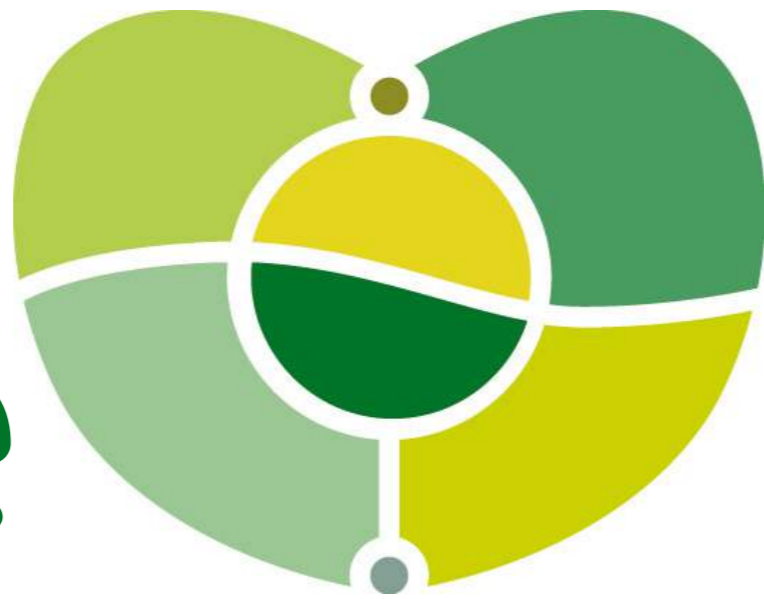


Our Place

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Upcoming Workshops...

Lots to do this Christmas...



As always we like to offer as much variety and availability as possible at Christmas. We understand that changes in routine and the Christmas break can be difficult for many of the families that attend Thomley. We also want to ensure our staff get a well deserved break.

We will therefore be open over the Christmas holidays until 24th December, where we will close for four days before re-opening on Wednesday 28th December. We will then close again on New Years eve and re-open in the new year on Tuesday 3rd January.

In the run up to Christmas we will also have popular activities such as Breakfast with Father Christmas, a grotto open on Saturdays in the camping pods and our popular Christmas Market.



Santa's Grotto Saturday opening
26th November - 11am-1.30pm
3rd December - 11am-1.30pm
10th December - 11am-2.30pm
17th December - 11am -1.30pm
Book your day tickets to Thomley on any of these Saturdays and you can add on a visit to see Santa in his grotto, which includes a hot chocolate voucher and a gift for £6!

Christmas Dinner with Santa
Sunday 4th December
Join us for a lovely Christmas dinner with the added bonus of a visit from Santa!
ONE TABLE LEFT!



Christmas party day
Saturday 17th December
Our Christmas party day will include some additional activities such as Christmas facepainting, Christmas disco dancing, Santa's Grotto will be open and the cafe will have some festive treats!



Breakfast with Father Christmas
17th, 18th, 19th and 20th December from 8am-10am
An accessible and unique way to enjoy seeing Father Christmas, in a relaxed environment with table activities and a lovely fry-up!

Christmas Holidays
19th-23rd Dec, 28th-30th Dec and 3rd January
Activities include: A farm visit, giant bubbles, drumming workshop, Christmas crafts and lots more!

Holidays & Food Programme...

Holidays and Food Programme (HAF) is back at Thomley this Christmas for both Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire families in receipt of free school meals.



We are delighted to be offering the Holidays and Food Programme again this Christmas for Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire families. This means that anyone who is in receipt of free school meals and lives within these counties can book in with Thomley over the Christmas period and receive a funded visit for the day PLUS a sensory session PLUS a hot lunch meal included.

Available dates for **OXFORDSHIRE** bookings: 21st-23rd December, 28th-30th December & 3rd January. The booking link will be live on Friday 18th November on our Facebook page.

Available dates for **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE** bookings: 21st-23rd December, 28th-30th December and 3rd January. To book, please visit our online calendar: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/



Camping Pod availability for the remainder of 2022 and early 2023...

The Clare Foundation offer of 50% off pod bookings applies throughout this period, with exception of school holidays.

December - Use code 'clarefoundation' for 50% off of your stay

- * 2nd and 3rd (one or two night stay) in the Chill Cabin
- * 9th and 10th (one or two night stay) in the Chill Cabin OR the Hare Hut
- * 16th and 17th December (one or two night stay) in the Chill Cabin OR the Hare Hut
- * 18th and 19th December (one or two night stay) in the Hare Hut
- * 29th December (one night stay in the Chill Cabin)

January - Use code 'clarefoundation' for 50% off of your stay

- * 6th and 7th January (one or two night stay) in any of the three pods
- * 13th and 14th January (one or two night stay) in any of the three pods
- * 20th and 21st January (one or two night stay) in any of the three pods
- * 27th and 28th January (one or two night stay) in the Chill Cabin OR the Hare Hut

February - Use code 'clarefoundation' for 50% off of your stay

- * We are now taking bookings for half term and all weekends throughout February and March - book in advance to avoid disappointment. Two night minimum stay in half term, one night stays available at weekends.
- * **All weekends in February and March currently have availability**

To book your pod, please visit the website and select the first night of your stay in your selected pod, followed by the last night of your stay in your selected pod. **Book here:** <https://buff.ly/3uZhr6m>

Book a birthday party in 2023...

Parties at Thomley are very popular and book up in advance. Available private Sunday hire birthday party slots for early 2023 are below:

- * 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January 2023 all available for an all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- * 5th or 26th February 2023 all available for an all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- * 5th, 12th or 26th March 2023 all available for an all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)

Parties are also available on Saturdays, when the centre is open for other visitors. All parties include 20 children and an activity led by the Thomley staff. We can also cater for other parties in the evenings such as celebrations, anniversaries, adult birthdays etc. We have a fully licensed bar and pavilion.

Fun at the fantastic fireworks...

Fantastic Fireworks! We hope you all had an amazing time at our reduced sound fireworks as October came to a close. It's very special to be able to offer an opportunity to those who may struggle with the noise of regular fireworks.

Thank you to all who attended. The event also raised over £6,000 for Thomley which is so important to us and will go directly to supporting our visitors. See you next year!



Trunk or Treat kicked off half term in style...

October half term can be 'tricky' for some families, with the regular trick or treat, fireworks and community leisure activities not all suitable to many of our visitors.

We had over 1,000 people attend our variety of alternative Halloween provision, such as trunk or treat. Thank you for coming and experiencing an accessible half term with us.



To book your party or discuss further details, please contact reception on:
01844 338380 OR bookings@thomley.org.uk

Oxford Half team raise over £6,000 for Thomley...

Back in October we were joined by a team of 20 for our annual Oxford half marathon fundraiser. Visitors of Thomley, local businesses, friends of staff and one of our very own Trustees ran the beautiful Oxford course on what was a stunning day for running!

A massive thanks to the amazing team, who raised an incredible £6,000 for Thomley. Community support such as this makes a huge difference and helps us to continue offering so many vital services for disabled people.



Corporate volunteers Lucy Electric...

Thanks to Lucy Electric who came to volunteer for the day and give some of the site a lick of paint, do some cleaning and helped in Santa's workshop wrapping presents! You all did a fabulous job.

If you would like to spend a day supporting us on site by bringing your team to Thomley in 2023, please get in touch:

fundraising@thomley.org.uk



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



London Tough Mudder success...

In September we also had a team of staff, friends and even their children take part in the popular global event, Tough Mudder.

The team battled the course which consisted of lots of mud, water, climbs, jumps, ice plunges and even electrocution! They also raised approximately £2,000 combined.

Next year we already have 14 people signed up to take part in Henley on Sunday 7th May. Get in touch to join the team: fundraising@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