



Thomas Times

WHO WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

ASPIRE Certificates

Year 3

Ali- Integrity
Florence- Pride
Alastair- Pride
Roxy- Pride
Ava- Success
Kara- Resilience
Mason- Resilience

Year 4

Toby-Resilience
Evie- Pride
Bertie- Integrity
Cleo- Equality
Phoebe L- Pride

Year 5

Abrish- Integrity
Alisha- Equality
Alma- Equality
Samiah- Success
Kavya- Equality
Sam- Resilience

Year 6

Tommy- Pride
Sumayyah- Integrity
Aryan- Aspiration
Harley- Success
Hassan- Resilience

ASPIRE Award

Behaviour Award

Dates for next week:

Tuesday 14th July- End of Year Summer
Production @ 6pm
Friday 17th July- Rocksteady Concert in
School @ 10am

Year 3

Sabeeh
Jessica
Ottilie
Inaaya

Golden Tickets

Year 4

Lucy
Iulia
Eloise
Anabia
Phoebe B
Muhammad
Aadam

Year 5

Joshua
Ameya
Thomas
Abrish
Bryony

Year 6

Elyan
Callum
Sophia
Issac
Zoe
Oscar
Suffyan
Jesse

Message from Mrs Butler

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils, the Trust is currently reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy in light of upcoming curriculum developments.

We recognise the important role that parents and carers play in supporting children's understanding of relationships, health and wellbeing. We therefore want to ensure that your views are considered as part of this review process.

We are informing parents and carers of this consultation on the Trust's updated RSE Policy. This is an opportunity for you to view the proposed policy, learn more about the content that will be taught, and share your feedback before any changes are implemented.

Any responses or questions about the policy should be forwarded to Heledd Walker, for Trustees to consider and respond to:
hwalker@odbst.org

The policy will be shared with you via email.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Have a lovely weekend.



TELL ME ...

Section

Questions you can ask your child about this week's learning.

Year 3

- Tell me about the piece of art you are creating in art.
- Tell me about your new teacher.
- Tell me about the different types of charts.
- Tell me about the athlete visit

Year 4

- Tell me 3 facts about Romero Britto.
- Tell me the story of Leaf.
- Tell me how to write coordinates.
- Tell me 3 facts about the athlete who visited this week.

Year 5

- How do create movement in an image?
- Tell me about the athlete visit
- Tell me about transition day.
- Tell me the story of Leaf.

Year 6

- Tell me the story of Leaf.
- Tell me about the themes involved in art fortnight.
- Tell me about the artist JR, and how he uses art to send a message.
- Tell me about transition day.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please speak with the school office.

School dates

Summer 2 2026

Tuesday 14th July- End of Year Summer Production @ 6pm

Friday 17th July- Rocksteady Concert in School @ 10am

Monday 20th July- Art Fortnight Exhibition for parents @ 3pm

Tuesday 21st July- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 9.30am

Tuesday 21st July- Year 6 Afternoon Picnic

Wednesday 22nd July- School closes for the Summer @ 1.15pm

UPSTREAM

an exciting free family
theatre performance about
our chalk streams

Come and meet Lyra, water explorer extraordinaire. One night, she camps out under the stars by her favourite willow tree. Daylight turns to moonlight and the tree comes to life, a spectacular giant puppet called Old Mother River. Together they uncover troubling changes in our rivers and how we can help.



11th July 2026
2.30 PM
4.00 PM
Chesham High Street
as part of Chesham Hats off



Discover more about chalk streams at Chilternstreams.org



**Chilterns
National
Landscape**



**CHILTERNS
CHALK STREAMS
PROJECT**

**£45 + VAT
per day**



limited slots

SUMMER BAND CAMP

At Chenies School

27th, 28th, 29th July

9am-3.30pm

**To reserve a slot, or for more info
please email us at info@mdmusiclab.co.uk**





START YOUR DAY RIGHT!

Thomas Harding Junior School
A Great Morning Routine for Kids!



**Wake Up
On Time!**



Make Your Bed

Wash & Brush Teeth



Eat a Healthy Breakfast



Get Moving & Get Sun!



Pack Your School Bag!



★ Ready to Learn & Have Fun! ★

School Attendance: *Every Day Matters!*

Why it's important:

Research shows a clear link between coming to school and achieving well.

Long-term impact:

Regular attendance is linked with **higher future earnings**, better wellbeing, lower risk of exploitation, and **stronger social skills**.

**Missing school =
Missing out on
learning**

Beyond Academic Success

Regular school attendance helps your child:

- ✓ **Build friendships** – Being present means being part of the class community;
- ✓ **Develop routines** – Learning appropriate routines and behaviour expectations that are well understood;
- ✓ **Feel confident** – Children who attend regularly feel more connected and settled;
- ✓ **Stay safe** – School is a safe place where staff know and care about your child.

What the evidence shows:



Children in Year 6 who attend 95–100% of the time have around **30% higher odds** of reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths than similar pupils attending 90–95%.



Pupils develop the knowledge and skills they need to be ready for the next stage of their education.



Pupils who miss more school generally achieve lower results at both primary and secondary levels.



Good attendance habits now set children up for success in secondary school and beyond.

Our Commitment to You:

We work closely with parents and other agencies to communicate expectations about attendance and improve it, paying close attention to pupils' needs and acting on absence promptly.

We will:

- Support you if your child is struggling with attendance;
- Work with you to overcome any barriers;
- Celebrate good and improved attendance.

How parents can help:

- ☀ Send children to school **every day** if they are well enough.
- ☀ **Avoid term-time holidays** and appointments – Learning time is precious.
- ☀ **Establish good routines** – Regular bedtimes and morning routines make a difference.
- ☀ **Talk to us early** – If you're worried about attendance, we're here to help.

Every day in school is a step toward a brighter future!