



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Hot! Hot! Hot!

Thank you to all the staff and children who have soldiered on this week, despite the extreme heat. Although the school put many measures in place, the temperature in many classrooms rose to above 34 degrees in the afternoons. This 1960s building is not designed for hot temperatures! Thank you to all our parents for your co-operation and support. TRJS was open all week, but we gave parents the option of collecting at 1pm due to the heat on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We feel that this was the right thing to do to keep everyone safe. This meant that we could keep the remainder of the children cooler by using different spaces around the school. We have survived! JUST!

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** this week and will be having hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. We love hearing about all your interests out of school and always enjoy a laugh at your funny jokes. 😊

Year 3	Max L, Archie K
Year 4	Frankie R, Hugo H-J
Year 5	Isaac C, Jessica B
Year 6	Haval H, Lily B

Night Owls and Early Birds

Due to rising costs, the fees for Night Owls and Early Birds will be increased in September. Early Birds will be **£6 per session**; Night Owls will be **£12 per session (£6 on a Friday)**. The changes were agreed by the Governing Body of the school; we believe this still offers parents a quality service and good value for money. The price increase will come into effect from 1 September 2026.

Night Owls and Early Birds bookings for the Autumn Term (September-December) will open at 6pm on MCAS on Friday 3rd July.

Dinner Money

A reminder to parents that the charge for school dinners will be **£3.00** per day from September.

Dates for Next Week

Monday 29 June: 4:30pm RSE Consultation for Parents and Carers

Before we start teaching the new Relationships and Health Curriculum in PSHE lessons in September, we need to consult with parents and carers over the school policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). To do this, there will be a meeting for parents and carers on **Monday 29th June at 4:30pm**. At the meeting, Miss Branson will talk through the main points of our RSE policy and share examples of the lesson planning and resources we use. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

Monday 29 June: 5pm Friends of TRJS AGM

On Monday 29th June at 5pm we will have the Friends of TRJS AGM. At this meeting we will look to adopt a constitution, appoint trustees and assign committee roles. Everyone in our school community is welcome.

You are welcome to attend either or both meetings. If you are unable to attend but would like to know more, please email Miss Branson cbranson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk. **We can provide childcare for both meetings if you need to bring along your child.**

Monday 29 June: Maths Championships Finals

Our team of 4 Maths wizards travel with Mrs Preston all the way to Oxford University on Monday for the national final. They have done amazingly well to reach the final and we wish them all the best on the day. I know the children (and Mrs Preston) are very excited about representing the school at this prestigious event. Go for it, guys!

Wednesday 1 July: Moving Up Day

Y6: For those children going to John Taylor High School, Y6 pupils will spend the day at JTHS

Y2: The Y2 children will be spending most of the day with their Y3 teachers for September.

Move -Up: Current Y3,4,5 will move up to their new class for September and spend the morning with their new teacher.

An overview of classes and class teachers for September will be sent out to parents on Monday.

Please note that we are not mixing up any classes for next year. The vast majority of children will stay with their current class unless we discuss this directly with the parents.

Friday 3 July: The school is closed to pupils due to staff training (INSET DAY).

Holland Sports

Please see the flier regarding a fund-raiser for Holland Sport Club on Saturday 27 June (12pm-6pm at The Bowler).



Support for Parents

Bridge the Gap offer many resources and webinars to support parents. It is not easy being a parent in these modern times! You are not alone! Please see the fliers with training for parents about how to:

- Parent through “meltdowns”;
- Encourage good sleep;
- Support the mental health of children when they are online.



Staffing Update

Mrs Alcock, who has been a teaching assistant here at TRJS for nearly 16 years, is retiring at the end of this term. Andrea has been at the heart of the team and has always been very caring and supportive of children and staff; she will be greatly missed. (We may see her in the future as she has offered to help us out with various projects.) Everyone at school wishes her a long and happy retirement.

We hope you are able to stay cool this weekend!
Please remind your children about staying safe in the hot weather by following these five steps:
SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SLIDE, SHADE

J Emery



Summer Term Dates 2026

Y6 trip to Barton Library	Monday 29 June
Maths Championships FINAL (Oxford)	Monday 29 June
Friends of TRJS Meeting (4.30pm)	Monday 29 June
NSPCC Workshops (Year 6)	Tuesday 30 June
Y6 Transition Day to JTHS	Wednesday 1 July
Y2 transition and Moving Up morning	Wednesday 1 July
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Friday 3 July
Y5 Ukelele Assembly	Wednesday 8 July (5M 1.50pm, 5P 3.00pm)
Y2 Transition Morning and Swim (9.30-12.00)	Thursday 9 July
Y6 Fun Day and Leavers' Party (2pm-6pm)	Friday 10 July
Y3 Keyboards Assembly (Parents)	Tuesday 14 July (3K – 1.50pm, 3H – 3.00pm)
Y6 Leavers' Assembly (10am)	Friday 17 July
Term Ends for Pupils:	Friday 17 July
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Monday 20 July