

# Our Place

Issue 53



# Upcoming activities and events...

## Saturdays at Thomley

Open every Saturday, 10am-3:30pm  
Thomley is open every Saturday, where you can access all of our facilities. We also offer additional activities each weekend, which could include giant bubbles, sports, craft, cooking and lots more!

## Roast Dinner Day

Sunday 4th February, 11am-3pm  
Enjoy a lovely Sunday roast without the pressure of being in a restaurant.

## Feb Half Term - Beat Boxing Workshop

Tuesday 13th February  
Can you spit some lyrics, with this amazing, fun, engaging workshop.

## Feb Half Term - Feed the ducks & chickens

Wednesday 14th & Saturday 17th Feb  
Come down to the horticultural area and bring some feed with you for our animals, they're always hungry!

## Feb Half Term - Animal Encounters (1pm)

Friday 16th February  
Meet Geoff and his array of animals from Owls to insects!

## Science Week!

Tuesday 11th - Saturday 16th March  
It's science week & you can take part in our special activities every day! Including a 'digging for worms' experiment!

## Mother's Day Meal

Sunday 17th March, 11am-3pm  
A chance to enjoy a lovely meal cooked for you and celebrate Mother's Day in a safe and familiar setting.



# Happy New Year!

## Wishing all of our visitors and supporters the best 2024 they could wish for

We can't wait to make memories with our visitors this coming year. We hope to offer you all of our visitor favourites, but also continue developing our site and services for you.

Things to look forward to at Thomley this year:

\* A potential splash park \* A potential new woodland adventure area with tree-house \* More sensory equipment in the sensory room \* A refurbished games room \* Our second ACCESSIVAL Festival \* And lots more...!

## BOOK TICKETS TO VISIT THOMLEY: [www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/](http://www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/)

# February half term bookings now being accepted!

Can you believe we are talking about February half term? As always, the first half term of the calendar year seems to come around so quickly after the Christmas period!

We have lots in store for you this half term including lots of our popular regular activities, such as: sumo suits, bubbles, cooking, laser tag, sensory jars, archery and more!

We also have some new workshops such as feeding the ducks and chickens and planting in our horticultural area.

We also welcome some external workshop providers such as a Beat Boxing Workshop and an 'Animal Encounters' Workshop. Both are included in your day ticket prices, so a nice bonus for those attending! You can also book a stay with us this half term by staying in our pods. See you all in half term!

## Camping pitches open from Friday 29th March...

We are excited to make camping available for the Easter Holidays, with our pitches opening from Friday 29th March.

You can book from any of our 5 pitches and your pitch fee includes a day in the centre. Available to book from one to seven nights.

Book your stay here:  
<https://thomley.org.uk/visit-us/camping-pitches/>



# Book a stay with us...

Take a short break in the coming months and enjoy an overnight stay at Thomley in one of our camping pods! All nights include a day in the centre for FREE. See some of our special offers below, which offer you very affordable options to stay and play with us over the coming few months.



## SPECIAL OFFERS

- \* 50% off January bookings, use code: 'Thomley50'
- \* February Half Term - 30% off two-night stays, use code: 'FebHalfTerm'
- \* Weekends in February and March are 40% off, use code: 'ThomleyWeekend'
- \* Early-bird Easter offer. Buy 1 night and get a second for half price, use code: 'Earlybirdeaster'

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>

# Welcome to the team!



## Mel - Administration Officer

We are thrilled that Mel has joined our team to support the Charity with our admin; which is at an all time high! Mel will be involved with many visitor based systems such as when you book a camping pod. Mel uses Thomley as a visitor and has a brilliant understanding of why Thomley is so important, to so many.

## Hayley - Catering Coordinator

We are delighted that Hayley has joined the team as our full time Catering Coordinator. She will be putting her own twist on the menu over the coming months and will look forward to meeting you all on your upcoming visits. Hayley has brilliant experience at running a café and catering for events, she also makes AMAZING cake!



# Offices available to rent...

\* One person first floor office available for immediate tenant. Your office includes parking, use of shared tea and coffee facility, toilets, access to a shared meeting room and full internet access.

\* Two person 2nd floor office with added lockable storage area, available from 1st March 2024. Your office includes parking, use of shared tea and coffee facility, toilets, access to a shared meeting room and full internet access.

To arrange a viewing or to discuss the terms of our offices, please contact Operations Manager Joe. The fees you pay for your office go directly into our Charity and therefore support our visitors.

Email: [joekitchen@thomley.org.uk](mailto:joekitchen@thomley.org.uk)



# Accessival Festival early-bird tickets on sale now!

We are so excited to host our second festival this year on Saturday 6th July 2024. Our first was a great success and we plan to add even MORE activities, bands, stalls and variety at this years event!

You can pre-book early bird tickets here: <https://buff.ly/48mm8vB>



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

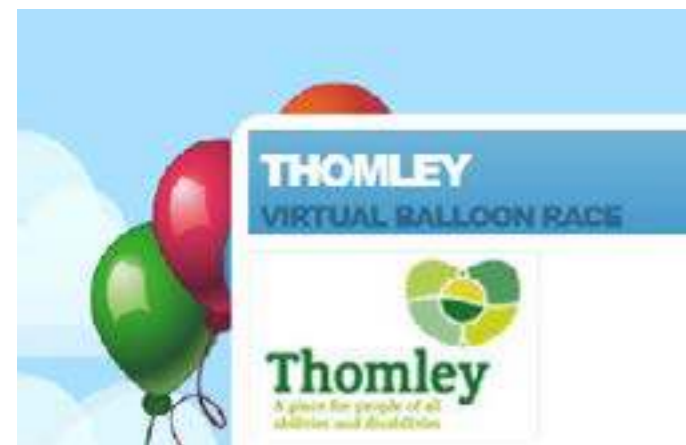
Birthday parties are very popular at Thomley and availability for 2024 is filling up quickly. If you have a special date you want to book for next year, please do so ASAP.

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](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk)



# Balloon race fundraiser...



For just £5 you could win a two-night camping pod stay, a one-night pod stay OR a large children's toy hamper. All prizes worth between £100 and £250.

All you have to do is buy a balloon in our balloon race! The race will begin on 1st February at 10am, and finish on Saturday 10th February at 10am - with prizes issued immediately for use at February half term

(or at a later date if preferred!). Deadline for entries is on Tuesday 30th January.

You will be able to look at the link and monitor your balloon throughout the ten day race to see if you're flying ahead or lagging behind! Enter your balloon into the race, here:

<https://www.balloonrace.net/tngy/>

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

@Thomley\_



# Skydive for Thomley in 2024...

We have just a few spaces remaining for our sponsored skydive in 2024! ALERT this is a bucket list opportunity!!!

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. Available dates are 26th May or 30th June.

If you are interested in signing up then please do get in touch ASAP as just a few places remain on our team. We would be glad to provide any more details including dates and locations.

Contact our community fundraising team: [fundraising@thomley.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# Thanks to Unite Personal Training Gym...

We are very grateful and excited to say that we have now placed an order for some NEW inflatables to replace our assault courses. Including a jungle course and a crocodile water slide!

A massive thanks to Unite Personal Training Gym for the final £1,000 needed to be able to buy the replacement inflatables, without you we wouldn't be able to provide these for our visitors.

