



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

Friday 28 March



	w/b 17.03.25
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	98.6%
TRJS Overall	97.75%

Year 6 were the top attenders last week. Extra playtime was arranged for all year groups as the whole school average was over the TRJS target of 97.5%. Well done all you heroes!

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** during the last week and will be sharing hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Keep the jokes and riddles coming!

Year 3	Luca W, Finley D
Year 4	Sophia V, Phoebe W
Year 5	Iris B, Henry M
Year 6	Anna D, Matthew P

KEEPING SAFE

I am sure we all share a concern for keeping our children safe online. Here is a link to some useful advice from Internet Matters. It covers setting boundaries, parental controls, searching, checking that things are suitable, using devices in a shared space and talking to older siblings. The guide is also available in the newsletter section of the school website.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Internet-Matters-Age-Guide-6-10s-Jan23.pdf>

After School Clubs

Please find fliers at the end of this newsletter, for the following clubs to start after Easter. Please book directly with Soccerstars as outlined in the posters:

Monday – Dodgeball

Tuesday – Football

Wednesday – Rounders

Table Tennis will continue on Wednesdays after Easter – further information will follow.

Utilita Cup

On Monday 10th March, a TRJS football team took part in a training session at Buton Albion in preparation for the Utilita Cup tournament. They were put through their paces, practising the skills that they would need on the day.



Utilita Cup Northern Stage Final



It was an early start for the Thomas Russell football team on Monday 17th March, as we represented Burton Albion in the Northern Final of the Utilita Cup at Wigan's Laithwaite Park; the winners from this tournament would progress to play at Wembley Stadium. During the morning, Thomas Russell played five other representatives from league one clubs: Birmingham City, Huddersfield Town, Wigan Athletic, Bolton Wanderers and Wrexham. In each game, TRJS were victorious scoring some excellent goals

and working brilliantly as a team both offensively and defensively. The afternoon began with the quarter final stage and Thomas Russell played Shrewsbury Town. It was a hard-fought match and although TRJS had many chances, the game ended 0-0 meaning penalties. TRJS were again victorious,



Group A	PLD	PTS	GD
1 Blackpool	5	9	3
2 Lincoln City	5	8	1
3 Stockport County	5	7	1
4 Shrewsbury Town	5	7	-1
5 Barnsley	5	5	-1
6 Rotherham United	5	4	-3

Fixtures Group A ▼

Group B	PLD	PTS	GD
1 Burton Albion	5	15	8
2 Birmingham City	5	9	2
3 Wigan Athletic	5	7	0
4 Bolton Wanderers	5	7	0
5 Huddersfield Town	5	4	-1
6 Wrexham	5	1	-9

winning the shoot-out 3-1. The semi-final saw TRJS taking on Blackpool. Again, this was a tight match with both teams having the opportunity to win; however, the game ended 0-0 meaning that for a second time we went to penalties. Unfortunately, Thomas Russell aka Burton Albion lost the match 3-2 on penalties. All the team played exceptionally well and were a credit to themselves and the school and the staff from Wigan Athletic informed us that they felt that TRJS played the best football of all of the teams in the tournament. A big thank you as well to all the parents and relatives who made their way to Wigan for the tournament, we really did appreciate your support. A huge thank you to Miss Marston for her continued enthusiasm and expertise in coaching the team.



Dove Valley Football League

On Tuesday 11th March, the TRJS football team took part in the third round of the Dove Valley league. During the evening, the team played Ricard Crosse, Yoxall and William Shrewsbury. The team played incredibly well and never gave up, even though we faced tough competition. Over the three matches, TRJS drew against Yoxall 1-1, narrowly lost to Richard Crosse 1-0 and lost to William Shrewsbury 3-0. All children played incredibly well and should be very proud of themselves.



SCIENCE MORNING



On Thursday 13th March the whole school took part in science morning. This year's theme was 'Change and Adapt'. In the morning, children learnt about habitats, microhabitats and food chains; how organisms in an ecosystem depend on each other; how British farmers are adapting with help of scientists to deal with the extreme weather caused by climate change and how you can join the climate fight at home and at school. The second part of the morning saw the children in lower school having the chance to design a rocket from a straw and paper and then compete against each other to see whose would go the furthest? In upper school, children become engineers. They learnt about pendulums - making one themselves. They experimented with ways to slow down its swing and even explored different types of swings. It was lovely to see all the children learning and having fun. A super morning. Thank you to everyone for making it a success. 😊 Thank you to Mrs Hiatt for planning and organising this day to inspire the next generation of scientists.



A reminder that All Shook Up is being performed in the school hall on Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. Please book your place via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the following code: **qufdz**

*There is no rehearsal after school on Thursday 3 April (due to Parents' Evening).

*There is an extra rehearsal on **Friday 4 April 3.30-4.30pm**

East Staffordshire Gymnastics

On Friday 14th March, TRJS gymnasts travelled to de Ferrers Academy to compete in the East Staffs competition. The event included floor and vault disciplines. All gymnasts did their very best and we were fortunate to enter 2 teams into both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 category. It was clearly evident that all our children had put a great deal of time into practising the routines, so thank you for all your hard work and preparation; it certainly paid off!



TRJS placed 1st in Year 5/6, 2nd in Year 3/4 (team B) and 3rd in Year 3/4 (team A). The teachers from different schools commented about the extraordinary teamwork and passion oozing from all pupils at TRJS. What an incredibly talented bunch of gymnasts! The morning was enjoyed by everyone involved.



Night Owls and Early Birds

Please note that advance booking is essential to guarantee your child's place. We do get booked up very quickly, so advise parents to book as soon as possible via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the following codes:

Night Owls – 2wdmh

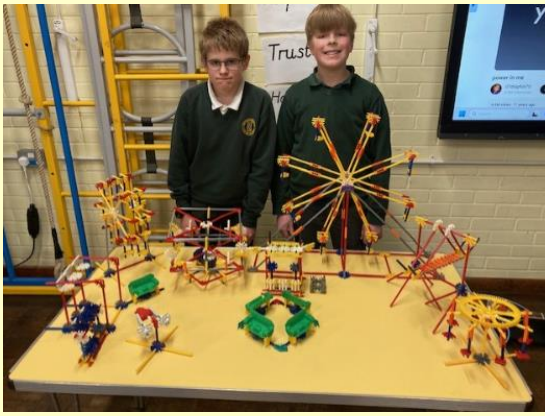
Early Birds – agdp4

The booking for the Summer Term sessions will be open at: **6pm on Monday 31 March**

Booking will close at: **8.30am on Monday 28 April**

Touch Rugby

If your child is interested in touch rugby, see the fliers at the end of the newsletter for events at Holland Sports with Barton Rugby Club.



Architects and Engineers

Nat and Oscar (Y6) have been very busy. Using some of their lunchtimes, they have designed and constructed a fairground. They did this completely independently. Great work lads!

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 3 April and Tuesday 8 April– Parent Consultations (3.50pm-6.30pm)

Wednesday 9 April – Easter Coffee Morning (9-10am); Shook Up (6pm)

Friday 11 April – Last Day of Term

Have a good weekend 😊

J Emery

SoccerstarsUK specialise in After School Clubs, we provide an exciting programme for boys and girls of all abilities ensuring that they can enjoy games in a safe and positive learning environment.

After School Club at

Thomas Russell
Junior School
Dodgeball – Y3 to Y6

Monday
3:30pm to 4:30pm
£16.50 for 3 weeks

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WWW.SOCCERSTARSUK.CO.UK | Footie@soccerstars.co.uk | 01332 368000

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After School Club at

Thomas Russell
Junior School
Football – Y3 to Y6

Tuesday
3:30pm to 4:30pm
£22.00 for 4 weeks

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After School Club at

Thomas Russell
Junior School
Rounders – Y3 to Y6

Wednesday
3:30pm to 4:30pm
£19.00 for 4 weeks

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Touch (Rugby) Tuesdays

Come & join in!

Sport for all Sport for Life

Junior & Adult Sessions



Barton Under Needwood RFC

Barton Bandits



Touch (Rugby) Sessions

Join in, have fun, get fit! minimum contact!

All are welcome. Age, Gender, Ability for Social or Competitive games

Every Tuesday evening (*Weather permitting)

Holland Sports Club, Barton under Needwood, DE13 8ET

Junior sessions (8/9 - 13 years)
5.30 - 6.30pm

Adult sessions (14 years+)
7.00pm Training 7.20 - 8.20pm Game



MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE - £2 per session contribution minimum.
*Text 07977 055485 for further information



TOUCH RUGBY JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP



10am - 3pm Wednesday 16th April 2025

Holland Sports Club - Barton under Needwood, Staffordshire DE13 8ET

For all children between the age of 8 and 14 welcome,
boys and girls, no experience necessary!

Cost is £20 per child, £10 for siblings.

EMAIL: ENQUIRIES@SUPERTOUCHSCHOOLS.COM

Active	Inclusive	Skills	Development
Cardiovascular health, Coordination, Strength, Flexibility, Motor Skills.	Gender Inclusive, Mixed age, Mixed ability games and progression. Highly social. Fun!	Teamwork & collaboration, Communication, Low Impact, Strategic.	Confidence & self esteem, resilience, emotional regulation, Decision making.

Junior Touch Training Camp Itinerary

- Welcome & Introduction to Touch
- Fun warm up activities
- Progressive Super Six game
- Extending Touch skills
- Touch Tournament
- Child Development pathways
- Thanks and Tournament presentations

Inspire and Achieve with Touch Rugby

For further information Scan below

Or <https://go.ly/STSCamp>

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TRJS

Dates for 2024/2025



Monday 2 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 September	AUTUMN TERM STARTS for pupils
Friday 25 October	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Monday 28 October-Friday 1 November	HALF TERM
Friday 20 December	AUTUMN TERM ENDS
Monday 23 December-Friday 3 January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 January	SPRING TERM STARTS
Monday 17 February-Friday 21 February	HALF TERM
Friday 11 April	SPRING TERM ENDS
Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 April	SUMMER TERM STARTS
Monday 26 May-Friday 30 May	HALF TERM
Friday 4 July	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Friday 18 July	SUMMER TERM ENDS
Monday 21 July	INSET DAY