



# Newsletter



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| Year 3       | 99.7% |
| Year 4       | 98.4% |
| Year 5       | 98.9% |
| Year 6       | 99.4% |
| TRJS Overall | 99.1% |

We have seen excellent attendance since the start of term. Last week, we achieved 99.1% attendance overall. This week, EVERY year group has achieved the school target. A special mention to 6Mu and 3K who both achieved 100% attendance this week! This is an amazing start to the term and means that every class will get a few minutes extra playtime. Keep going, all you HEROES! Here, everyday, ready, on time!

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** last week and shared hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery this week. It was great to hear all about your hobbies and interests out of school. The jokes were very funny! Which computer is the best at singing? A dell! (Vincent)

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| Year 3 | Ivan C, Freya M         |
| Year 4 | Henry G, Daisy S-D      |
| Year 5 | Ethan K, Sophie P       |
| Year 6 | Vincent G, Scarlett A-J |

## Christmas Fundraising

Is it that time already?

Only 13 school weeks until Christmas!

Over the next week children will be bringing home their Christmas designs.

Parents can then order via Cauliflower Cards using the school reference number and their child's unique code which will be on the sheet.

Once orders have been placed, we will then require the sheet to be sent back into school by the 25<sup>th</sup> September. These will then be collected by Cauliflower Cards for production.

Any designs not received in school by the 25<sup>th</sup> September will be parents responsibility to post directly to Cauliflower Cards as we cannot accept any late designs.



## Healthy Snacks

Thank you to all our families who are supporting our drive to encourage healthy eating and reduce the amount of single-use plastic in our world. We have seen a huge reduction in litter over the last week. However, I spied a few packets of crisps in the bin this week! We will be doing another survey of snacks in the coming weeks to review our approach to healthy snacks.

YES



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## Choir

Thank you to the 14 children from TRJS who volunteered to join Mr Emery to sing at the Teddy Festival on Saturday 5 September. We sang at the “Barton Fringe” and the children were fantastic! They have all received a HTA and a treat in today’s assembly. A special thank you to Eleanor, Millie and Sophie from Year 7 who came back to help out with the choir.



We are working with Lichfield Cathedral to perform at a Music Share concert on 17 November. We need up to 30 children to be part of a choir who would like to learn some new music (and get an afternoon out of school!) and perform in the inspirational setting of the Cathedral. This will be open to all children in Y4,5 and 6. We will rehearse during school time and at some lunchtimes. More information will follow next week.

## Morning Routine

Well done to all the brave young people who come into school down the path each day. It is a very big step for some of our younger pupils - they are all doing brilliantly! We do appreciate that it is a difficult moment for some parents to leave their little one (who may be wobbling) in the care of other people. Please be assured that staff are on duty from the gate, down the path and on the playground to keep an eye on children and give a helping hand where needed.

## End of Day Routine

Parents are reminded that we do not allow younger children to use the play equipment around the playground. The school risk assessments for the equipment restrict use to children of junior school age. In addition, we do not have staff on duty to supervise. When collecting children at 3.30pm, please keep younger siblings with you at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Eye Test Reminder

As we settle into a new school year, we are keen to encourage all parents and carers to take the children in their care for an annual eye test – even if you have no concerns about their sight. Eye tests are no longer conducted within the school setting and unidentified difficulties with sight can have a big impact on children's day-to-day life. Opticians encourage an annual eye test as a means of checking eye health as well as vision. Eye tests for children are free. (Mrs Rollins)

## Jewellery

A reminder to parents that we discourage jewellery at school. However, if a child has their ears pierced, we only allow 1 stud earring in each ear. Please be aware that we do not allow drop earrings, hoops or multiple earrings in each ear.

## Y3 Friday Assembly

The new Year 3 parents are invited to join us for our assembly on **Friday 18 September at 2.30pm.**

## Friends of TRJS

Mrs Vardy is meeting with any interested parents who would like to be part of the Friends of TRJS. We are looking to arrange community events and raise funds to support our new library project. The library might look like this design! Wow!

We plan to convert the old mobile classroom into an amazing library space to inspire our children with the love of reading. The governors of the school have planned a budget for this project but we are looking for extra funds for new books and resources. The meeting is at **5pm on Monday 14 September.**



## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to Mr Webb who very kindly prepped and painted our green and blue sheds over the holidays. Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Massey for providing the paint.

(Mrs Vardy)



## Join our Team!

We have 2 vacancies for lunchtime supervisors at TRJS. Please see the advert at the end of the newsletter. The relevant documentation can be found on the school website under:

About our School>Vacancies at TRJS>Vacancies September 2026

Please do get in touch and speak to Mr Emery or Mrs Vardy if you are interested.

The closing date is **Friday 25 September.**

Wishing everyone a pleasant weekend.

*J Emery*

# *Thomas Russell Junior School*

## *Term Dates 2026-2027*

### **Autumn Term 2026**

|                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Inset day (School closed for pupils): | Tuesday 1 September                   |
| Term Starts for pupils:               | Wednesday 2 September                 |
| Half Term:                            | Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October |
| Inset Day (School closed for pupils): | Monday 2 November                     |
| Term Ends:                            | Friday 18 December                    |
| Holiday:                              | Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January |

### **Spring Term 2027**

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Inset Day (School closed for pupils): | Monday 4 January                        |
| Term Starts for pupils:               | Tuesday 5 January                       |
| Inset Day (School closed for pupils): | Friday 12 February                      |
| Half Term:                            | Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February |
| Term Ends:                            | Thursday 25 March                       |
| Holiday:                              | Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April        |
| Easter Sunday:                        | Sunday 28 March                         |

### **Summer Term 2027**

|                                       |                                          |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Term Starts:                          | Monday 12 April                          |
| May Day:                              | Monday 3 May                             |
| Half Term:                            | Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June            |
| Inset Day (School closed for pupils): | Friday 2 July                            |
| Term Ends:                            | Wednesday 21 July                        |
| Holiday:                              | Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 September |

(Thursday 2 September 2027 and Friday 3 September 2027 will be INSET Days, so the Autumn Term 2027 will start for pupils on Monday 6 September 2027.)



**Thomas Russell Junior School, Gilmour Lane,  
Barton under Needwood, Staffordshire, DE13 8EU**



**Lunchtime Supervisors  
Part-time (6.25 hours per week)  
1 Permanent and 1 Temporary**

Grade 2 £22,737 per annum (Pro Rata) Term-Time Only  
Start date: ASAP

We are looking to appoint 2 **enthusiastic** and **highly motivated** lunchtime supervisors to join our successful school on a permanent and temporary basis.

6.25 hours per week – 12:05-1:20 - Monday - Friday - Term time only.

The positions will involve working as part of a team under the direction and support of the Senior Lunchtime Supervisor and the rest of the school team.

Responsibilities include monitoring and ensuring the safety and good behaviour of children during the lunch break, supporting pupils into lunchtime play activities and administering first aid.

We are keen to appoint people to our team who are willing to support the ethos of the school and have the energy and enthusiasm to work well with our lovely children.

To apply for this post, please download the application form below or contact the school office to collect a paper application form.

All completed applications must be returned to the school by 28 September 2026

Tel: 01283 247505

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**Additional Information**

This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

This Authority and school are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If a candidate is short-listed any relevant issue arising from his or her references will be taken up at interview. Please be aware that social media checks will be carried out on short-listed candidates.

**J Emery  
Headteacher**