

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **In Our Hearts**

*'Begin, and cease, and then again begin,  
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring  
The eternal note of sadness in'*

Tomorrow is the eighth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire. Pupils and staff paused in a special assembly this morning, and reflected during a 72 second silence. On behalf of everybody at Thomas Jones, Deputy Head Lindsay Johnson and I would like to take this opportunity to send our heartfelt thoughts 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 upon most profoundly.

### **Close to the End**

From Monday, there are less than thirty 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 2024 to the end of last half term was 97%. It is crucial that pupils do not miss any lessons. Learning will be absolute right up to and including Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Swimming Gala and Cricket**

Our swimming team excelled in the borough gala at the start of this month. We finished a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup>, against formidable opposition. All pupils that took part returned to school feeling a huge sense of elation and achievement. In the words of Year 5 pupil Lonya Owusu-Bempah 'We trained hard, and challenged ourselves - my own personal highlight was being awarded a medal for being the fastest individual competitor - I feel so proud'. The following week, it was the cricket team's turn to shine at the 2025 inter-schools' junior tournament. Year 3 pupil Aarav Bhatt described the event as 'astonishing - my friends and I were singled out for praise for our expert bowling and defensive batting, it was a brilliant experience'.

### **Mathematics Maestro**

Earlier this week, Year 6 scholar, Rachel Shen competed in the UK's Mathematical Olympiad. Participating in such a prestigious event should be regarded as an accolade in itself. But what resonates so powerfully is Rachel's humility and quiet, assiduous approach.

### **Clay Figurines**

Year 5 have been busy crafting the most intricate of clay figurines, evocations of exquisite birds from around the world. These are currently on display in the classroom but will, towards the end of term, be relocated to a communal space, so they can be enjoyed by everybody, including visitors to the school.

Yours sincerely,



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