



# TVS

# Weekly News Flash

23rd July 2024



## A message from our Principal, Mrs Buley



It's the final Newsflash of the year!

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you for your ongoing support and collaboration throughout the academic year. Working together is vital and something that holds such value for me, not just for the success of our pupils but for the success of the wider school. Together, we have the ability to make such a difference.

This year, we have focused on fostering a more inclusive and supportive school, valuing the collaborations of our families and pupils. This has included holding a variety of school events which emphasise the importance of community throughout our school, developing a team approach to the support of our pupils and their wider families. We have also revitalised our School Council, who have been instrumental in driving many of our school initiatives and changes, including our recent upgrades to the Sensory Zone and Outdoor Classroom.

There has been a significant drive to improve our curriculum offer, ensuring that we have suitable pathways that promote the best possible outcomes for all pupils, that adequately prepares them for life after Thames Valley School. We have balanced this with our Life Skills and Personal Development offer, ensuring pupils have the information and skills they need to meet their holistic needs and provide them with the tools they may require to access to the wider world with confidence.



As part of this, we are continually assessing the enrichment opportunities we provide to enhance the provision we offer, such as through Bikeability sessions for some year groups next year.

We have also continued to upgrade our school environment, with further improvements scheduled for over the summer holiday period – this will include upgrading our library and creating a learning hub space for pupils to access during intervention sessions, as well as redeveloping our upstairs corridor space.

We will continue to develop our Careers curriculum, including work experience and work encounter opportunities, and, following parental feedback, consider how our homework is structured and communicated to ensure it is accessible for all.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, I am excited for the opportunities that lie before us. We will continue to build on our successes, always striving to create an environment where every young person can thrive.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September,

Mrs Buley

## Pupil Of The Year Awards

This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils for the end of year award who have been nominated by staff for consistently demonstrating exceptional standards to our school principles.

We are pleased to announce **Pupils Of The Year** winners are:

**THOUGHTFUL - MOLLY SANDFORD**

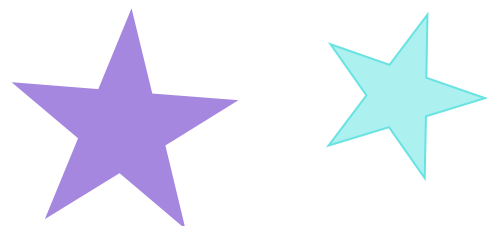
**VALUE - KIAN CAHPMAN**

**SAFE - DEXTER MITCHELL**

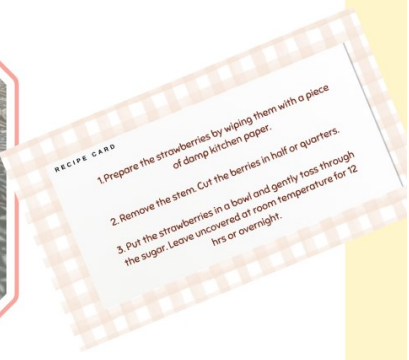


Each of the pupils awarded have consistently demonstrated and upheld our Thames Valley School principles throughout the year and throughout their learning journey. They are shining examples of pupils who are encouraged by and exemplify the principles and are most definitely positive role models to their peers whilst flourishing with their learning.

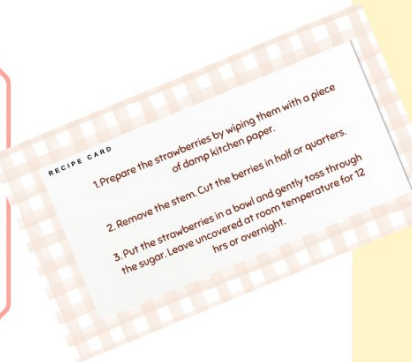
A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.



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# TDT Roundup



This year has been full of exciting developments, increasing our universal therapy offer for all pupils through our personal development curriculum!

## Autumn 1

**Transition & Zones of Regulation**

Triggers & Cues  
Circles of Control  
Size of the Problem  
Independence & Communication



## Autumn 2

**Sensory Awareness & Self-Advocacy**

Senses & Sensory Systems  
Needs & Sensitivities  
Self-Advocacy



## Spring 1

**Interoception**

Body Experiments  
Self-awareness  
Body Signals & Emotions  
Strategies & Actions



## Spring 2

**social Thinking**

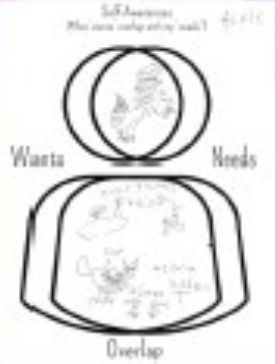
Friendships,  
Perspective Taking & Conflict Management  
Boundaries  
Communication styles



## Summer 1

**Neurodiversity**

Autism, Identity, Self-Awareness  
Autistic Community  
Wants vs Needs  
Cognition  
social Model of Disability



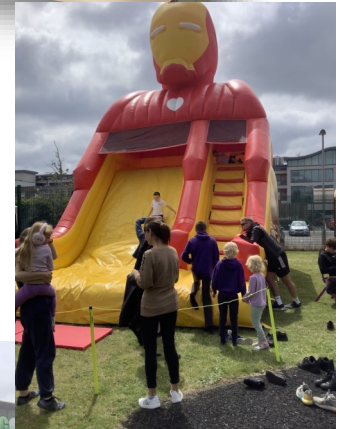
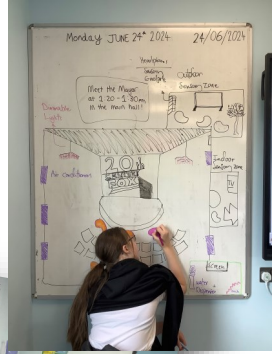
## Summer 2

**Transition**

Preparation & Managing Changes



# Highlights Of The Year



# Staff Update

## All About Miss Faragher

**Awesome Activity**  
Camping with my family

**Favourites**  
Colour - Yellow  
Sport - Hockey  
Food - Chinese  
Subject - Maths

**Music**  
80's  
90's

**Picture Perfect**

**Best Book**  
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE  
JANE AUSTEN

**My Hero**  
My Dad

**Movie**  
ROALD DAHL

**Some Facts**  
I come from South Africa. I have been a teacher for 16 years. My family has moved to the UK. My greatest passion is working with children. I have a son (7) and a daughter (5).  
I am super excited to meet all of you!

Miss Faragher will be joining the Primary team at TVS in September.

Mr Aspinall will be joining us at TVS in Year 7 class as a Learning Mentor.

## All About Mr Aspinall

**Awesome Activity**  
I'm renovating a van!

**Favourites**  
Colour - Pink  
Sport - Football  
Food - Asian  
Subject - Art

**Music**  
PABLO NUTINI  
CARRETTIC LOVE

**Picture Perfect**

**Best Book**  
HARRY POTTER

**My Hero**  
Obi-Wan Kenobi

**Movie**  
STAR WARS

**Some Facts**  
Originally from Brighton, love the sea...but not a great swimmer. Have worked in two other schools over the last couple of years. Before this, I trained Pilots and Cabin Crew for a British Airline. Learning Spanish with Duolingo and love to paint.

We wish Mrs Thomas all the best on her Maternity leave!



## Key Dates

<b>July</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day for Staff</b> Summer Holidays Start
<b>August</b>	22nd	Year 11 Results day 9am - 10.30am
<b>September</b>	4th	<b>Pupils Return to School</b>

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