

THAMES VALLEY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER – 6TH JANUARY 2023

Message from Stacia Petterson, Executive Principal

Welcome back from the Christmas break and a Happy New Year!

We hope you had a restful break and stayed well over the winter period. It has been lovely to welcome the pupils back into school and we are looking forward to the half term ahead!

We also welcomed some new members of staff to the team, some of which there is more information about in this newsletter! If your pupil has a new form tutor, they will be contacting you over the next week to introduce themselves.

Pupils have begun their new Life Skills unit today with a focus on personal safety and risk management and will hopefully be working towards planning their own offsite trips later on this academic year.

We will be holding another coffee morning on 24th January at 10am for all parents and carers – please contact office@thamesvalley.reading.sch.uk to confirm your attendance and we look forward to seeing many of you then!

February half term

After consulting with parents, it has been agreed that the February half term will move to week commencing Monday 13th February, 2023.

School Calendar

Term Dates

Spring Term	
Students return to school	Wednesday 4th January, 2023
Finish for February half term	Friday 10th February, 2023
Students return to school	Monday 20th February, 2023
Finish for Easter Break	Friday 31st March, 2023
Summer Term	
Students return to school	Monday 17th April, 2023
Finish for June half term	Friday 26th May, 2023
Students return to school	Monday 5th June, 2023
Finish for the Summer break	Tuesday 18th July, 2023

Pupil Awards!

McGuinness: Alfie, for excellent attitude towards his learning, trying hard in all lessons.

Applegate: Aaron, for a great start in his lessons coming back from the holidays.

Packham: Rory, for increased engagement across lessons!

Hopkins: Tristan, for going above and beyond in welcoming new staff.

Tajiri: Molly, for having a positive start back after the holidays and working hard throughout all her lessons

Hegerty: David, for his improved work ethic and attitude towards using computers in class.

Thunberg: Goncarlo, for excellent engagement in all his lessons.

Wiltshire: Thomas, for resilience during the Science lesson when they had technical difficulties

De Blois: Jaymian, for a great settled start to this term.

Smale: Alex, for a positive start to the new term and engaging well with new teachers, showing their potential with their learning

Welcome to new members of the school team!

Ms N Platt- Assistant Principal

I have been teaching for 14 years in specialist and primary settings. I will be teaching English across the school and supporting students to achieve their best. My favourite book is Half of a Yellow Sun and in my spare time I enjoy travelling, swimming, and walking my dog. My favourite colour is pink, I enjoy hiking and watching football and my favourite food is chocolate cake.

Mrs J Dudgeon – Assistant Principal

I have been teaching for 16 years in specialist, primary and all-through settings. I will be teaching Mathematics and Humanities across the school and supporting students to achieve their best. My favourite book is anything written by John Boyne including The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. In my spare time I enjoy walking and cooking. My favourite colour is blue, I enjoy swimming and watching tennis and my favourite food is spaghetti bolognaise.

School Meals – Weekly menu

Secondary LUNCH MENU



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 02.01.2025 30.01.2025 27.02.2025 27.05.2025	Chicken, Chickpea & Carrot Norma with Brown Rice and Peas Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Carrot Norma with Brown Rice and Peas Cheddar Cheese, Butter & Crackers	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise and Cucumber Sticks Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans and Cheddar Cheese Fruit Cake	Beef & Lentil Cottage Pie with Green Beans Lentil & Butter Bean Cottage Pie with Green Beans Carrot Cake	Thai Chicken Noodles with Red Peppers and Broccoli Thai Mushroom Noodles with Red Peppers and Broccoli Cherry Flapjack	MSC - Medford Mac 'n' Cheese with Carrots and Garlic Bread Cherry Tomato Mac 'n' Cheese with Carrots and Garlic Bread Orange & Mango Jelly
Week 2 09.01.2025 06.02.2025 06.05.2025 05.04.2025	Chicken Burger in a Brioche Bun with Roast Potatoes and Cucumber Sticks Veggie Burger in a Brioche Bun with Roast Potatoes and Cucumber Sticks Blueberry Muffin	Chicken and Sweetcorn Wholewheat Pizza Pasta Bake with Mozzarella Topping, Carrots and Garlic Bread Spinach, Butterbean and Squash Wholewheat Pizza Pasta Bake with Mozzarella Topping, Carrots and Garlic Bread Lemon Drizzle Cake	Lamb, Lentil and Pea Ragout Josh Pilaf with Broccoli Chickpea, Lentil and Pea Ragout Josh Pilaf with Broccoli Cheddar Cheese, Butter & Crackers	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise and Sweetcorn Jacket Potatoes with Mexican Bean Chili and Cheddar Cheese Ice Cream	MSC - Cod and Pilchard Fish Cake with New Potatoes and Peas Vegetable Sausage with New Potatoes and Peas Chocolate Brownie
Week 3 16.01.2025 15.02.2025 15.05.2025 10.04.2025	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise and Cucumber Sticks Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans and Cheddar Cheese Fresh Green Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken, Potato and Carrot Curry with Brown Rice and Broccoli Chickpea, Carrot and Potato Curry with Brown Rice and Broccoli Fruit Scone with Butter and Jam	Spaghetti Beef & Mushroom Bolognese with Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread Spaghetti Mushroom & Lentil Bolognese with Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread Fruit Cake	Chicken and Vegetable Casserole with a Cheesy Potato Waffle Topping with Peas Cannellini Bean and Vegetable Casserole with a Cheesy Potato Waffle Topping with Peas Carrot Cake	MSC - Breaded Pilchard Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Green Beans Vegetable Fingers with Roast Potatoes and Green Beans Cheddar Cheese, Butter & Cream Crackers
Week 4 25.01.2025 20.02.2025 20.05.2025	Beef Burger in a Brioche Bun with Potato Wedges and Carrots Vegetable Burger in a Brioche Bun with Potato Wedges and Carrots Cherry Flapjack	Sausage, Spinach and Cheese Wholewheat Pizza Pasta Bake with Peas and Garlic Bread Spinach, Cannellini Bean and Cheese Wholewheat Pizza Pasta Bake with Peas and Garlic Bread Strawberry Jelly	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise and Cucumber Sticks Jacket Potatoes with Barbecue Beans and Cheddar Cheese Lemon Drizzle Cake	Mexican Beef and Bean Chili with Rice and Sweetcorn Mexican Sweet Potato and Bean Chili with Rice and Sweetcorn Chocolate Brownie	MSC - Pilchard Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans Vegetable Fingers with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans Ice Cream

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MSC - Approved by the Marine Stewardship Council



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Reduced Salt and Sugar

School Website

We now have a new website address you can find us at:

www.thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding at Thames Valley School

Thames Valley school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

At Thames Valley School, safeguarding means:

- Protecting students from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment to children's health or development
- Ensuring students are growing up with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all pupils to have the best outcomes

Meet the Safeguarding Team at Thames Valley School

Miss Archer



Mrs Buley



Ms Pettersen



Everyone has the right to feel safe at ALL times.

If you or anyone you know has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed in any way, then please speak to a member of staff. We will be able to offer you help and support. You can talk to any staff member. The information you discuss will be shared with a member of the designated safeguarding team so that appropriate support can be put in place.

Useful Contacts:

Thames Valley School

0118 9442 4750

CHILDLINE

0800 1111

OUT OF HOURS SOCIAL

CARE

01344 786543

NSPCC

0800 800 500

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As part of Mental Health service for young people. It is a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service providing young people aged 11 – 25 years with free, safe and secure means of accessing support with their emotional health and wellbeing from a professional team or qualified counsellors.

