



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	96.1%
TRJS Overall	97.2%

We are maintaining high attendance over this term. Keep it up you HEROES! Remember: the more you attend school, the better you do – simples. 😊

HOT CHOCOLATE

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** today and will be sharing hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery next week. Don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Bring a joke!

Year 3	Archie B and Georgie D
Year 4	Luca W and Finley D
Year 5	Finley O and Leo C
Year 6	Yusuf H and Isabel M



Peace and Remembrance

Rev Andy led an assembly this week on the importance of remembrance for keeping peace. He brought in some special medals and souvenirs from his family's time of service in the armed forces, some of which were over 100 years old, and told us about how remembering the costs of war can help us work every day for peace.

Children sang the hymn 'Peace is flowing like a river' beautifully. It includes the verses 'Love is flowing...',

'Hope is flowing...', 'Joy is flowing...'. Rev Andy talked to us about how important each of these things are - love, joy and hope – in bringing about peace and how peace can create these things in us too.

This week, children have completed activities on Peace and Remembrance: Year 3 and 4 reflected on what 'peace' means to them - *Peace looks like... Peace feels like... Peace sounds like... Peace is....* Year 5 and 6 reflected on the Bible verse 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' and discussed what this means for our lives today.

Next week our House Captains and Vice House Captains will be attending the service at the Barton Memorial on Tuesday.

OPAL PLAY

We are looking for donations of the following items to enhance our OPAL play opportunities. If you have any of these available, please drop them to school.

- Pool noodles
- Buckets and spades for the sandpit
- Play kitchens
- Wood for den building

Thank you!

A reminder that parents and carers are invited to OPAL Stay and Play on

Thursday 11 November at 1.15pm-3pm. Please see the information sent out to parents this week.



Year 6 at Barton Library

On Monday 3rd November, 6M and 6V enjoyed their first visit of the year to Barton Library. We explored the shelves, searched for our favourite authors, recommended favourite reads to friends and investigated new titles and genres. Children selected books to borrow and even enjoyed a biscuit thanks to the generosity of the library staff. Thanks to our English Lead, Miss Murfin, for arranging these trips and forging strong links with our community library in Barton. A great start to the new term!



KEEPING SAFE at 4.30

We have reviewed our procedures for collecting children from after school clubs at 4.15, 4.30 or 4.45pm. To ensure the safety of all our children and avoid any potential problems with cars entering the car park, we are asking for all parents to come through the **LITTLE GATE** and walk down the path to the new mobile, where staff will hand your child over to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents' Evenings

Further information regarding the Parents' Evening will be sent out next week, including codes to book appointments. Please note that, for all children with a Support Plan, school will contact you next week to arrange a review meeting on either Thursday 27 November or Thursday 11 December. This will replace the parents' evening. Parents who may be separated are asked to make 1 appointment for Parents' Evening. This is so that there is one conversation and we all hear the same message and can then work together. We are also limited for time and have not got capacity over both evenings to allocate two appointments for any family where parents are separated. However, in a small number of cases, if there are legal or agreed reasons for separate appointments, the school will facilitate this. Thank you for your co-operation.

Festive Book Fair & Family Read-along!



What better way to promote a love of reading than with a **Scholastic Book Fair!** Join us in the hall from **3.30-4.15pm** on:

- **Monday 17th November - for Years 3 and 5**
- **Wednesday 19th November - for Years 4 and 6.**

Scour the shelves for the latest titles from your favourite authors, bag a bargain or start your Christmas shopping early. You can even enjoy some shared reading over a warming mug of hot chocolate or mince pie with our tasty refreshments stall!



We have split the event across year groups to ensure an even spread of visitors. The books available will be split between the two sessions so that both events have an equal choice. Remember: if your preferred book is sold out – we can order extra copies!

Books can be purchased with CASH ONLY please. It would be helpful if you could bring in some coins as well as notes, to help us with giving change.

If parents/carers are unable to accompany children to the event, pupils may bring in a sealed and **named envelope of cash/coins** to purchase books in school at break time on Thursday 20th November.

If your child usually attends Night Owls on Mon/Wed, then similarly staff will ensure children who have brought in any money, can visit the event.

WHY SUPPORT OUR BOOK FAIR?

All purchases made get transferred into rewards points for TRJS to spend on books for school, which we use to stock our book vending machine (for reading rewards) and to add new titles to our reading scheme.



If there are any parents or carers who would be willing to spare an hour or two to help set-up the book fair and serve refreshments on either ONE or BOTH of the dates above, please contact the office to let us know your availability. Thank you.



To support BBC Children in Need, TRJS will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 14 November. We ask the children to wear something related to CIN and bring a minimum donation of £1 which will be available through ParentPay. If your child would like a challenge, see the link below, for doing the Challenge 25. Let us know how you get on!
<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising>



Drama

A reminder that there is no Drama Club next Thursday.

Y2 Parents/Carers Meeting (Tuesday 18 November at 2.15pm)

The above meeting is for any parent who may be considering applying for a place at TRJS for their child for September 2026, to help and support you as you make your final decision ahead of the deadline of 15 January 2026. We invite you to TRJS at 2.15pm on Tuesday 18 November. We will give a short presentation about the work of the school. There will be an opportunity for you to have a tour of the school and a chance to ask any questions.

We expect that the meeting will last about 45 minutes and be finished by 3.00pm to allow parents to collect their Y2 child at the end of their school day. There are no significant changes to recent years, so if your child has a sibling already at the juniors, then there is no requirement to attend.

The transition to the juniors is a big step up for any child and we aim to work with parents and make this process as smooth as possible.

Please see the letter on the Home Page of the school website and use the QR code to let us know if you are attending. We look forward to seeing you.

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place for Y3-6 on Thursday 20 November.

We will remember them

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



Wishing everyone a peaceful 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
Sports Day:	Tuesday 19 th 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