

Our Place



Issue 51

Book now for the very popular 'Reduced Sound Fireworks Display' this October at Thomley...

Upcoming activities and events...

Trunk or Treat

Saturday 21st October, 5pm-8pm
Our popular twist on the regular 'trick or treat' events is back! Fancy dress and decorating your trunk are optional.

Pumpkin carving

Every day from 23rd-28th October
There will be a session every day to help you carve your pumpkins. We will have some on site you can buy (chargeable) or you can bring your own to the workshop! There will be a prize for best pumpkin at the end of the week!

Giant bubbles

7th, 24th and 28th October & 11th November
Speaks for itself - we all love bubbles, especially giant ones!

Crocodiles of the World

Wednesday 25th October, 1pm
Always a treat at no extra cost to visitors! Book a slot from 1pm when you arrive on the day and enjoy the show! Are you brave enough to touch the Croc?

Paul's Wood Workshop

Thursday 26th October, all day
Creative and always popular! At no additional cost to you, design some woodwork and take it home with you at the end of the day!

Reduced sound Fireworks

Saturday 28th October, 5pm
Enjoy fireworks with a twist at our accessible venue & reduced sound display.

Christmas Market

Saturday 18th November
Is it Christmas yet? Shop for Christmas goodies at an accessible setting with lots to occupy the kids whilst you shop!



Back without a bang!
The unique reduced sound display will be back at Thomley this October, on Saturday 28th, arrival from 5pm.

Tickets are now on sale, hurry before they sell out! The display is carefully put together to ensure there are no loud bangs. Many people have successfully attended in previous years who have never been able to attend a fireworks display previously. The display is open to the whole community.



BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE:

<https://thomley.org.uk/events/reduced-sound-fireworks-display/>

October half term activities and events, coming soon!

A fantastic summer...

Thank you to all of you who came and spent time at Thomley this summer...We had a blast and it was a privilege for our team to see so many lovely families.

Some of our new equipment such as the upgraded park, new BMX bikes and outdoor music equipment got put to good use. We also welcomed campers staying in our new bell tents and camping area, which was described by one family as: *"The first time as a family we've felt able to camp, and what more could we need? Thomley have thought of everything we could possibly want and more in the camping area. Thank you for a wonderful stay at a wonderful place!"*

We are listening...

We are also thankful to those who took time out of their day this summer to give us feedback and ideas to help shape the future of Thomley. We take feedback very seriously and we always aim to deliver what you, our visitors ask for. For example in recent years visitors asked for a jumping pillow, more outdoor seating and permanent camping area, to name a few. Common recent requests that we are currently looking into are: a Water Splash Park; outdoor shelter or shaded areas and small animals such as chickens, ducks and rabbits. All of these are not cheap and therefore will take time to progress. BUT watch this space!



There are always so many good activities and events at Thomley in October, we hope you will be joining us for some family favourites throughout the half term break.

Kick-off the half term with Trunk or Treat on Saturday 21st October or perhaps finish in style with our fireworks display on Saturday 28th October.

Be sure to book well in advance for half term dates. Since introducing booking fees upfront the spaces are getting taken very quickly. We would hate for anyone to miss out!

You can book all activities and events on our website: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/



Thomley's Zipwire...

We are very aware that our zipwire is a popular piece of equipment. Unfortunately it is now too old and requires too much work to be fixed.

The good news is that we have a replacement lined up and this will be installed within the coming months. This is likely to be in a new location more central on the field. We also will try and adapt the platform to make this more accessible. We will not be using bark and instead use rubber grids which will be much more accessible for visitors. We will keep you updated on social media and hopefully announce an installation date very soon!



Reminder of our term time schedule at Thomley...

Every Tuesday and Thursday - 13+ Day

Our 13 plus days are for teenagers and adults with a disability who need age appropriate days and activities to attend with parents, carers or groups.

Every Wednesday - Preschool Day

Our preschool days are every Wednesday for children up to 6 years old with or without a disability. These cost just £6 per child (babies under 1 are free).

Every Friday - Open for all Day

Open for any age and anyone with or without a disability. We welcome, preschoolers, disabled adults, schools or anyone else that wants to use the facilities.

Every other Thursday - Youth Club

For those aged 13 and over. The group do some structured activities plus have free time to socialise with peers, led by a member of the Thomley team.

Once a month - Adult Cooking Club

For adults with a disability (and their parent / carer). Cook a three course meal from scratch before tucking in, whilst socialising with other adults.

Once a month - Adult Social Club

For adults with a disability (and their parent / carer). Take part in some structured activities such as arts, crafts, sport whilst having the opportunity for social time with peers. The cafe is open to purchase dinner too!

Winter Camping Pod stays...

Take a short break in the coming months and enjoy an overnight stay at Thomley! All nights include a day in the centre for FREE.

See some of our special offers below, which offer you very cheap options to stay and play with us over the winter months. One to look out for are the nights of 24th and 25th October, as both include access to the Crocodiles of the World workshop on Wednesday 25th.

A recent pod-stayer said this about their summer stay with us:

"We haven't been able to take our son on holiday for several years. Not only is that a shame for him, but for us as parents too. Although we only stayed for two nights, it felt like a week of much-needed bliss! Peaceful, accessible, comfortable and we had everything we needed for a break away, which we just don't have in mainstream settings. We were well fed, had the place to ourselves in the evenings and got to dip in and out of endless fun before getting cosy in our pod for the night. Even after a meltdown, having our pod to retreat to was a blessing. Thank you Thomley".



SPECIAL OFFERS

- * 50% off all bookings until 18th October
Quote code: 'Thomley50'
- * OCTOBER HALF TERM - £40 off every night you stay including a day in the centre on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th or 25th October.
Quote code: '40halfterm'
- * NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 40% off all bookings - Quote code: 'Thomley40'

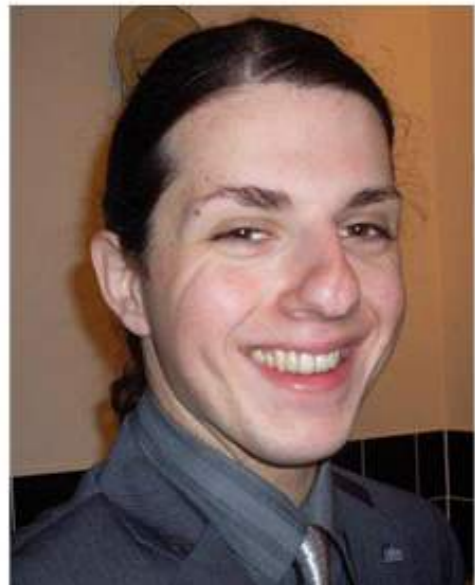
Camping Pods
www.thomley.org.uk/campingpods
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To book your pod, please visit the website and select the first night of your stay, followed by the last night of your stay in your selected pod.

Book here: <https://buff.ly/3uZhr6m>

Paul Isaacs

Autism Expert & Thomley Patron
Drop in consultancy sessions for families at Thomley



Paul will be at
Thomley on Saturday
14th October from
10:30am-12:30pm

Please contact Debbie at reception if you want to pre-book a time to guarantee seeing Paul: bookings@thomley.org.uk Or, call: 01844 338380

Birthday party and venue hire availability for the coming months...

Birthday parties are very popular at Thomley and availability for 2024 is filling out. If you have a special date you want to book for next year, please do so ASAP.

The only availability remaining this year for private hire Sunday parties are on Sunday 19th November and 10th December.

Book after school, Saturday or Sunday parties here:
<https://online1.venpos.net/VenposJourneyUI/?LocationId=743&Id=f02ce132-1aec-454c-977c-739daa146d16>

You can also hire our pavilion for evening functions / adult parties. Please contact us to do this: bookings@thomley.org.uk



Breakfast with Father Christmas available to book now!

An accessible and fun way to celebrate Christmas for all abilities.

Full English breakfast, tea, coffee or juice included for both the adults and children.

The event will be hosted in the pavilion and you will be allocated a table. There will be Christmas activities to do on your table. After breakfast and the activities Father Christmas will enter the room to deliver presents (also included in the price).

Available to book on 16th, 17th, 21st and 22nd December from 8am-10am



Accessival 2024 - Saturday 6th July - Save the date!



Christmas Market - stalls available!

Just over a month to go until our very popular Christmas Market! We still have a few stalls remaining in our pavilion and around the remainder of our site.

You can book a stall directly by visiting the below link or contact us: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

www.thomley.org.uk/events/christmas-market-event/



Auction and Raffle Prizes needed...

With plenty of upcoming events to look forward to, it always helps us to have lots of prizes available for raffles so we can continue to make events profitable for the Charity.

We are really keen for all donations and support. For the upcoming Charity ball in November we are still looking for a couple of auction-able prizes, if you can help please get in touch: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Skydive for Thomley in 2024...

We have a number of people interested and already signed up to Skydive for Thomley in 2024. ALERT this is a bucket list opportunity!!!

There are several dates available to book. We can book your experience for you or you are welcome to book your own. Jumps are available from 10,000 or 15,000 feet above ground level.

If you are interested in signing up then please do get in touch where we would be glad to provide any more details including dates and locations.

Contact our community fundraising team: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Tough Mudder just got tougher! Join our 2024 Thomley mudder team...

We made a fantastic amount of money for Thomley at Tough Mudder in 2023. It was an EXTREMELY muddy day and over 25 people took part and smashed the courses to support us. We are of course gluttons for punishment and are going back again in 2024 and we have now secured places for a couple of events. So please get in touch and register your interest now before all the spaces go: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

- * Tough Mudder - Henley, Sunday May 19th May 2024
- * Europe's Toughest Mudder - Yorkshire, 27th July 2024

Europe's Toughest Mudder is the ultimate challenge. 12 hour event that can be done as a relay team or individually.



We've registered Thomley with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use them to shop with.

These donations will really help, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomley/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-gs-f1



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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