

Thomas Jones

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Dear Thomas Jones' Families,

An Abundance of Trust

I'd like to thank you for your kindness, both towards the end of last term, and indeed this week. It is no exaggeration to say that there exists an abundance of trust between the school and the community we serve. Long may it last.

Ardent Endeavour

The manner in which pupils have so effusively settled this week is humbling. This resonates especially in regard to the Nursery and Reception, with children as young as three years of age demonstrating such ardent endeavour and immersing themselves in their learning. Older pupils, including those who have just joined the school have shone. I'd go so far as to describe it as being rather 'otherworldly' in terms of positivity and eagerness. Attendance across the school is an impressive 97%. The correlation between remarkable achievement and individuals who are so rarely absent is irrefutable.

Warm with Sunny Spells

According to the Met Office, it is supposed to rain on Sunday. Some could be forgiven for arguing that this will present a perfect opportunity to find a comfortable spot and immerse oneself in a book. This month, please visit the library or a bookshop whenever possible with your child. Ensure older pupils read a portion of the 'I' newspaper, Sunday Observer or the National Geographic magazine. It is crucial that all pupils quickly recalibrate and commit in real terms to being an active partner in the process of becoming a bold and independent reader.

Onward and Autumn Attire

'The season was autumn and the trees were beginning to turn'

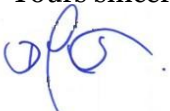
Thomas Hardy

Extra-curricular enrichment opportunities will shortly resume. Later this month, pupils will be attired in the midnight beret and cable knit bobble hat, both of which are, by now, an important element of our autumn/winter uniform. The popular Year 6 straw boaters will continue to make an appearance but mainly for special occasions. As the weather turns, Thomas Jones scarves, mittens and rain jackets can be purchased from our uniform shop.

Oversubscribed

The deadline for applying to join Reception in September 2027 is Monday 11th January. Tours for a large number of prospective families begin next week. You may recall that earlier this year, there were an astonishing 200+ applications for 30 places. We are, again, full to capacity in every class. This bodes well and is testimony to the school's enduring popularity.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens