



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

Friday 30 January



	w/b 19.01.26	w/b 26.01.26
Year 3	98.3%	95.8%
Year 4	95.4%	98.1%
Year 5	95.8%	96.8%
Year 6	95.1%	95.5%
TRJS Overall	96.2%	96.5%

Year 3 smashed our target last week! Well done, Year 3. It is Year 4 who are top of the attendance charts this week, with a super 98.1%. Keep going you HEROES!

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

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. Oh, and jokes are always good!

Year 3	Abi M, Henry G, Fleur H-P, Hugo B
Year 4	Margot T, Millie R, Josie G, Luna H
Year 5	James T, Santi A, Caitlin V-T, Andreas S
Year 6	William P, Charlotte P, Bella H, Ryan A-J

KEEPING SAFE: Car Park

Thank you to all the parents who do not drive their cars into the school car park. We are planning a barrier system which will be installed shortly, but until that time, we ask all parents to refrain from driving into the car park. The gate will be across the school entrance to prevent unauthorised vehicles. Thank you for working together to keep our children safe.

Tuck Shop

A reminder that some very kind parents are running a tuck shop on Friday 6 February at 3.30pm in the school playground to raise money for school funds.



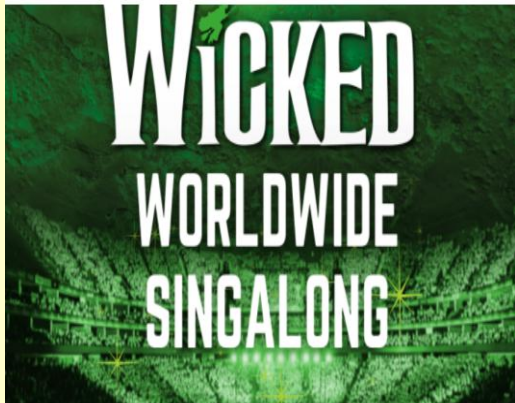
Dove Valley Girls' Football

On Thursday 22nd January, Thomas Russell took two teams to the Dove Valley girls' football tournament. Both teams played very well and showed all of our values such as resilience, being a good sportsperson and determination. Thomas Russell A played four games beating Rangemore 2-0, drawing with Alrewas 0-0, losing to Rykneld 3-2 and beating Shobnall 2-0. Thomas Russell B played three games losing to Rykneld B and John of Rolleston B 1-0 and beating Mosley 2-0. All of the girls had a wonderful time and it was a great evening of football. (Miss Marston)

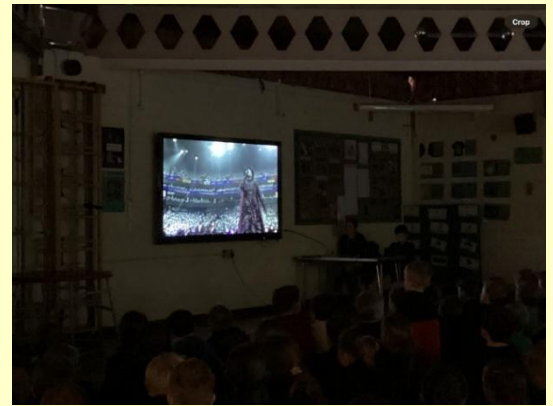


Young Voices Worldwide Singalong

On Thursday 22nd January, TRJS joined schools from around the world to sing the YV26 Wicked medley, a specially arranged selection of songs from the award-winning musical Wicked. Led



by an 8,000-strong choir live from The O2 in London, with special guest star Emma Kingston (who is currently starring as Elphaba in the West End), over 300,000 children and communities celebrated Wicked, singing their hearts out. All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The school YV choir are looking forward to their big day out at Manchester Arena to join thousands of other children live on stage. Friday 13 February is not far away! (Miss Marston)



Water Bottles

Keeping hydrated is so important for children's health and wellbeing. We ask that EVERY child brings their water bottle to school so they have access to drinking water throughout the school day. Each day, there are several children who come down to the school office and ask for a water bottle as they have forgotten theirs. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who establish good routines to ensure that your child brings everything they need to school each day. Let's see if we can get 100% of children with water bottles and keeping hydrated each day.



Toys

Please can we ask children to leave their toys and fiddle toys at home and NOT bring them into school. Please support us by making sure your child is not bringing toys into school. When they get lost, we have children who are upset, and they can be a distraction in the classroom. We have our own school supply of fiddle toys and wellbeing supports that we provide children if and when the need arises. Thank you. (Miss Branson)



Swimming Champions

Annabel (5M) had her club presentation at the weekend and was presented with her medals and trophies from club champs. Annabel was placed first in her age group in all 4 strokes (25m): butterfly, freestyle, breast stroke and back stroke.

Wow! What a talented all-round swimmer she is. Go, Annabel!

Iris B and Ada H in Y6 have both qualified for the Staffordshire County Championships for swimming. This weekend, they are competing on behalf of Burton Amateur Swimming Club. The girls have worked so hard to reach this very high standard and deserve their success. Go girls!

Spring Term Dates for the Diary

Thursday 29 January	Headteachers from the JTMAT visit TRJS for the day
Friday 30 January	National Maths Championship Heats (in school)
	Reading Ambassadors meet (3.30pm), CHOIR
Friday 6 February (3.30pm)	Tuck Shop after school to fundraise for school, CHOIR
Friday 13 February	Choir to Young Voices (Leave at 11am, return 11.15pm)
Monday 23 February	Y6 Library Visit
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 February	Pickleball Workshops in school
Monday 2 March	Y5 Library Visit
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Friday 6 March	School Nurse to talk to Y6 (girls and boys) and Y5 girls
Monday 9 March	TRJS Governors visit school
	Y4 Library Visit
Wednesday 11-Friday 13 March	Y5 Residential to Laches Wood
Monday 16 March	Y3 Library Visit
W/c 16 March	Community Fundraiser event (Chocolate Bingo etc)
Friday 20 March	Reading Ambassadors meet (3.30pm)
Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March	Parents' Evenings (4pm-6.45pm)
Wednesday 25 March	ALL DAY rehearsal for Annie (in school)
Thursday 26 March	Annie - Performance to the school (10am)
	Annie - Performance to parents (6pm)
Friday 27 March	LAST DAY OF TERM

Clubs

Mrs Patrick has outlined all the booking details for the clubs for **NEXT** half term. Please see the details below and note that we now use MCAS for some of the bookings; for others, parents are asked to book directly with the provider (such as Soccerstars and HotHouse Music).

We have survived a very wet and dark January - and we are still in one piece. The daffodils are sprouting; spring is definitely on the way. Have a lovely weekend.



What	Provider	When	Year Group	Cost	Information
Dodgeball 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Soccerstars	Mondays 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03	Y3-6	£27.50	www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Soccer Stars also accept childcare vouchers. Bookings will be open from the 2 nd February 2026
Rugby 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mr Tolley	Mondays 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03	Y3-6	£10	Available to book on the MCAS App from 6pm on Friday 6th February 2026
Football 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Soccerstars	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6	£27.50	www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Soccer Stars also accept childcare vouchers. Bookings will be open from the 2 nd February 2026
Woodland Warriors 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mrs Veevers	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6	£35	Available to book on the MCAS App from 6pm on Friday 6th February 2026
Keyboard Club 3:30pm- 4:15pm	Hot House Music	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6	£3 Weekly	Contact support@hhmusic.co.uk directly to register interest
Cooking 3:30pm – 4:45pm	Cook Stars	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6		Places to be offered to children on the waiting list.
Table Tennis Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mr Kerr	Wednesdays 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03, 25/03	Y3-6	£12	Available to book on the MCAS App from 6pm on Friday 6th February 2026
Drama Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mrs Thompson	Thursdays 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03		£5	Children have already signed up for this. Payment of £5 for this half term to be paid on ParentPay.



Thomas Russell Junior School



Term Dates 2025-2026

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