

Our Place

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New Splash Park opens...



This summer has seen some major site developments installed at Thomley. From our new splash pad, to our woodland and adventure area. We are delighted with the end results and hope that our visitors are too. The splash park will be closing for the winter at some stage in October (if warm enough, we may keep this open for October half term).

Accessival Festival success!

The second Accessival Festival was another great success, despite the weather which certainly didn't do us any favours! The rain did not dampen our spirits, as several excellent performers put on a great show for our visitors. We also welcomed our Patron Ken Bruce and popular children's TV legend Dave Benson-Phillips! Thanks to everyone who came, we managed to generate over £20,000 from the event for Thomley.



Thanks to our main event sponsors who we are so grateful for. Their time, money and support makes an event like this possible.



Upcoming activities

The inflatable assault course or bouncy castle will be out for the majority of days throughout the summer holidays - weather permitting.

Lantern Workshop

Saturday 12th October

Help us make lanterns, which we will parade at the upcoming fireworks night

Trunk or Treat Halloween event

Saturday 19th October, 5-8pm

Try our alternative Halloween event, in a safe and secure setting. Decorate your trunk and dress up (if you wish) or just come along to see the other trunks.

Reduced Sound Fireworks Display

Saturday 26th October

A popular event which offers a quieter fireworks display. The display is still beautiful and arguably more enjoyable than fireworks with the loud bangs!

Pumpkin Carving workshop

26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th October and 1st November

Bring your own pumpkin or buy one from reception (limited availability) and then carve it on site to take home!

Crocodiles of the World

Tuesday 29th October, 1pm

Learn about reptiles, including a baby crocodile, which you can even touch!

Woodwork Workshop

Thursday 31st October

Join Paul and take your woodwork home with you at the end of the day!

Christmas Market

Saturday 23rd November, 10am-3pm

Accessible shopping opportunity for our visitors and the wider community, whilst entertaining the children with lots of festive activities.



October half term...



A spooky and messy week awaits at Thomley as we have lots for you to do for October half term.

We always offer lots of Halloween themed activities, whilst offering all the regular things to do for those that don't like Halloween.

As this is a one-week holiday, we anticipate that bookings will fill out very quickly, so please book in advance to avoid missing out on spaces.

Join in with activities such as pumpkin carving, see the reptiles from Crocodiles of the World or attend one of our events such as Trunk or Treat or reduced sound fireworks display.

A summer of fun and sun!



Thank you to all who came to Thomley and played this summer. Whether you came to a disability day, an open for all day or perhaps one of our events, we appreciate that you came to play at our facility.

We are also thankful for those who gave us feedback on our services, which helps us shape the future of Thomley. If you are able to spare five minutes of your time, we would appreciate you taking our survey, here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Summerweblink/>

Autumn & Winter Camping pod availability and offers...

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 winter season.



SPECIAL WINTER OFFERS

* 33% off two-night stays in October half term. Use code: 'OctHT'

* 50% off of one-night stays on the following weekends: 11th & 12th Oct; 1st & 2nd Nov; 8th & 9th Nov; 22nd & 23rd Nov; 29th & 30th Nov; 6th & 7th Dec; 13th & 14th Dec. Use code: 'Winterweekends'

* Have the best view in the house for our reduced sound fireworks display and book our pods on Saturday 26th October. Your stay includes your tickets to the centre on the daytime to use the centre plus your tickets to the fireworks display that evening.

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>

We are Recruiting for a Service Manager



Start date: By 1st January 2025

Closing date: 25th October 2024

Hours: Full time - hours including weekend and evening work

Salary: £30,000-35,000 per annum

At Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP18 9JZ

(On the Oxon/Bucks border, between Oxford and Aylesbury)

About Thomley (Charity No. 1089224)

Thomley is a place for people of all abilities and disabilities. We provide an exciting site for disabled people, their families, carers and friends. We support people at any stage of their diagnostic journey, whatever their additional needs. Thomley's site is packed with accessible activities for all ages and all abilities.

The essence of the role:

*Deliver services that meets the charity objects and strategic plan.

*Manage the operational staff and ensure they are motivated to deliver a professional and exciting service for visitors, which includes activities, events, catering and accommodation.

*Fulfil all functions of the day to day services and ensure cover is in place via yourself or the wider team, for services to operate.

*Building trust and relationships with all stakeholders, including visitors, staff and volunteers.

Please visit www.thomley.org.uk/about-us/current-staff-vacancies for a copy of the full job description and application form.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our current Service Manager, Anna: anna@thomley.org.uk

Site developments this summer...

Here are some photos of some of the recent improvements made to our outside spaces, now completing our outdoor learning and woodland adventure area and the splash park. What do you think? We certainly have had lots of amazing feedback and some very happy young people using all of the new facilities. With thanks again to our donors, we couldn't have made it all possible without you.





Offices available to rent...

* One person first floor office available for immediate tenant.

* Four person 1st floor office available for immediate tenant.

* Three person 1st floor office with storage area available from January 2025.

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



Charity Winter ball - Saturday 16th November - only a few spaces remain!



Our Charity Ball has now got quite a reputation for a glamorous yet lively night!

Last year was the best yet, with fantastic food and great music all in the name of raising some funds for our Charity. This year we even have a fantastic band and the theme is Masquerade!

Please get in touch ASAP to book in:
fundraising@thomley.org.uk

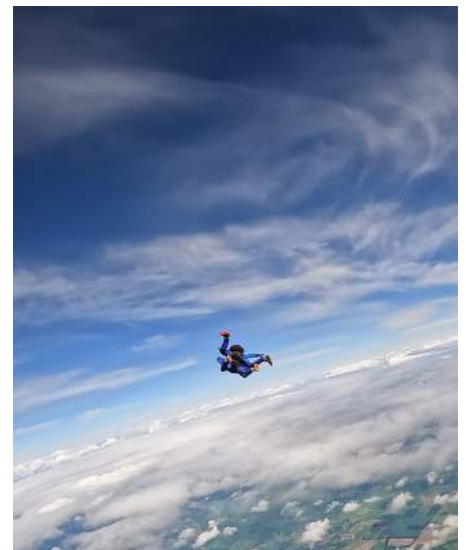
Skydive for Thomley in 2025...

We were so thrilled with the amount of support we received from our first skydive event in 2024.

With a big demand for places, we are pleased to announce we will be offering two dates to skydive for us again, in May and June of 2025.

Tick something off of your bucket list and support us whilst you do so - by jumping from 15,000 feet out of a plane!

Please get in touch ASAP if you'd like more information or to register for one of our places:
fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Have a stall at our Christmas Market...



We have a few spaces left to have a stall at our Christmas Market, which is taking place on Saturday 23rd December.

If you have a product or service you think would suit our market, then please do get in touch. The event has a full range of Christmas goodies on sale, the more variety the better!

If you'd like to book a stall, please email us ASAP:
fundraising@thomley.org.uk