

THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fundraising Cake Sale

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, pupils and staff, and especially Scott Gourley, for ensuring that this important event was so well attended. Vanilla clusters, strawberry meringue, eclairs, panettone, tarte au citron, oat flapjacks, tiramisu and homemade Victoria sponge – you name it, it was on sale in the Key Stage 1 play space on Friday afternoon, raising over £500 towards our books fund.

Belonging

Last week, pupils once more embraced the themes of belonging and diversity. On this occasion, I played music in assembly that goes some way towards affording insight in regard to the history and cultural heritage of the Windrush generation. Thomas Jones has, over the years, benefitted enormously from the expertise and first-hand experiences of members of our wider community in the form of recollections and anecdotes. I hope this continues. It is crucial that periodically we revisit the above. It is only through understanding the past that we can begin to comprehend the present and indeed to forge a path that promotes inclusivity and aspiration for all. I am forever grateful to those individuals who continue to champion and advocate for what is in essence the large Thomas Jones family, one that is respectful of all people.

Autumn Enrichment

Exceptionally rewarding, and culminating in a number of recent successes in sport and academic outcomes, as we rapidly approach another 'end point' of sorts, I feel it apt to briefly mention a few important elements. Large numbers of pupils have made progress, some remarkable. The breadth of the curriculum is humbling, with clay and dance and educational visits here, there and everywhere, seemingly the norm rather than the exception. Attendance has been an impressive 97%. The fact that every class is full should not be taken for granted. Interest from prospective Reception parents, keen to enrol their children in September 2025 has been overwhelming. Professional development has been of an exacting nature. Year 2's Harvest assembly was sublime, with a capacity audience of family members and friends of the school, many of whom enthusiastically chose to sing and dance at the end of the performance.

Generosity of Spirit

Deputy Head Lindsay Johnson and I have again been disarmed by the unerring generosity of spirit amongst our families. On behalf of the staff team, I'd like to thank you for your encouragement and trust. We look forward to seeing all pupils again on Monday 4th November.

Yours sincerely,



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