

Our Place

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Upcoming Workshops...



Jumping Pillow games
Saturday 4th February
Saturday 25th March

Laser tag
Saturday 11th February
Saturday 1st April

Slime workshop
Monday 13th February

Drumming Bongos Workshop
Thursday 16th February

Fort building
Friday 17th February

Roast dinner day
Sunday 19th February

Sensory jars
Saturday 4th March

Paul Isaacs family support
Saturday 11th March

Mother's Day meal
Sunday 19th March

And lots more!!!



We want to wish all of our visitors and supporters a very Happy New Year! May 2023 bring you happiness, good health and everything you hope for.



We at Thomley are looking forward to providing all of our favourite events and activities for you, with some new 2023 additions to be added to our site and event schedule.

Look out for:

- * A NEW camping area next to the pods, where you will be able to camp at Thomley throughout the summer season
- * The Pop Quiz with Ken Bruce at Thomley on Saturday 20th May
- * Our first Accessible Festival - Saturday 8th July 11am - 10pm
- * A nicer arrival in our refurbished car park

Happy New Year

Team Thomley

Paul Isaacs at Thomley

Autism Expert & Thomley Patron



Saturday 11th March

We are delighted to be welcoming our Patron Paul back to Thomley where he will be on site all day offering private support sessions for families.

This is free to you as a visitor to gain support, advice or help, regarding your own personal life with a child who has Autism. You could be a parent, sibling, TA, Teacher, Carer, that just wants practical tips or more understanding about how you can best support that special person in your life.

To book this please email reception to request a time slot: bookings@thomley.org.uk

Price-freeze on camping pod stays at Thomley in 2023...



Thomley are working hard to ensure we can keep offering affordable services for visitors.

We are therefore very pleased to announce our prices for a holiday in a camping pod will not increase in 2023.

You can also benefit from a **50% off promotion**, which applies to all pod bookings throughout February and March (with exception of February half term). Just quote code: 'clarefoundation' when you make your booking on our website.

Welcome to Shannon...

Shannon joins Thomley as a full time Playworker and we are really excited to have her join the team. Shannon visited Thomley as a sibling in her childhood and therefore has great first-hand experience of Thomley and what we offer for our visitors.



"I've only been here a week but I am already loving it! I look forward to meeting you all when you next visit - come and say hello! A little bit about me; I enjoy being outdoors, spending time with family and friends, going to the theatre and painting"

Availability from now until May 2023...

January - Use code 'clarefoundation' for 50% off of your stay
* 27th & 28th January (one or two night stay) in any of our three pods.

February- April
* We are now taking bookings for half term, all weekends and the Easter holidays - book in advance to avoid disappointment. Two night minimum stay in half term, one night stays available at weekends.

February half term OFFER
* **25% off for two-night bookings from arrival on Monday 13th February OR arrival on Wednesday 15th February. Use Code: Twonightfeb**
* **One-night bookings available on 17th and 18th February**

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>**

Hire Thomley in 2023...



Children's birthday parties at Thomley are very popular and book up in advance. These are available on Saturdays, when the centre is open for other visitors, or on Sundays for private hire - where you get the whole of Thomley just for your party.

All parties include 20 children and an activity led by the Thomley staff. Available private Sunday hire birthday party slots for early 2023 are below:

- * 26th February all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- * 5th, 12th March all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- * 2nd April afternoon (2pm-5pm); 30th April all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)
- * 7th and 28th May all day party OR morning (10am-1pm) OR afternoon (2pm-5pm)



We can also cater for other parties and events such as celebrations, anniversaries, adult birthdays, Christenings or any other. We accept bookings any night of the week plus Sunday as per the above availability.

We have a fully licensed bar and pavilion. We can offer a variety of buffet, sit-down meals or bespoke catering options for any event big or small.

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

Upcoming site changes...

We recently announced on our social media channels that the car park would be refurbished in January. The works have now started and we hope that by the end of January our car park should be completed. We hope that these works make it easier for you to park at Thomley and prove much more accessible than before.



We apologise in advance for any disruption to your visits, increased noise on arrival, or limited parking spaces. If you encounter any issues then let us know at reception. Thank you for your patience whilst we complete the works. *(Photo: Everyone loves watching diggers at lunchtime!)*

New swings for Feb half term...

We are aware that the swings have been sorely missed since being taken out of action in September. We finally have the replacement swings booked in and there will be new swings installed before February half term!



We are excited to be installing some permanent camping pitches with the option of bringing your own tent or renting a bell tent from Thomley to stay in if you don't have your own tent! This will be located near the camping pod area and will be functional for the Easter holidays.

There will be electric sockets at each pitch and drinking water available near the camping pitches. The area will be fenced in and you will be able to drive up to the area to drop off your equipment and belongings. We will open bookings and share more information in our next newsletter at the beginning of February. Availability in 2023 will be for Easter Holidays, May half term and the summer holidays. We may extend the opening availability in 2024 if this year is a success and popular.

Ken Bruce Quiz SOLD OUT!

Our Quiz with Ken Bruce on May 20th has SOLD OUT. Thanks to all who have ordered a ticket / booked a table, we can't wait!

For those who have missed out, there will still be an opportunity for you to take part. We are also selling E-Tickets for you to watch and take part from your own home. We will send the live link an hour before the event is about to start.



Tickets for the live stream can be booked here: <https://buff.ly/3Ulg2DN>

Accessival

Accessible Festival for the whole community

Saturday 8th July 2023 - 11am-10pm
Music - Beer - Food - Play



Thomley's first festival is an opportunity for the whole community to experience the best of all the local festivals.

We will have various food stalls; alcohol stalls; live local bands on stage plus the best of Thomley for children and young people. Bouncy castles, jumping pillow, archery, giant bubbles are just a handful of activities on offer to keep the younger generation entertained for the day. Early bird wristbands are now on sale: £12 per adult (which includes a glass) and £12 a child (which includes access to all the activities on the day). There is also limited camping availability and three camping pods available to book.



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



We are also pleased to announce our NEW pavers for 2023. We are now selling Corporate Pavers, which are a larger paver and will create another new area in our sensory garden.

Many of our corporate supporters have enquired about the pavers and we feel offering a larger and different design will create another feature to our garden and recognise our corporate supporters.



Colour and design will vary

Would you like to volunteer on the day, perform on stage, or have a food / alcohol stand? Please get in touch to book: festival@thomley.org.uk Book your wristbands here: www.thomley.org.uk/events/festival/