



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	96.7%
TRJS Overall	97.4%

Well done to Y3 for being top HEROES this week! Extra playtime on the way!

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	Finley F, William R, Marcie G
Year 4	Andreas S, Sebastian B, Francesca M, Sidney O'H
Year 5	Sophie W, Alyssa P, Ted B, Finley A
Year 6	Callum H, Millie C, Logan B, Opal H

Fundraising

Frankie R (Y3) will be taking part in the Aldridge Fun Run on Sunday 8th June. She will be running a mile in the junior race. Frankie has chosen to raise money for Cancer Research UK and has a just giving page. She is really looking forward to it and is so pleased that she is able to do it for a worthy cause. See the link below if you would like to donate. Wow, Frankie! Great work!



https://www.justgiving.com/page/frankie-roberts-1?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=63eb3748-e37d-4705-bba6-423cb5909607&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1749050043456

Year 6 at Standon Bowers

What a great time was had by all! 60 children from Year 6 travelled to the wilds of Staffordshire to enjoy a fun-packed few days, participating in many activities including climbing, axe-throwing, bushcraft, bridge-building, night walk and Viking games. The Year 6 crew responded very well to the challenges they were set and showed super listening, teamwork, determination and resilience. Above all, they supported each other and showed great kindness. The trip was brought to a conclusion with a very entertaining campfire, where children and staff performed various silly songs and everyone had brilliant fun joining in. Well done, Year 6; we are proud of you all! Memories to treasure for many years to come.



May I take this opportunity to thank the Y6 team who have given time to be away from family and loved ones to support the children this week. Special thanks to Mrs Vardy and Mrs Patrick for organising the visit with real attention to detail. The children are lucky to have such great staff at TRJS.

Policies

The school governors have approved 3 new policies which are on the school website under:

About Our School > Policies.

Wrap Around Care Policy

The new Wrap Around Care policy explains everything regarding Early Birds and Night Owls, from booking, to supervision, routines and payments. This policy will be in place moving forward and we will be sending it out to all our parents who use Wrap Around. Please note that there will be a new Home/School agreement for all parents to sign in September.

Charging and Remissions

This policy explains the things we charge for at school and the rationale behind the procedures.

Debt Recovery Policy

At the end of the Spring Term, the combined debts from parents for Wrap Around and Dinner Money ran into thousands of pounds. As a public body, the school has a duty to manage the finances of the school and ensure that the accounts are in credit. The information below, regarding Dinner Money and Wrap Around debts is taken from the policy. Please note that we ask that payment for both dinners and wrap around (except in the case of childcare vouchers) is paid in advance. Thank you for your support.

Dinner Money

Payment for school meals should be paid in advance.

Any parent/carer that accrues a debt in excess of £27.50 (2 weeks of school dinners) will be sent a message in the first instance, asking that the debt is cleared within 2 weeks. The message will include a reminder to parents that if the debt is not cleared, the school reserve the right to ask parents to provide a packed lunch, instead of the child having a school dinner.

If the debt reaches £55 (4 weeks of school dinners) and the child is still having a school dinner, then a letter will be sent by the headteacher requesting payment within 1 week. The letter will also inform parents that, if the debt is not cleared within that week, the school will insist that a packed lunch is provided, instead of the child having a school dinner.

The school will always encourage parents/carers to discuss a payment plan with the headteacher in the case of any financial difficulty.

If a Parent Pay account remains in debt following the above protocol, then the debt will be passed to the County Council as detailed below.

Governors have decided on the following policy regarding unpaid meals:

The school will always ensure that a child has a meal at lunchtime. However, at this point, if the parent/carer has neglected to provide their child with a packed lunch as requested, it may be treated as a safeguarding issue.

Early Birds and Night Owls

- *Payment for Early Birds and Night Owls should be made in advance via ParentPay, with the exception of payments via Childcare Vouchers.*
- *In the case of payment by Childcare Vouchers, Parents/Carers are asked to register this with the office, where you will be provided with the relevant information required to link your Childcare Voucher account with the Thomas Russell Junior School account. Following this, you will be issued with a remittance advice at the end of each half term. You should make arrangements to transfer funds within 7 days of receipt. If funds are not transferred within this time frame, then the school reserves the right to ask parents not to use Early Birds or Night owls until the debt is cleared.*
- *The school will monitor debts each half term. With the exception of payments via childcare vouchers, if the debt reaches over £50, the headteacher will write to parents and ask that the debt is cleared before the start of the next half term. Parents will not be permitted to book any future childcare sessions until the debt is cleared in full.*

Year 6

For parents/carers of children in Year 6, any credit in Parent Pay will be refunded to parents during the summer holidays at the end of Year 6.

School office staff will monitor debts in Year 6 at the end of June each year. If there is any debt by 30 June, the headteacher will send a letter and an invoice to parents/carers to ask that all debts are cleared in full by the end of the Summer Term.

Mrs K-D

At the end of the summer term, after 12 years at TRJS, Mrs K-D is moving on. She is taking up a new position at a different setting in Lichfield. We wish her all the best in her new role and would like to thank her for her incredible care, passion, enthusiasm and expertise. She clearly goes the extra mile each and every day, especially when the children most need her support. We all think Mrs K-D is amazing and we will miss her greatly. We are in the process of advertising to replace her teaching role; please be assured that we will continue the nurture and wellbeing strategies that she has introduced over recent years.

National Maths Challenge

Mrs Preston and her amazing group of Y5/6 mathematicians have entered the National Maths Challenge. With over 200 schools entering, TRJS have reached the semi-finals following an amazing fight-back in the previous round. The questions have been really tricky (and, I mean, REALLY tricky), but these talented and focused children have smashed it. Their performance under pressure has been brilliant; they have stayed calm. The semi-final is next Tuesday; we wish the team every success. Come on, TRJS!



Parents and Mobile Phones

This week, we had a report that a parent was filming their child as they came into school in the morning. May I remind parents that we ask everyone to keep phones out of sight and not be using phones or taking photos/filming at the school gates or on school property. This is for obvious safeguarding concerns. Thank you for your support.

Dates for 2025-2026

Please see the term dates for next year at the end of the newsletter. I remind parents to plan family holidays during school holiday times (12 weeks are available!) thus avoiding absence during term time. If we really want our children to achieve their best, the highest attendance is vital. Thank you.

Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating Eid this weekend.



Wishing everyone a pleasant weekend.

J Emery

Dates for the Diary (Summer Term 2025)

Y3 to Rosliston	Monday 9 June
Y4 to Library	Monday 16 June
Sky Arts Week	w/b 16 June
Water Workshops	w/b 23 June
Y3 to Library	Monday 23 June
New Y3 Parents Meeting	Tuesday 24 June 6pm
Y5 to Birmingham Museum	Thursday 26 June
Y4 to Twycross Zoo	Monday 30 June
Y6/7 Transition Day	Tuesday 1 July (Y3,4 and 5 will also move up to their next class)
INSET DAY	Friday 4 July (school closed to pupils)
Micro-bit Workshops	w/b 7 July (Y3,4,5)
Music Night	Monday 7 July 6pm
Samba Drumming Workshop	Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 July
Reports out to Parents	Friday 11 July
Y6 Leavers' Party	Friday 11 July 4.45-6.15pm
Y6 Leavers' Performance	Friday 18 July 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July

HOLLAND SPORTS CLUB New Clubhouse Fundraiser

JASE'S 'ALL IN' 120 MILE RUN AROUND BARTON!

23-25 JULY '25

Jase Rollins - Barton Rovers

➤ EQUIVALENT OF HOLLAND SPORTS CLUB TO WEMBLEY
➤ JOIN THE CHALLENGE FOR 1 MILE OR ALL 120!

SUPPORT HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

SCAN TO DONATE!

www.hollandsportclub.org.uk/new-club-house

7TH JUNE **SCOUTS FUNDRAISER**

CAR WASH

BACON SARNIES • TEA & COFFEE • CAKES
NO CAR NEEDED — POP BY AND SUPPORT THE SCOUTS!

**SATURDAY - 7TH JUNE
10AM TO 1PM**

**THE MIDDLE BELL
BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD**



Thomas Russell Junior School



Term Dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term 2025

Inset day (School closed for pupils):	Monday 1 September
Inset day (School closed for pupils):	Tuesday 2 September
Term Starts for pupils:	Wednesday 3 September
Inset Day (School Closed for pupils):	Friday 24 October
Half Term:	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
Term Ends:	Friday 19 December
Holiday:	Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts:	Monday 5 January
Half Term:	Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February
Term Ends:	Friday 27 March
Holiday:	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April
Easter Sunday:	Sunday 5 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts:	Monday 13 April
May Day:	Monday 4 May
Half Term:	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Friday 3 July
Term Ends for Pupils:	Friday 17 July
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Monday 20 July
Holiday:	Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August