



# Newsletter



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Thank you to all our parents for your support in helping children to attend school, on time, wherever possible. Maintaining regular attendance at school is vital if our children are to achieve their best. So far this term, we have achieved an average attendance across the school of 97.9% which is very good! We have hit our target! Remember: "The more you attend school, the better you learn." Keep up the great work, everyone. 😊

## Harvest Assembly



Thank you to nearly 200 parents who came along to the Harvest Assembly on Wednesday. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout to support the children as they read poems and sang songs that remind us of all the good things we have and the beautiful world around us. Being grateful is a theme that we will be exploring further next half term. Burton Hope were extremely grateful for the donations; we filled the car to the brim! Thank you to our Year 6 helpers! The food bank in Burton is very low on supplies and many people rely on this support, so thank you for all your generosity.



## Keeping Safe Online

**Smartphones** (last reminder to do the survey 😊)

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete this quick survey and give us your views about smartphone use. The survey is relevant for ALL parents, regardless of whether your child owns a smartphone or not. The results of the survey will give us an insight into how TRJS parents feel about smartphone use in children, and what action may be needed to support the school community. The results will be shared in future newsletters. Thank you!

Go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/ctm2AXymAf>

Or scan the QR code:



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** this week and shared hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. We have so many great learners who are proud to demonstrate our school values and be their very best. Congratulations everyone!

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Billie O, Sophie P</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Scarlett A-J, Violet D</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Joe R, Thomas F</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Thomas H, Aurelia T</b>

## Dinner Money Debts

We ask that parents clear any debt for school dinners within 2 weeks. We do have some debts that are over £40 (which is nearly 3 weeks of debt) and we may write to you to ask for this to be cleared or we may have to ask that the child has a packed lunch until it is paid. Thank you.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those parents who attended our recent parent consultations. We had nearly 90% of parents who joined us, which is very encouraging. Next half term, we plan to have a session for parents to explain the priorities for the school and how parents can best support learning at home. There will be opportunity for parents to raise any questions at these sessions and suggest ideas. More information will follow shortly.

Our school catering manager,  
Mrs Mandy Brammer is  
organising a wreath-making workshop  
before Christmas, on Thursday 5 December.  
Please give her a ring if you are interested and  
help raise funds for school.

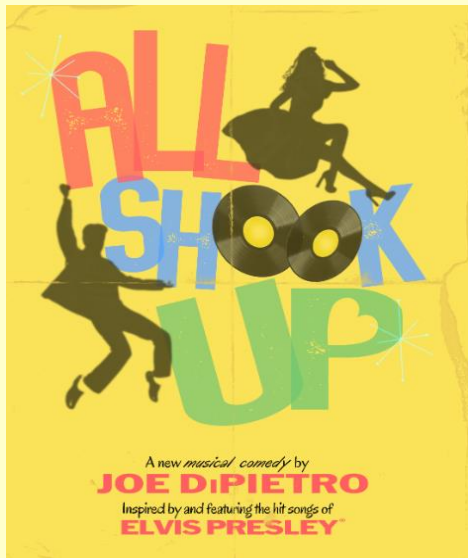


## Applications for High School

A reminder to those Year 6 parents who have not yet completed an application form for a place at high school, the deadline for applications is 31 October (which is in half term). We have sent a message to the Y6 parents concerned. A reminder that the Open Evening at JTHS is on Thursday 24 October (today!) so we presume parents are aware and have made contact with the school.

## Lost Property

Thank you to all our parents who have claimed the lost property recently. We do have a huge amount of clothing without names. Just writing on the label with a sharpie or a biro will do – it is so useful to have everything named so we can return things to their rightful owners! Thank you



## All shook Up

A new club is starting after half term on a Thursday after school. We are lucky to have Helen Thompson, former music teacher at JTHS, to lead the children. The idea is that the children who sign up will be involved in singing and drama to perform “All Shook Up” which is based (as the name may suggest) on the songs of Elvis Presley. The actual performance is planned for the end of the Spring Term. So, we are looking for children who love to sing and perform and are prepared to work hard and attend rehearsals on a Thursday after school (3.30-4.30pm). We will then do some auditions before Christmas. Mrs Thompson is somewhat of a legend in these parts, having led many school productions at the High School. We have already paid for the license to stage the musical, so we are asking for a small contribution of £2 per week to help cover the costs.

## Community Fund-Raising

Following the commitment from parents to sign up for helping at events (from Parents’ Evening last year), we are planning a number of events this year. Miss Branson has already emailed those parents who volunteered. The first event will be a Christmas Disco for all year groups and more information will follow after half term, once the details are agreed. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

## Choir

Please note there is no choir on Friday 8 November. In addition to Young Voices, some of the choir will also have the opportunity to do some singing in the local community before Christmas, so we will be learning some Christmas songs! More information will follow after half term.

## After School Clubs

What	Provider	When	Year Group	Cost	Information
Netball	Super Star Sport	Monday 3.30-4.30 4/11-16/12	Y3-6	£42	See flier below
Archery	Super Star Sport	Tuesday 3.30-4.30 5/11-17/12	Y3-6	£42	See flier below
Football	Soccerstars	Tuesday 3.30-4.30 5/11-17/12	Y3-6	£38.50	See flier below
Woodland Warriors	Mrs Veevers	Tuesday 3.30-4.30 5/11 – 10/12	Y3-6	The club is now full	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code – uam3j
Maths	Magical Maths	Wednesday 3.30-4.30 6/11-18/12	Y3-6	£8 per week	See the flier below.
All Shook Up	Mrs Thomspson	Thursday 3.30-4.30 7/11-12/12	Y3-6	£12 (£2 per week)	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code – uam3j Pay on ParentPay please.
Choir	Mr Emery	Friday 3.30-4.20 15/11-13/12	Y4-6	Free	The choir children are already booked on 😊

## *Dates for your Diary*

Friday 25 October – **INSET DAY** (School is closed to pupils for staff training)

**Half Term:** Monday 28 October-Friday 1 November

The pupils return to school on: **Monday 4 November.**

*J Emery*



**SUPER STAR SPORT**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**We are committed to keeping your children fit, active and healthy!**

**Thomas Russel Junior School**

**Monday**  
 Netball | All Years

**Tuesday**  
 Archery | All Years

£42 for 7 sessions  
 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Starting from  
 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

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 Go to "Book Now" & select your club!



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



**Football**  
 School Years:  
 3 TO 6

**THOMAS RUSSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Dates: **Tuesday**  
 Time: **3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**PRICE: £38.50**

<https://super-star-sport-midlands.classforkids.io/term/437>



**Professor Poopenshtinken's MAGICAL MATHS**

**Magical Maths...**  
*...is back next half term!*

After a fantastic term at Thomas Russell Junior packed full of mind boggling tricks, games and puzzles, Professor Poopenshtinken and her friends are back this October for more mathemagical fun!

Over the last term, hats and wands were worn in fast paced maths duels, legs were stretched on **Mathletes week** and countless puzzles were solved at **Magical Maths**. The newest Maths Geniuses will even now be able to square huge numbers in their heads, read minds and guess your age...

Professor Poopenshtinken recently even had the chance to visit **10 Downing Street**, where he presented some of the brand new tricks and games that we are bringing to the latest generation of maths geniuses next term!






To make sure your child doesn't miss out on the opportunity to learn these amazing tricks, scan the QR code or visit [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) to book your child's place!

Spaces are limited... so act quickly!

**Magical Maths online is now...**  
**FREE!** with every Booking!

With over 260 hours of videos, worksheets, quizzes and interactive games, you and your child can continue the fun and learning from home with **Magical Maths Online!**

**Magical Maths Online** now even complements our after school sessions - each week you can quickly access the **Magical Maths Online** topic that relates to the mind boggling trick or thrilling game that your child will have enjoyed that week.

Once charged at £9.99 per month, Professor Poopenshtinken is now offering **FREE access** to everyone who books onto one of our after school club programmes, to make sure your child can get the most out of his incredible tricks and games!

