

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Reading with Your Child**

*'One of the greatest gifts an adult can give, is to read with a child'*

Please read with your child as much as possible between now and the end of term. Consider visiting the library or one of the nearby bookshops. For older individuals, delving into the National Geographic magazine or The 'I' newspaper will reap rewards.

## **In Demand**

The deadline for applying to join Reception in September 2025 is Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>. If the volume of enquiries from a universally discerning group of parents and carers is anything to go by, we are, once more, expecting a high number of applications. In recent years those naming us as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice school has been disarming, with a five-year mean average of 200 applications per year for 30 places.

## **Electric Performance and Welly Boots**

Yesterday, the Year 4 scholars excelled in an inventive and language-rich depiction of electricity. Their play contained everything from historical facts to the minute detail of how electrons move between two points. Interactive and hugely entertaining, this tableau included a marvellously infectious song that celebrated the wonders of motion and matter and lightening. The costumes and props were exacting. Leo Faulks deserves much praise for his expert direction. The previous day, Year 1 donned welly boots and woolly hats and ventured to the Holland Park Ecology Centre. The visit forms the nucleus of a cross curricular science and geography topic.

## **Humbling Contemplation**

*'As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain'*

Last Friday, pupils and staff silently assembled in the hall to contemplate the significance of Remembrance Day. It was humbling to once again see everybody embrace the opportunity to pause and consider the notion of looking outward. The focus was the Second World War and the extraordinary sacrifices made by so many people between 1939 and 1945.

## **Sustaining Quality**

Priorities at Thomas Jones are, as always, to sustain the quality of what has been achieved and to further improve. I want all pupils to shine. Gaps and anomalies in learning must be remedied. The thrust of our professional development programme is triggered by rigour and an uncompromising set of standards and the scrutiny of outcomes remains absolute. Insightful, visceral teaching is, by far, the single most influential factor and the most ambitious venture continues to be the revisiting of precisely what is taught.

Yours sincerely,



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