

Thomas Jones

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Age-Old Cycle

*'Where the kind rain sinks and sinks,
Green of Spring will follow'*

Christina Rosetti

Winter can be defined by the anticipation of snow, surpassing by its magic the more common days of dampness, wind and rain. In our grounds, life persists, readying itself for the age-old cycle to begin again in the spring. Today, landscaper Joseph Fada has been busy tending shrubs and tackling a multitude of tasks. At the beginning of March, we will begin a programme of seeding and growing. I am optimistic that we can restart the forever popular gardening club soon.

Day-to-Day Wonder

Since returning after the Christmas holiday, there have already been a number of highlights. But ultimately, it is the normal day-to-day moments of wonder that resonate - pupils arriving promptly at 8.55, eager to learn, determined not to miss any learning. It is no exaggeration to describe pupils' assiduous ethic, whether it is crafting a design, rehearsing a dance, or performing with the choir as disarming.

Oversubscribed

Wednesday 14^h January was the final deadline to apply to join Reception in September 2026. An extremely large number of applications were submitted to the borough's admissions team for Thomas Jones. This is testament to the on-going success of the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Emma Jones, who has expertly hosted so many prospective families in recent months.

Simple Truth

Attendance continues to be a strength, evidencing, in real terms, the simple fact that pupils want to come to school. From September to the end of last week, Year 3 and Year 6 take all the plaudits for having the best attendance – both classes an astonishing 98%. In the here and now, please continue to encourage your child to not miss a single day of school.

Heartfelt Thanks

On behalf of the staff team, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going kindness and in particular at the end of last term. Your encouraging words, cards and gifts were hugely appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens