

Thomas Jones

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Everything at its Most Rewarding

*'There is no time like spring,
When life's alive in everything'*

Christina Rossetti

Traditionally at Thomas Jones, the period from late April to July is exemplified by the notion of eager anticipation when everything is at its most rewarding. With punnets of strawberries at Sports Day, June's string recital, the scholars' school journey to Marchant's Hill and staging of their end of year play, and the Nursery venturing to Kensington Palace Gardens for the annual Teddy Bear's Picnic, there is always a frisson.

Celebratory Moment

'The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning'

Yesterday morning there was a special assembly, the focus of which was the girls' football team and their recent remarkable achievement of being crowned 2026 League Champions. In talking about the children's sporting prowess, I took inspiration from legendary three-times FIFA World Cup winner Pele. The above words are his, taken from his autobiography and perfectly evoking the mood amongst our team. We wish them well for the 2026/2027 campaign, which starts in the autumn.

Safer St Mark's Road Initiative Revisited

After a fair amount of delay, last week we hosted a training session for parents and carers with a view to re-launching the 'Safer St Mark's Road' initiative. However, to proceed with a better guarantee of success, we need support from a much larger number of families. The training will be repeated in the next few weeks. Please, if you are in a position to lend a hand, reach out to Scott Gourley, the designated co-ordinator for this venture.

Bucket Hats

I'd be grateful for your support ensuring your child wears a school bucket hat. This is an important item of our uniform. It is exceptionally practical on both sunny days and drizzly mornings. It also sets us apart. In terms of looking after the hat, I'd strongly urge you to not put it in the washing machine but instead sponge it when needed.

Yours sincerely,



David Sellens