



# Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97%
TRJS Overall	96.2%

Well done to Year 5 for achieving the TRJS target of 97.5% and being top HEROES this week!

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** and has shared hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Oh, and jokes are always good!

Year 3	Beth M-J, Gia G
Year 4	Vinnie R, Tove W
Year 5	Bertie F, William M
Year 6	Eryn S, Logan B

## Sports Day

The TRJS Sports Day is booked for Thursday 22 May. This event is for the whole day, with different year groups participating in different events during the course of the day. The outline is available on the school website under "Newsletters" and is included at the end of today's newsletter. Parents are invited to check the schedule to plan their time for the day. There will be a break from 12pm-1.15pm when parents will be asked to leave the school premises. Please note that "Heats" means that all children will be having a go on the day. Where we it states "Finals", the heats will have been done in school and the children who have reached the final will be informed closer to the day. As always, we remind children to wear the correct TRJS PE kit, wear a hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle (and a coat in case of inclement weather!). If any parent would like to offer to help serve refreshments for the parents, then please let us know before the day.

## 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](http://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**.

## After School Clubs

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

## TRJS Easter Activities 2025

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our Easter activities. We had nearly 100 entries to our 'Decorate an Egg' competition. It was incredibly hard to choose winners amongst the egg-ceptionally egg-cellent quality and variety of decorated eggs, egg collections and egg scenes.

We had a well-attended Coffee Morning with delicious cakes, drinks and viewing of the competition entries. Thank you for the donation of cakes, money and coming along to support us. A big thank you also to Mrs Brammer for baking 250 Easter biscuits for us to sell.

For the Easter Egg raffle and competition prizes we had some generous donations of eggs. Thank you very much to:

- Mrs Owen's after-school swimming business
- Barton-under-Needwood Co-op
- Central Co-op
- Yoxall Post Office
- TRJS staff

After much deliberation (and plenty of agonising!) it was decided that our 'Decorate an Egg' competition winners are...

**Single egg:** Aemilia T, Harley P, Milo W

**Collection of eggs:** Charlie E, Vincent G, Dylan C, Will G

**Egg scene:** William R, Ethan H, Iris B, Orla S, Nat E



Overall, we raised £543.88! This is an amazing effort and will go towards funding fun, exciting learning activities for all year groups in the future. Thank you to all the children and families for your generosity. A huge thank you to Miss Branson for organising the Easter fund-raising.





## Y6 English

Year 6 enjoyed some outdoor learning during English last week. This term, we've been reading *The Last Bear*. The book follows April, an 11-year-old girl, who travels to Bear Island in the Arctic Circle with



her father, a meteorologist, studying climate change. While there, April and her father enjoy a special moment together witnessing the Midnight Sun while sipping a hot chocolate. Mrs Rollins took her English group outside to act out the scenario, while enjoying a hot

chocolate of their own. And, while not as spectacular as the Midnight Sun itself, the Spring sunshine certainly shone for us.



## Y6 Art

Y6 took advantage of the good weather to go outside for their art lesson.

The children are learning about the artist Edvard Munch. They had an opportunity to explore using oil pastels to recreate his famous piece, 'The Scream'.

## Swimming

A message from Mrs Owen: Could we remind all children to have bring a swimming hat for each lesson. Also, the boys should all be wearing tight fitting shorts (or jammies); long and baggy shorts will impede the swimmer. Thank you.

## Debts

There are a considerable number of parents who are in debt for dinner money or wrap around care. We will be sending out letters to ask that all debts are cleared by Friday 2 May. If larger amounts are still owing (over £27.50 for dinner money and over £50 for Wrap Around) the school may ask that a child does not continue to have school dinners or attend Early Birds/Night Owls until the debt is cleared. Thank you for your support.

## Family Holidays

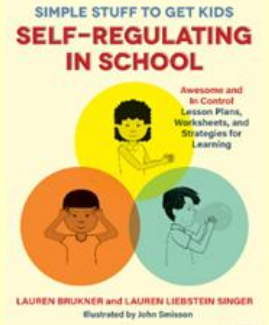
We have sent reminders out throughout the year to ask parents to avoid holidays during term time. Please use the 13 weeks of school holidays. Attendance at school is so important for our children. Any absence is proven to affect progress. They only get one chance at their education, so let's give them the best chance possible by attending regularly at school. Thank you for your support.



# The ZONES of Regulation

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Our Mindful Mentors led our second assembly about 'Self-Regulating in School' and using movement breaks to help us during reading, writing and transition. They demonstrated the different movement breaks and these are now in each class to help us if we are feeling yellow, blue or red and to move us towards green, so we are regulated and ready to learn. 😊



## Nature Based Movement

Sadly, it was our last Nature Based Movement session last month. The children have learnt so much about how being outside and how connecting with nature can help our wellbeing. We would like to thank Ester so much for choosing our school to help with her research.





## All Shook Up

This week, Mrs Thompson's All Shook Up cast have performed their show to both the whole school and families. The children have worked incredibly hard all year to fine-tune their performance, learning a wide variety of Elvis songs as well as learning lines and acting. Their final performances were excellent; the children sang their hearts out as well as showing excellent acting skills and timing to deliver some very funny moments. Well done and thank you to Mrs Thompson (for directing the show with the children), Mrs Vydelingum and Mrs Cozens (who have supported by making scenery, running tech team and backstage support) as well as all the children involved for delivering such amazing performances. Thank you to all our parents for your support at home and for the generous donations on the night, totalling £250. This will help to fund music/drama resources for the future. Mrs Thompson is already thinking about the show for next year. 😊



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## Dates for the Diary

Summer Term Starts	Monday 28 April
Y6 SATS week	Monday 12- Thursday 15 May
Circus Skills Workshop	Friday 16 May (all day)
SPORTS DAY	Thursday 22 May (All Day)
HALF TERM	Mon 26-Fri 30 May
Y6 Residential	Monday 2-Wednesday 4 June
Y6/7 Transition Day	Tuesday 1 July (Y3,4 and 5 will all move up to their next class)
INSET DAY	Friday 4 July (school closed to pupils)
Music Night	Monday 7 July 6pm
Y6 Leavers' Party	Friday 11 July 4.45-6.15pm
Y6 Leavers' Performance	Friday 18 July 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July

Enjoy the Easter break!

*J Emery*



What	Provider	When	Year Group	Cost	Information
Dodgeball	Soccerstars	Mondays 28/04, 12/05, 19/05	Y3-6	£16.50	<a href="https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk">https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk</a> Courses, After School Clubs – search for Thomas Russell Junior School
Cricket	Mr Tolley	Mondays 28/04, 12/05, 19/05	Y4-6	£9	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code:g3tqp Pay on parent pay please.
Football	Soccerstars	Tuesdays 29/04, 06/05,13/05, 20/05	Y3-6	£22	<a href="https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk">https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk</a> 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	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> 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	<a href="https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/">https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/</a> Scroll to the bottom and click on TRJS Extra Curricular
Rounders	Soccerstars	Wednesdays 30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05	Y3-6	£22	<a href="https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk">https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk</a> 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	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code: g3tqp Pay on parent pay please.



**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](http://www.hollandsportsclub.org/events)



**FAMILY QUIZ**



HOT DOGS

Holland Sports Club  
Barton Under Needwood



SWEET STALL

April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025, 7:00pm

Fundraising for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kandersteg26@gmail.com) to book your table



MUGA ACCESS

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



TOMBOLA PRIZES

# Thomas Russell Junior School

## Sports Day



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Gates Open at 9:30am

Parade at 9:45am

Events Start at 10:00am

**10.00am-10.30am**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Field</b>
Y6 Girls Obstacle 80m - FINALS	Y4 Girls Shot Put - FINALS
Y6 Boys Obstacle 80m - FINALS	Y4 Boys Shot Put - FINALS
Y5 Girls Obstacle 80m - FINALS	
Y5 Boys Obstacle 80m - FINALS	Y3 Girls Shot Put - FINALS
	Y3 Boys Shot Put - FINALS
Y6 Girls Potato 40m - HEATS	
Y6 Boys Potato 40m - HEATS	Y4 Girls Long Jump - FINALS
Y5 Girls Potato 40m - HEATS	Y4 Boys Long Jump - FINALS
Y5 Boys Potato 40m - HEATS	
Y6 Girls Potato 40m - FINALS	
Y6 Boys Potato 40m - FINALS	
Y5 Girls Potato 40m - FINALS	
Y5 Boys Potato 40m - FINALS	

**10.30am-11am**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Field</b>
Y4 Girls Hurdle 60m - HEATS	Y5 Girls Shot Put - FINALS
Y4 Boys Hurdle 60m - HEATS	Y5 Boys Shot Put - FINALS
Y3 Girls Hurdle 60m - HEATS	
Y3 Boys Hurdle 60m - HEATS	Y6 Girls Shot Put - FINALS
	Y6 Boys Shot Put - FINALS
Y4 Girls Hurdle 60m - FINALS	
Y4 Boys Hurdle 60m - FINALS	Y5 Girls Long Jump - FINALS
Y3 Girls Hurdle 60m - FINALS	Y5 Boys Long Jump - FINALS
Y3 Boys Hurdle 60m - FINALS	
Y4 Girls Potato 30m - HEATS	
Y4 Boys Potato 30m - HEATS	
Y3 Girls Potato 30m - HEATS	
Y3 Boys Potato 30m - HEATS	
Y4 Girls Potato 30m - FINALS	
Y4 Boys Potato 30m - FINALS	
Y3 Girls Potato 30m - FINALS	
Y3 Boys Potato 30m - FINALS	

**11am-11.30am**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Field</b>
Y5 Girls Hurdles 70m - HEATS	Y3 Girls Javelin
Y5 Boys Hurdles 70m - HEATS	Y3 Boys Javelin
Y6 Girls Hurdles 70m - HEATS	
Y6 Boys Hurdles 70m - HEATS	Y4 Girls Javelin
	Y4 Boys Javelin
Y5 Girls Hurdles 70m - FINALS	
Y5 Boys Hurdles 70m - FINALS	Y3 Girls Long Jump
Y6 Girls Hurdles 70m - FINALS	Y3 Boys Long Jump

Y6 Boys Hurdles 70m - FINALS	
Y5 Girls Skipping 60m - HEATS	
Y5 Boys Skipping 60m - HEATS	
Y6 Girls Skipping 60m - HEATS	
Y6 Boys Skipping 60m – HEATS	
Y5 Girls Skipping 60m - FINALS	
Y5 Boys Skipping 60m - FINALS	
Y6 Girls Skipping 60m - FINALS	
Y6 Boys Skipping 60m – FINALS	

### 11.30am- 12pm

Track	Field
Y2 children to school for a team race with Y6 H/V captains	

### House Totals

### Closing Parade 12pm

### Gates open 1:15pm

### House Parade 1:25pm

### 1.30pm- 2pm

Track	Field
Y4 Girls Obstacle 50m - FINALS	Y5 Girls Javelin – FINALS
Y4 Boys Obstacle 50m - FINALS	Y5 Boys Javelin – FINALS
Y3 Girls Obstacle 50m - FINALS	
Y3 Boys Obstacle 50m - FINALS	
	Y6 Girls Javelin – FINALS
Y4 Girls Skipping 50m – HEATS	Y6 Boys Javelin – FINALS
Y4 Boys Skipping 50m – HEATS	
Y3 Girls Skipping 50m – HEATS	
Y3 Boys Skipping 50m – HEATS	Y6 Girls Long Jump – FINALS
	Y6 Boys Long Jump – FINALS

### 2pm – 2:15pm

Track	Field
Y4 Girls Skipping 50m – FINALS	
Y4 Boys Skipping 50m – FINALS	
Y3 Girls Skipping 50m – FINALS	
Y3 Boys Skipping 50m – FINALS	

### House Totals

## 2.15-2:55pm

Track	Field
Y3 Girls Sprint (40m) - HEATS	
Y3 Boys Sprint (40m) - HEATS	
Y4 Girls Sprint (50m) - HEATS	
Y4 Boys Sprint (50m) - HEATS	
Y5 Girls Sprint (60m) - HEATS	
Y5 Boys Sprint (60m) - HEATS	
Y6 Girls Sprint (70m) - HEATS	
Y6 Boys Sprint (70m) - HEATS	
Y3 Girls Sprint (40m) - FINALS	
Y3 Boys Sprint (40m) - FINALS	
Y4 Girls Sprint (50m) - FINALS	
Y4 Boys Sprint (50m) - FINALS	
Y5 Girls Sprint (60m) - FINALS	
Y5 Boys Sprint (60m) - FINALS	
Y6 Girls Sprint (70m) - FINALS	
Y6 Boys Sprint (70m) - FINALS	
Y3 Mixed Relay (40m)	Relay teams will consist of the boys and girls who finished 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the sprint heats for their House.
Y4 Mixed Relay (50m)	
Y5 Mixed Relay (60m)	
Y6 Mixed Relay (70m)	

**Overall Winners announced!**

**Closing Parade 3:00pm**

**Please note, children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3:30pm.**

# 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/skort 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.