

Thomas Jones

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Emblazoned with Hearts
*'In the golden lightening
Of the sunken sun,
O'er which clouds are brightening'*

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Sunday 14th June is the ninth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire. Pupils and staff paused to reflect in a special assembly yesterday morning, dressed smartly for the occasion and clad in exquisite green ribbon, scarves and hand-crafted T-shirts, emblazoned with hearts. On behalf of everybody at Thomas Jones, Deputy Head Lindsay Johnson and I would like to take this opportunity to reach out, once more, to all who were affected by what happened on that dreadful night, and especially the large number of families from the past and present whose lives were, and continue to be, impacted.

End Point

From Monday, there only 24 and a half teaching days remaining of the school year. As we rapidly approach another end point of sorts, I'd be grateful for your support in ensuring that all pupils continue to go to bed early on a Sunday evening and every night during the week. I'd also like to see all pupils arriving before the bell is rung at 9.00am. Attendance from September 2025 to the end of last half term was 97%, which evidences, in real terms, pupils' desire to want to come to school.

Departing Early and Returning Late

Learning will be absolute, right up to and including Friday 17th July. It is crucial that no families depart before the end of term or indeed return after the start of the new school year in September.

Swimming Gala, Sports Day and a Punnet of Strawberries

Our swimming team excelled in the 2026 borough gala last week. We finished a respectable 3rd, against formidable opposition. All pupils that took part returned to school feeling a huge sense of elation. Poppy Black deserves much praise for her expert coaching.

Like autumn, winter and spring, summer resonates in its own unique way. Much of the mythology that surrounds this time of the year, arises, I suspect, from memory. As a child, June seemed to last forever, with seemingly endless sunny days. For some, Sports Day and a punnet of strawberries, or at the weekend, the cries of seagulls and a pebbly beach, are symbols of the starting point of the season. Rest assured, classes will jump at the opportunity to utilise fine weather, as and when it returns, with teddy bears' picnics and more sporting events planned for July.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens