We apologise in advance for any disruptions on site in the meantime such as digging, which we will need to do to ensure the pillow has all the wiring in place prior to being installed.



Workshops

June-July



Camping

Friday 27th May - Saturday 28th May

A fantastic accessible camping experience for visitors.

Children's First Aid, 11am

Tuesday 31st May

Learn some of the basics of first aid.

Giant Bubbles

31st May, 3rd & 4th June

The parents always enjoy our giant bubbles as much as the children!

Lionel the Train

Wednesday 1st & Friday 3rd June

Roll up and ride on Lionel as he takes you on a lap (or two) of Thomley.

Beatboxing workshop

Thursday 2nd June

Become the next beatboxing superstar!

Jubilee party day

Friday 3rd June

Bring or buy a picnic and celebrate together! With Union Jack face painting, candy floss, Lionel the train, giant bubbles and lots more to do.

Father's Day Meal

Sunday 12th June

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

Parent First Aid Training

Saturday 25th June, 10am-12:30pm

A baby and child course which covers CPR, checking for breathing, burns, bleeding, choking, meningitis, shock, febrile seizures, bumps to the head and broken bones.

PLUS LOTS more happening, including:

Glitter tattoos, silent disco, archery, cooking skills workshops and more!

May half term...

We are looking forward to hosting another half term at Thomley and there are lots of activities to keep you busy!

Kick off the half term with our overnight camping, which has become a firm favourite with families over the years. Unfortunately the HAF scheme does not run during a half term, for those asking.

Be sure to look at the online calendar and booking is essential before you visit:
www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/



**Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news, activities and visitor information:
@thomleypublic**



New bed swing coming soon...

The bed swing that was removed last year will finally be replaced.

We know how popular the swing was and we have been trying to find a like-for-like replacement. Unfortunately the equipment has been discontinued. We therefore have a new model which you can see in this photo. We hope to have this installed prior to the summer holidays.



May Camping Pod offers...

One or two night stays available this May - 10% off all one night stays, 30% off of all two night stays and 40% off of three nights or more. You can book a one or two night stay any weekend and any days in the May half term. Quote code: 'One night May' or 'Two night May' or 'Three night May' to receive your discount

**Book a
one-night
stay
10% off**

**Book a
two-night
stay
20% off**

**Book a
three-night
stay
40% off**



June Camping Pod offers...

33% off for 3rd and 4th June two night stay. Code: "33June"
33% off for 24th and 25th June two night stay. Code: "33June"

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

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

Join the ACHIEVE life skills programme for September 2022...

The ACHIEVE Lifeskills programme at Thomley offers an entry level course designed to empower and support young people in everyday fundamentals for living life more independently.

The programme works towards a Diploma in Independent Living Skills and is for EHCP holders aged 16-25 with no entry requirements. The course runs for 2.5 days a week at Thomley in a dedicated classroom (pictured).



For more information about the programme or contact details, please visit the web page for more information. Apply now for September places: <https://thomley.org.uk/visit-us/achieve-lifeskills-programme/>

One large office available to rent at Thomley...

We currently have one large office available to rent, available from May. The office can seat up to four people and is one of our larger offices. With views of nearby fields and the Thomley playground. Your office includes:

- * Free parking
- * Internet
- * Use of the coffee machine and fridge
- * Discounted use of our meeting room

To arrange a viewing or further enquiries please contact Operations Manager, Joe: joekitchen@thomley.org.uk



Welcome to new staff...

We are delighted to have added some fantastic additions to the team in recent months. Kevin (left) has joined as Senior Playworker and will work alongside Greta, being responsible for the smooth delivery of services for our visitors as well as being a Duty Manager. Mary (centre) is filling a new role at Thomley as Admin Support Officer. Mary will provide much needed admin support to the services and management teams. She will also be responsible for administering bookings for the camping pods.

Cat (right) is our new Catering Coordinator. She makes excellent cakes!

Please say hello and make them welcome when you see them on your next visit.



Enter our digital balloon race...

We hosted an online balloon race earlier this year and lots of you have asked us to do another. It's only £5 for a balloon and if you finish 1st or 2nd you will receive a prize!

- * 1st prize - Membership for one child for the remainder of 2022 (worth £200)
- * 2nd prize - One night stay in a camping pod (worth £140)

You can check on your balloons position any time from 28th May when the race starts, up until 10th June when the race finishes. The balloons will fly over Thomley's camping pods! To enter, please visit this link and buy your balloon: <https://www.balloonrace.com/ThomleySpring>

Buy a paver...

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. Contact Greta to get your name added to our sensory garden: greta.shurrock@thomley.org.uk



Join our visitor voice forum...

We are looking for just a few more people to join our forum. Help shape specific future plans or projects. If you would like to come along or join the forum then please contact Joe: 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!

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Tournament raises over £800...

Congratulations to Mowsbury Raptors who won our 6 a side tournament in May.

Thanks to all the teams, players and spectators who came. The funds raised from events such as these really help the charity to continue delivering services for disabled people.



Kurt's Everest Challenge...

We are very fortunate to have lovely people that support us in the community. We always welcome anyone who wants to raise funds for Thomley, it makes a huge difference and helps the Charity to continue supporting our visitors.

Kurt is a fine example of someone who supports Thomley and literally climbed mountains (not just any mountain!) when raising funds for us:

"I have recently been out to Nepal, to spend 8 days trekking up to mount Everest Base Camp and a further 3 to come down. For me it is/was a personal challenge and bucket list event. I was also fortunate, as a result of the generosity of others, to use the opportunity to raise some donations for Thomley. I'm always happy to try & raise for Thomley, as I find there are a number of large well-known charities that receive a huge amount of funding, but feel the lesser known such as Thomley, can be left behind, yet it is these charities that it can have such a significant & direct impact. I also love what Thomley stand for and appreciate the fantastic job Joe and his team do for the benefit of their visitors."

Kurt's challenge has raised over £1,500 in total. This will go towards costs of our external workshops such as the woodwork, so we can continue to offer a variety of activities at Thomley. Kurt has funded a one night stay (three times) for a family in our camping pods and a Thomley annual membership for one child - both of which will be advertised in the coming weeks. Thank you Kurt, you are an absolute star.



Thame Vets Support Thomley...



Thank you to Sprinz & Nash Veterinary Surgeons of Thame, who kindly donated £333 to Thomley, as part of the IVC Evidensia community funds project. Thank you so much to all the team for the support.