

Our Place

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A Thomley Christmas...

Christmas at Thomley is always packed with lots of Christmas events, activities and experiences that some families may struggle to attend in the wider community.

This Christmas is no different, as we are hosting some of our already popular events plus a brand new one! Our Christmas Market kicks us off in November, followed shortly after by 'Christmas Dinner with Father Christmas'.



We then have a new event as we launch our Christmas Light Walk, for the first time this December.

As we approach Christmas, there is still time to join us for Breakfast with Father Christmas and our 'Christmas Party' day. The details for all of these can be read about in more detail later in this newsletter. All bookings can be made via the online calendar on our website.

October half term fun...



THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at Thomley this October half term. Whether you came to Trunk or Treat, Fireworks or one of the regular half term sessions - we hope you had a great time! There were some fantastic pumpkin creations, super-spooky Halloween cars at Trunk or Treat and the fire artist at the fireworks event certainly turned the heat up!

Upcoming activities...



Christmas Market - FREE ENTRY
Saturday 22nd November, 10am-3pm
Buy Christmas goodies from a range of stalls whilst entertaining the children with lots of fun activities!

Christmas Dinner with Santa
Sunday 7th December
Enjoy a lovely Christmas dinner in an accessible setting and Santa will come to your table with a personalised gift!

Christmas Light Walk
Every evening 5th - 14th December
A new Thomley event, offering a relaxed and accessible version of local Christmas light walks.

Christmas Party Day
Saturday 13th December
All the regular Thomley activities with some Christmas twists!

Breakfast with Father Christmas
20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December
A magical experience as Santa will visit each table throughout breakfast with personalised Christmas gifts.

Christmas Holidays

OPEN

19th December - 23rd December

CLOSED

24th - 26th December

OPEN

27th-30th December

CLOSED

31st December - 1st January

OPEN

2nd January - 4th January



Winter Camping Pods...



Throughout 2025 the camping pods have been **FULLY BOOKED** for the first time since opening a few years ago.

Thank you to everyone who has stayed with us this year...there is still time to come and join us this winter for a short getaway!

The coming months are also much busier than in previous years, however we do have a few nights left throughout November and December.

HURRY and book these before they go. You can do so on our online calendar, here:
<https://buff.ly/3uZhr6m>

New fundraising events coming to Thomley in 2026

We like to vary our fundraising programme every year, whilst keeping some popular favourites on the schedule too!

In 2026 we will still offer the Christmas events, Oxford Half marathon, Three Peaks, Sky Dive and Tough Mudder. However in 2026 we are also adding a SHARK DIVE, Drag Night and 24 hour Disco! More details to be revealed soon! To express an interest in signing up these events, feel free to get in touch: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Holidays & Food Programme at Thomley this Christmas...

We are delighted to be offering free places at Thomley this Christmas, via the Holidays and Food Programme for Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. This means that all children who attend school in these counties and are in receipt of free school meals, can attend Thomley for FREE this Christmas inclusive of a healthy hot meal. There are also opportunities to stay in our camping pods, inclusive of an evening meal and to join our breakfast with Father Christmas event whilst the limited places last! Please see the dates you can visit below, for both counties.



Funded by UK Government

Dates you can book in at Thomley are:

December 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and January 2nd

You should receive direct communication from your school with booking details.



We are delighted to be offering multiple one-night stays in our pods throughout the Christmas delivery period for those who qualify for the Holidays and Food Programme in Oxfordshire or Buckinghamshire.

These stays include the use of the centre in the daytime, plus lunch, breakfast and dinner. What a treat! (please note the stay, breakfast and dinner are for the whole family with lunch for HAF eligible children only).

Email us here to enter: campingpods@thomley.org.uk



Christmas Market

22nd November 10am - 3pm

FREE entry - No need to book

Join us for our very popular Christmas Market!

Shop for your Christmas goodies

Eat lovely festive food whilst the kids can play!

Buy tickets for our famous Christmas raffle!

Santas Grotto will be available (book on the day)

*Please note our gates will not be locked during the day**



To book a stall, please contact us:
fundraising@thomley.org.uk

Where are we?
Thomley, Menmarsh
Road, Worminghall,
HP189JZ



Thomley

Christmas Dinner with Father Christmas! Sunday 7th December



Join us for an accessible Christmas dinner with all the trimmings! Our chef will ensure you have an amazing dinner, in a familiar and disability-friendly setting. Father Christmas will make an appearance during your dinner too and bring everyone a customised gift!

Book for the 12pm or 1:30pm sitting. Adults meal for £15 will get a Christmas dinner consisting of Roast turkey crown, pigs in blankets, stuffing, honey roasted carrots & parsnips, peas and sweetcorn, Yorkshire puddings, gravy and cranberry sauce. Christmas pudding with custard or mince pie with ice cream are optional extras if you still have room! £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Children (up to 15) will get a roast dinner and a present from Santa included in their regular entry fee. Child members will only pay £7 to cover the cost of their dinner. (Please email for a discount code).

Site will be open from 11am until 3pm, but as the day is about the roast dinner we won't be taking bookings unless you are booking a meal. The normal menu will not be on offer.

Please book on our online calendar:
thomley.org.uk/events/christmas-dinner-2025/

We're excited to announce a brand-new festive event coming to Thomley this December — the Thomley Light Walk! A festive illuminated walk that will be a magical evening experience for families, filled with lights, entertainment, festive food and drink and a sprinkle of Christmas spirit, all helping to raise vital funds for Thomley. A relaxed, affordable and accessible light walk available for the whole community.

Please note: On weekend dates (peak), the full magic of Christmas comes alive: enjoy an enchanting sleigh ride on our land train and a host of festive activities for the whole family to join in with.

If you'd prefer a quieter, more peaceful experience, join us midweek (off-peak) for a gentle stroll through our twinkling light trail, complete with photo opportunities with Lionel's sleigh and a calm, cosy atmosphere that's perfect for those who enjoy festive fun in a quieter environment.



Christmas Light Walk Every night from 5th - 14th December, 5pm-8:30pm

Please book on our online calendar: thomley.org.uk/calendar/
Tickets are non-refundable and that certain parts of the evening are weather dependant. i.e. sleigh rides.

Breakfast with Father Christmas

20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd December
8am - 10am. Booking is essential

£ 10 for parents or carers
£ 15 for children
(£ 10 for members)

Breakfast with Father Christmas is an incredibly popular way to see Father Christmas at Thomley, with the added bonus of activities, a lovely breakfast and maybe even some snow! Limited tables available.

Please book your places on our online calendar: <https://thomley.org.uk/calendar>

*Please note only the pavilion is open for this event

Thomley, Menmarsh Road,
Worminghall, HP189JZ



Winter gym offers at My Fit Pod Thomley...

Our private gym based here at Thomley has already been a great benefit to many local people, including existing visitors of Thomley. The private space enables a safe, non-judgemental experience of a mainstream gym, with all of the equipment you could possibly need!

Here are some winter offers for anyone wanting to start the January 'New year - new me', early!

- * 33% off of 5 sessions a month memberships - quote code: NOVEMBERMEMBER
- * £5 OFF for Pay as you go GROUP sessions in November - quote code: NOVGROUP
- * 10% off of the NEW Family Membership - where you and up to two others can share a membership - quote code: FAMNOVEMBER

Download the My Fit Pod app and search for the 'Oxford' branch to book in.



Parent Support Sessions...

We are absolutely thrilled that a regular parent support group will be hosted at Thomley, starting in January. This is a group run by parents, for parents.

The first session will be on Friday 30th January at 11am followed by the last Friday of every month thereafter. This will be for tea, coffee and a chat initially, with scope to have occasional guest speakers if identified as helpful by the group. We are busy constructing a new therapy room on site, which some of these sessions may be held in.

If you'd like to be a part of the session, please use the QR code to join the Whatsapp group as a starting point, or reach out to our Service Manager Alice with any enquiries: alice.goodman@thomley.org.uk

There will also be a mental and physical health session in our gym as well as this group. This will also be run by parents, with a personal trainer on hand to support a relaxed session. Both sessions are free to attend.

We are grateful to the Healthy Ageing Fund who have supported some of our new services, including this programme.



ONE small space, room or office available to rent...

* One person first floor office / room.

Your space includes: parking, use of tea and coffee facility, toilets, access to a shared meeting room and full internet access.

The fees you pay for your office go directly into our Charity and therefore support our visitors. Please note these do not need to be used just as an office, all enquiries welcome.

To arrange a viewing or to discuss the terms of our offices, please contact Operations Manager Anna: anna@thomley.org.uk



Oxford Half Success...

Our team of Oxford Half Marathon runners set out on the streets of Oxford to raise money for Thomley in October.

We are so grateful to people that take on challenges for Thomley. We had 13 runners this year, all of whom raised valuable funds for Thomley. A massive shout out to you all for completing the 13.1 mile distance, a real achievement.

Shout out to Nick Allen from Thame Cars, who has now run the Oxford Half for us several times. This year he raised an incredible £1,950!

With the recent news that places for the Oxford Half Marathon 2026 are nearly sold out already, sign up and do the run for Thomley - we have plenty of places! Here is a dedicated event page just for us, sign up today: <https://runforcharity.com/thomley/oxford-half-marathon/register>



The Thomley Silver Ball raises over £12,500...

Thomley hosted our annual Charity ball this November, where 90 guests came and ate, drank and dug deep to support us. It was a FANTASTIC night, with lots of sparkles, music, dancing and most importantly, raised vital funds for Thomley.

We are very grateful to our guests, chefs, staff, volunteers and to all who donated prizes to our raffle and auction. Without you, an amazing fundraising total of £12,500 could not have been possible.

Save the date of 14th November for next year - where the theme will be 'Circus Ball'.