



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

Friday 4 April 2025

Staffordshire County Council

HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

Little Heroes Assemble

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| | w/b 24.03.25 | w/b 31.03.25 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 3 | 97.7% | 99% |
| Year 4 | 98.9% | 97.2% |
| Year 5 | 97% | 93.5% |
| Year 6 | 96.4% | 95.9% |
| TRJS Overall | 97.5% | 96.4% |

Year 4 and Year 3 were the top heroes over the last fortnight. Well done, guys! The whole school average has once again hit our target of 97.5%, so there will be 5 minutes extra playtime for everyone.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** and shared hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Keep the jokes coming!

What vegetable should not be served on a boat? Leeks 😊 (Thank you Beatrice!)

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| Year 3 | Charlie H, Poppy J |
| Year 4 | Leo C, Beatrice S |
| Year 5 | At Laches Wood (Everyone was a hero last week!) |
| Year 6 | Emily D, Alex M-J |

PE Uniform Update

After Easter, we will be asking all children to come to school, dressed in their PE kit for BOTH days of PE each week. Please note that there is no change to the school expectations for PE kit. However, over recent months, many children have come to school with kit which does not follow our uniform policy. We remind parents/carers that children should wear house-coloured T-shirt, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms, plain black hoodie/tracksuit top and sports trainers. We ask that children avoid fashion wear with different colours, football tops. It would be great to see everyone smart for the TRJS Sports Day (which is all day on Thursday 22 May).

Night Owls and Early Birds

Please note that advance booking is essential to guarantee your child's place. Please ensure that your account is in credit by the end of this term, before further sessions are booked (with the exception of Childcare Vouchers) 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

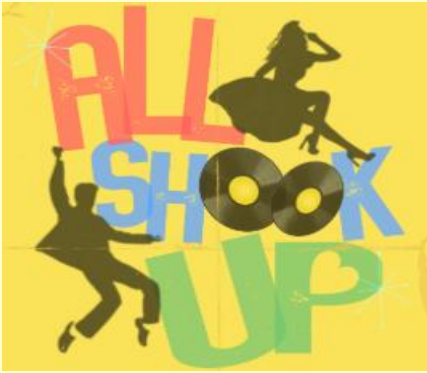
The booking for the summer term is now open and closes at **8.30am on Monday 28 April**.



Laches Wood 2025

Last week, Year 5 went on their residential visit to Laches Wood. We were all very excited to arrive and check out our dormitories (and even managed to make our beds, showing excellent teamwork skills!) After lunch, we began our first activity; we didn't stop until we came home! During our action-packed adventure, we took part in high ropes activities, indoor caving, BMX riding, axe throwing, archery and bush craft. Evenings were equally as active with the children taking part in two orienteering tasks: global domination and picture trail. All of Year 5 really threw themselves into every activity, showing excellent teamwork skills, resilience and determination as well as pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. They were a credit to themselves and to TRJS. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped plan and supervise this event: Mrs Preston (Group Leader), Miss Marston, Miss Sinclair, Mrs Graves, Mrs Windsor.





A reminder to the cast that there is a rehearsal in school on Monday (please come to school wearing your costume).

There is also a performance for the school on Tuesday morning.

Places are booking up fast for the Wednesday performance at 6pm. The booking will close at 9am on Monday morning.

Let's rock and roll!

Year 6 Update

A reminder to parents that the deadline for ordering the Leavers' hoodies is Monday 7 April at 9.00am (this Monday!)

After School Clubs

The overview for after school clubs for next term is below, including booking information and costs.

Easter Activities

Please see the fliers at the end of the newsletter, including:

- Decorate an Egg Competition – bring into school by Monday 7 April
- Easter biscuits on sale (£1)– Wednesday 9 April
- Easter Coffee Morning (just for the parents and families) – Wednesday 9 April
- Easter Raffle – tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 9 April (£1 each) and will be drawn on Friday 11 April

Dates for the Diary

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Summer Term Starts | Monday 28 April |
| Y6 SATS week | 12-15 May |
| Circus Skills Workshop | Friday 16 May |
| SPORTS DAY | Thursday 22 May (All Day) |
| HALF TERM | Mon 26-Fri 30 May |
| Y6 Residential | 2-4 June |
| Y6/7 Transition Day | Tuesday 1 July |
| INSET DAY | Friday 4 July (school closed to pupils) |
| Music Night | Monday 7 July 6pm |
| Y6 Leavers' Party | Friday 11 July 4.45-6.15 |
| Y6 Leavers' Performance | Friday 18 July |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 18 July |

Enjoy the sunshine and have a good weekend.

J Emery

PE Kit

T-shirts:

Children need a plain cotton t-shirt in their House colour. Alternatively, a branded t-shirt (with a school badge) can be purchased from the uniform shop.

House t-shirts will be needed for both indoor and outdoor PE lessons.



Shorts/Skort:



Shorts/skorts should be plain black. We ask shorts are of an appropriate length. Please avoid very short or lycra shorts.

Joggers:



Plain black joggers can be worn for outdoor PE. They are particularly recommended in the colder months between November and March.

Jumper:

Children can wear their normal school jumper for PE. Alternatively, they can wear a plain black hoody/zip-up/tracksuit top. A top with the school badge is available from the uniform shop, but this is not essential. We ask that children do not wear branded fashion wear or football tops.



Trainers:

Children are asked to wear sports trainers for PE. No fashion trainers / hi-tops please. Trainers need to be supportive of the foot and ankle. Velcro is fine, but if your child is wearing laces, please ensure that they are able to tie them securely.



After Easter 2025

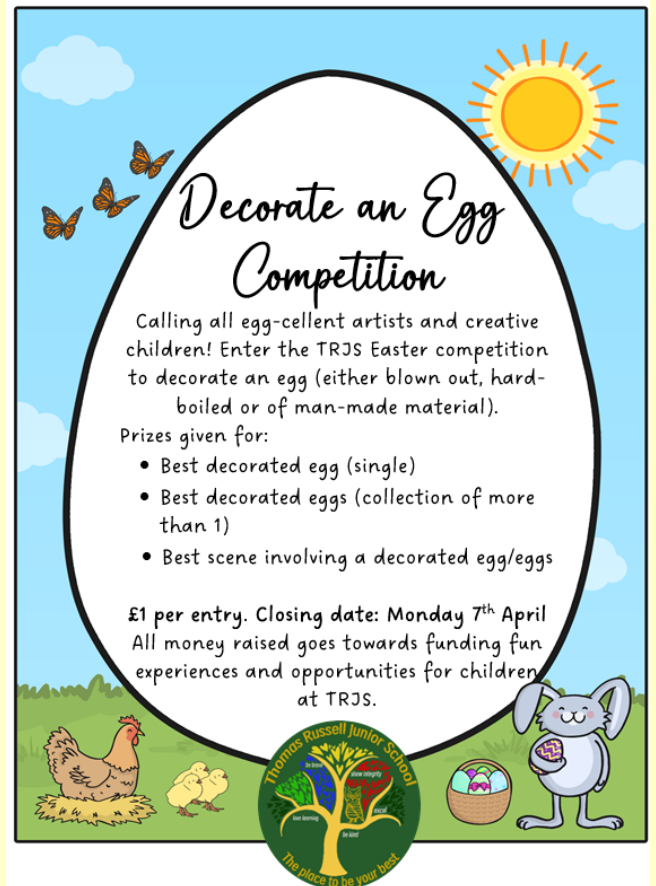
With effect from 28 April 2025, we ask that children come to school in their PE kit on BOTH PE days each week. This will avoid losing curriculum time for changing into PE kit. We are also aware that some children do feel sensitive about changing in front of other children.



Easter Activities at TRJS

- Decorate an egg competition. £1 per entry. Bring in your entries to school by Monday 7th April.
- Easter biscuits on sale to children at playtime on Tuesday 8th April. £1 per biscuit.
- Families Coffee Morning on Wednesday 9th April 9am-10am. All members of the TRJS family are welcome: parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends. Cakes and hot drinks will be available for a donation. Come along and see all the decorated egg competition entries.
- Easter egg raffle. £1 per raffle ticket. Draw on Friday 11th April.

All money raised will be spent on fun experiences and opportunities for all children at TRJS.


Decorate an Egg Competition

Calling all egg-cellent artists and creative children! Enter the TRJS Easter competition to decorate an egg (either blown out, hard-boiled or of man-made material).

Prizes given for:

- Best decorated egg (single)
- Best decorated eggs (collection of more than 1)
- Best scene involving a decorated egg/eggs

£1 per entry. Closing date: Monday 7th April
All money raised goes towards funding fun experiences and opportunities for children at TRJS.




HOLLAND SPORTS CLUB

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT!!

EASTER MONDAY-21ST APRIL
12PM-6PM

Face painting and bouncy castle
FREE gift for all children!



For more information:
www.hollandsportsclub.org/events



11th Burton upon Trent Scouts
"Foresters"

FAMILY QUIZ

Holland Sports Club
Barton Under Needwood

April 11th 2025, 7:00pm

Fundraising for the 11th Burton on Trent Scouts
"The Foresters"
Kandersteg 2026 Jamboree

Teams of 4 - 6
£3.50 per team member
(paid when booking includes £1 entry into the "Heads & Tails" game)

Please email kandersteg26@gmail.com to book your table

HOT DOGS

SWEET STALL

MUGA ACCESS

Card payment will be available but please bring cash for the tombola!

TOMBOLA PRIZES

| What | Provider | When | Year Group | Cost | Information |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dodgeball | Soccerstars | Mondays 28/04, 12/05, 19/05 | Y3-6 | £16.50 | https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Courses, After School Clubs – search for Thomas Russell Junior School |
| Cricket | Mr Tolley | Mondays 28/04, 12/05, 19/05 | Y4-6 | £9 | www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code:g3tqp Pay on parent pay please. |
| Football | Soccerstars | Tuesdays 29/04, 06/05,13/05, 20/05 | Y3-6 | £22 | https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Courses, After School Clubs – search for Thomas Russell Junior School |
| Woodland Warriors | Mrs Veevers | Tuesdays 29/04, 06/05, 13/05, 20/05 | Y3-6 | £24 | www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code:g3tqp Pay on parent pay please. |
| Keyboard Club | Hot House Music | Tuesdays 29/04, 06/05, 13/05, 20/05 | Y3-6 | £3 Weekly | https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/ Scroll to the bottom and click on TRJS Extra Curricular |
| Rounders | Soccerstars | Wednesdays 30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05 | Y3-6 | £22 | https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Courses, After School Clubs – search for Thomas Russell Junior School |
| Table Tennis | Mr Kerr | Wednesdays 30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05 | Y3-6 | £10 | www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code: g3tqp Pay on parent pay please. |

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 Rounders – Y3 to Y6

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

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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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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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