



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	97.7%
TRJS Overall	97%

Well done to Year 4 and Year 6 for achieving the TRJS target of 97.5% and being HEROES this week! 5 minutes extra play for Year 4. 😊

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** and will share 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	Oliver W, Leo J, Logan R
Year 4	Poppy G, Elizabeth S
Year 5	Hughie M, Dylan C
Year 6	William B, Hester P

Seven Trent Water Assembly

On Wednesday 4th June, Lucy from Seven Trent Water came into school to deliver an assembly teaching the children all about The Wonderful World of Water!



Lucy showed the children how Seven Trent clean water, linking in with the water cycle; why we need to look after our water, touching on climate change and pollution and finished with: Making a difference - how we can all help to use water more wisely and protect our planet.

Hot House Music

On Tuesday 3rd June, Hot House Music staff came into school for an assembly to teach the children about all of the amazing instruments that children could learn in school. During the assembly, children were taught about the flute, drums, piano, clarinet, saxophone and brass instruments – all of which are taught by Hot House staff.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly and were inspired by the quality of musicians and loved singing along with Eye Of The Tiger, The Pink Panther and The Simpsons theme tune. Each child in Y3-Y5 has been given a letter to explain all about the music tuition that Hot House provides in school. Please contact the office if your child is interested in starting music.

Brazilian Samba Drumming

To further enhance the range of musical experiences offered to our TRJS pupils, we have Brazilian Samba drumming workshops coming up in July. Children will:

“Investigate the sounds and rhythms of Brazil in this high energy, hands-on music workshop. With access to a range of exciting Samba instruments such as Surdos, Djembes, Agogo Bells, Tamborims and Timbales, your pupils will fill the school with music! More than that, they’ll learn the cultural significance of music in Brazil and why Samba is so popular.”



These workshops are for every child in school, paid for by the money raised at the Christmas Disco. It’s not just the children who are excited about playing the instruments, with many of the teachers keen to get their hands on a loud drum too! Thank you for supporting school events such as the disco so that we can provide our children with extra-curricular opportunities like this.

Fundraising Updates



Frankie completed her run and raised £115 for Cancer Research. Amazing work, young lady!



Millie, Niamh and Eleanor (plus their little sisters) completed the “Pretty Muddy Race for Life” on Saturday. They ran 5k (in the rain) and took on lots of muddy obstacles along the way. They have raised just over £1000 for Cancer Research! Wow, girls!

Year 3 trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre

On Monday 9th June, Year 3 went to Rosliston and became Nature Detectives for the day! We learned how to spot clues for wildlife and how to identify different animals from markings left behind. We identified different herbs by the smell and texture of the leaves. We also followed a map around the forestry centre to follow the sculpture trail, using the clues to guess the animal sculpture that we would find next!



Year 6 Science



In Science this term, Year 6 have been learning about classification of living things such as animals and plants. On Monday, we expanded our learning to the characteristics of living things that *cannot* be classified as an animal or plant. Children were given a plastic water bottle with a little warm water in it.



They were then handed a yeast sachet and a teaspoon of sugar, which they added to the warm water before covering the opening of the bottle with a balloon. The next step required a great deal of patience,

as Year 6 sat and watched the reaction taking place in front of them. After around ten minutes, most balloons had begun to slowly inflate. By the end of the lesson, many of the bottles were almost overflowing with activated “living” yeast, which had released carbon dioxide to inflate the balloon. A very exciting afternoon!



Parenting Support

The poster for the CALM Parenting Teenagers Programme features a yellow smiley face icon and the title 'CALM PARENTING TEENAGERS PROGRAMME'. It lists four key areas: CONSISTENCY (The more consistent you are, the easier the parenting is), ATTENTION (The behaviour that you give attention to will grow), LOVE (Unconditional love is the foundation of the relationship), and MODELLING (Children will copy your example, the good and bad). A central text box describes it as a free 6-week interactive course for parents or carers of 10-17 year olds, to develop new strategies to help deal with the challenges of parenting a teenager. A 'Where & When?' box provides details: East Staffordshire Family Hub, Waterloo Street, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2NJ, 10am till 12pm, Every Wednesday from 10th September 2025 - For 6 weeks. A 'Staffordshire County Council' logo and a 'booking & further info' button are also present, along with the email: ehtburton@staffordshire.gov.uk.

What is the CALM Parenting Teens programme?

The CALM Parenting Teenagers programme is built around the key areas of positive Consistency, Attention, Love and Modelling and considers the importance of parental authority and the stories parents can choose to build the family life they want.

This is a 6-week interactive course for parents/carers that uses a Solution Focused approach to encourage parents to consider how to achieve the goals they want for their children. The course supports parents to develop their own Authoritative problem-solving parenting style to address their family's individual needs.

The course gives parents the opportunity to reflect on their parenting style/values and how to build on these. The course also gives information on key parental concerns for this age group and practical methods and tools for dealing with some of the challenges of parenting a teenager.

Who is it for?

This is a group course for parents and carers of children aged 10-17 years old. Any adult who has

shared responsibility for bringing up a child can attend the group, including stepparents, grandparents, and childminders. We welcome parents on their own or with their partners/ adult family member.

What is expected of the attending parents?

One of the things that participants of the course tell us is how much they value the shared experience with other parents and so we ask participants to attend all the sessions where possible and actively take part.

If you are interested in attending, please let us know (you can send a confidential email to headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) and we can refer you on.

Soccerstars

Soccerstars now accept childcare vouchers and HMRC tax free childcare on all After School Club booking. This can help parents as it makes the payment slightly cheaper for them. All the information of how to make the payments using childcare are on the Soccerstars website at the time of booking. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter for more information regarding golf this half term.

National Maths Challenge

Mrs Preston and her amazing group of Y5/6 mathematicians have entered the National Maths Challenge. With over 200 schools entering, both teams were successful in qualifying for the semi-finals this week. One team have now progress to the national finals (after coming first in the semi-final). An exciting trip is planned to Oxford University on Friday 4 July to compete in the grand final Are you ready, maths whiz kids? You were born ready!

Rev Andy has sent us some information about activities at Tatenhill Village Hall and on a Sunday morning at St James. If you are interested, please see the fliers below.

Dates for the Diary (Summer Term 2025)

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

Leicester Tigers are in the Premiership Final at Twickenham on Saturday. Come on you TIGERS!

Have a good weekend.

J Emery





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

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.hollandsportsclub.org.uk/new-club-house

FOR YEARS 3 to 6

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT Thomas Russell Junior School

Golf
Wednesday
3:30pm to 4:30pm

7 Weeks - £33.25
ALL our After School Clubs now accept childcare vouchers!

Book your place **HERE**







WOW

Thursdays 9.15am
Tatenhill Village Hall, Tatenhill

Join us for ● play, ● laughter, ● chatter, ● singing, ● dancing, ● friendship, ● informal worship, ● tea & coffee and ● homemade cake.

Spread the word - open to all ages from newborns to great grandparents.

No need to book!
Turn up and just enjoy the fun!
Donations ☺ welcome.



BARTON ST. JAMES CHURCH INVITES YOU TO:

TRIBE AT ST JAMES

Every Sunday Morning!

COME JOIN US!

10:30 TRIBE

Tribe runs during our 10:30am service – 30 minutes of crafts, games and fun for children, while adults enjoy the service!

