

Our Place

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The HAF Programme is back for the summer holidays...



We are absolutely thrilled to have been accepted as a Holidays and Food Programme (HAF) provider for every day this summer in the school holidays.

Therefore all families who are in receipt of free school meals can access Thomley at no cost this summer, including a booking in our sensory room and a hot lunch meal.

This must be booked in advance and if you are no longer able to

make your visit you must let us know, so that we can offer the limited spaces to others. You can arrive and leave on your booked day between 10am and 3:30pm. Parents / carers must stay on site. We do have FREE transport available for Buckinghamshire families for a limited amount of days over the summer, please contact reception to enquire.

Buckinghamshire families can book now on our website by visiting the online calendar, selecting a date, then clicking the Buckinghamshire HAF link. Oxfordshire families can book from 1st July, we will share details of how to book on our Facebook page as this is being booked on an external website.

Update on changes to site...

In the last newsletter we shared the exciting news that we are having a new swing and jumping pillow installed. Both are still on track to be finished in advance of the summer holidays!



Here is a photo of the swing which is nearly finished. In front of this area and the sandpit is where the new jumping pillow will be installed. We apologise again for any disruption whilst you have been on site.

Booking enhancements being made soon to our website...

We are making a few changes to our booking system in the coming weeks, again to improve the ease of booking online. You shouldn't notice any major differences, other than it will hopefully be easier to book multiple dates and tickets in one go.

We will be taking payments for bookings upfront. We know we have done this for some time already for events, parties and pod bookings. However, we will now need to do this for our day to day activities and sessions also. The reasons for this are that we do still get a high percentage of visitors not turn up for visits. Not only does Thomley then miss out on valuable income, but we also could have offered those spaces to another family in need of a visit or Thomley's support.

When the new booking links are active you will be asked to pay for your visit/s when you book online and then on the day of your visit you will present a QR code at reception, so we can scan your tickets to enter. The arrival process should also speed up as we will no longer require you to sign in and out of site manually, plus the payment details will automatically go through when we scan your QR code.



Summer Holidays



Bouncy Castle

Most of the summer!

Weather permitting, the bouncy castle will be out as a permanent fixture this summer rather than on selected dates.

Lionel the Train

25th July; 5th, 8th, 19th, 22nd August; 2nd September

Lionel will be out once a week for a drive around the Thomley field, weather permitting.



Water Day!

26th July and 23rd August

Please see the activity planner for full details. These days are designed for everyone to get very wet and the indoor areas (other than the toilets and pavilion) are CLOSED on these days.



Cooking skills

27th July; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 24th & 30th August

Take part in the full process of cooking; prepare a meal, cook it, eat it and then the fun bit of tidying up!

NEW Jumping Pillow games

29th July; 5th, 9th, 20th, 24th & 31st August

Our new jumping pillow is the first in the UK with the added features of fun and educational games to play as well as just jumping! We will run some structured games on the above dates, rather than just free-play sessions which will be available every day throughout the summer.



Giant Bubbles

2nd, 3rd, 8th, 16th and 30th August

This is becoming more popular with the parents than it is the children! A lovely sensory experience as we create bubbles bigger than people!



Camping

9th July; 5th & 6th August; 27th August

Join us for an overnight camping! You can book for one night, or there is an opportunity to book two nights on the 5th and 6th of August.

Crocodiles of the World

10th August

A very popular workshop, see a real baby crocodile and other reptiles at Thomley!



Summer Open Day

Saturday 13th August 10am-3pm

FREE ENTRY and no need to book. Lots of Thomley activities to do for free. There will also be some activities that require purchased tickets on the day.

First aid workshop

16th and 25th August

Learn the basics of first aid.



Crazy Colin Entertainer

17th August

Have a laugh with Colin!

Birds of Prey Workshop

19th August, 1:30pm

A fantastic opportunity to hold, stroke and find out lots more about some very rare birds.

Wood working with Paul

30th and 31st August

Get creative and make amazing woodwork to take home with you.



PLUS LOTS more happening, including:

Glitter tattoos, football, archery, cooking workshops, sensory bottles, vortex howlers, hockey, golf parachute games, rounders, bubble machine, hockey, laser tag, sumo suits and face painting.

Stay with us this Summer...

Book a summer holiday or short stay with us for this summer. The pods are booking out very quickly, so please book before it's too late!
*** 20% off of all three night stays and 30% off of four nights or more this summer, quote code: '20threenight' or '30fournight' when you book to redeem the discount***



Competition Time!

SUMMER CAMPING POD - WIN A FREE STAY

Win a one-night stay in our lovely camping pods this August, including a day visit to Thomley. You can have your choice of any of our three pods; The Enchanted Forest, The Hare Hut or The Chill Cabin.

All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning is to SHARE, LIKE and TAG THREE friends on our Facebook or Instagram competition post which will be shared on Friday morning at 7am.

GOOD LUCK! Competition ends Friday 8th July at 23:59pm. Booking terms and conditions still apply.

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

Photography days this summer...

Having a diverse and impressive photo bank is so important when advertising our services to potential new visitors and also to donors who are contributing towards our existence.

As we did last summer, we have the fantastic Megan Guard coming to take lots of photos of the Thomley site and visitors using the facilities. We would like all visitors that book on Monday 25th July and Monday 22nd August to sign a consent form on the day stating they are happy for us to use all photos taken in our future publicity materials. Thank you in advance for taking part and look out for your photos on our website, leaflets and social media!



One large office available to rent at Thomley...

We currently have one large office available to rent, available now. 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



Natalie's 25,000 steps a day to raise money for Thomley...

From April 15th to May 15th regular visitor of Thomley, Natalie, took on a steps challenge to raise money for Thomley (not for the first time!).




Her 25,000 steps everyday for one month managed to raise £720 for Thomley. *"Connor's life was turned upside down in March and Thomley have been an amazing support to him, offering him an educational setting two days a week. I want to thank them for everything"*

BALL TICKETS & FIREWORKS NIGHT

Two of our most popular events last year were the Charity ball and the reduced sound fireworks display, both hosted at Thomley. We will be offering both events again this year. Tickets will be on sale in August for the ball and in September for fireworks night.

Tickets will be advertised on our social media channels and our website. The dates for your diary are: Fireworks on Saturday 29th October and the Charity ball on Saturday 12th November.



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

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



Rumsey's Thame Support Thomley...

Rumsey's of Thame very kindly chose us as their 2022 charity of the year.

Five members of their team are taking part in the CPM Thame 10k this June, to raise money for a 'brilliant cause'.

Rumsey's make award winning handmade chocolates and also serve hot drinks and fine patisserie.

They've been training hard, if you want to donate to their fundraising page you can do so, here:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rumseys1



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