# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Eager Learners**

This year there has been much in the media once more about education, some of which is not effusive. Thomas Jones continues to defy such reports. On a good day, of which there are so many, the school is an evocation of gentleness, positivity and eager learners, with pupils keen to expand their knowledge and enjoy a full and varied curriculum. This holiday, please encourage your child to continue to read as much as possible.

#### **Sustained Success**

There is no denying that 2024 has been hugely rewarding, culminating in a number of successes. Attendance has been a remarkable 97%. Choir shone so brightly last week in both concerts. Academic outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 are amongst the top 1% nationally. The fact that we are so oversubscribed, with long waiting lists for every class, should not be taken for granted. Interest from prospective Reception parents, keen to enrol their children in September 2025 has been overwhelming.

# **Venturing out**

"Winter's wondrous frost and snow, Oh, where are they now?"

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Despite the gloomy forecast, I hope that during the forthcoming holidays, fine days prevail and afford opportunities to venture into London's many parks and gardens for a brisk walk or gentle stroll.

### Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all

Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson and I have been humbled by the extent of your kindness and encouragement in recent weeks. By way of a reminder, pupils return after the holiday on Tuesday  $7^{th}$  January. On behalf of the staff team I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out and send our warmest seasonal greetings - Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.

Yours sincerely,

DM Sellens