

This week

- Tue 6 Jan: Pupils return to school
- Fri 9 Jan: Visit by the Mayor of Berkhamsted

Dates further ahead

- Thu 15 Jan: Closing date for applications for Year 3 entry Sept 2015

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

Notices and reminders

Looking back over the autumn term gives a lot to be proud about. Notably, the outcome of our church school inspection: achieving an Outstanding grading was a huge success and one which many people have told me they think is fully justified and deserved. We know, not only from this inspection but from our school improvement plan and on-going programme of monitoring, that we've got more on which to focus to make our school better – and are committed to continuing doing this.

Towards the end of September we bade a sad farewell to Mrs Histed, our School Business Manager, who retired after 24 years at Thomas Coram! We also welcomed new staff during this term. In the admin team, Mrs Tinnion; as a teaching assistant, Mrs Harman; and Mrs Bull, joining our midday supervisory team. To them, and all my colleagues: thank you for your hard work and dedication this term, as well as to our governing body for their challenge. We also appreciate the support and feedback from parents, particularly when we listen about how our school can be improved. Of course, my final thanks are saved for the most important people: our pupils. Thank you to them for their hard work and for the role they play in ensuring Thomas Coram is the unique and special place it undoubtedly is.

This term is wrapped like a giant Christmas present with a superb Christmas lunch, for which we thank Janet and our catering team, a traditional pantomime performance for the whole school, and a magical end of term service at St Peter's Church – not to forget, of course, the amazing 'Midwife Crisis' production so ably staged by Years 3 & 4.

I hope you all have a blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to us all returning refreshed for the spring term.

Mr R Halls, Headteacher

A letter listing the [spring term clubs](#) has been sent to parent/carers. Registration/permission slip(s) and external provider reply slips and money, as appropriate, should be returned to school by Fri 9 January.

Looking for a Christmas present or a family/friends outing in the New Year? Look no further! [Saracens v Harlequins, Saturday 28 March, Wembley Stadium](#). Saracens have invited us, once again, to sell tickets for this match, through school – please see attached letter for detail on how to order your tickets.

Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters which are also available on our website:

- School club registration and after school permission slip spring term 2015

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Supermarket Vouchers – January 2015
- News from the Friends of Thomas Coram
- Saracens v Harlequins, Saturday 28 March, Wembley Stadium

Details of Sportspace Christmas Activities may be downloaded from our website.



Supermarket Vouchers Orders – January

Orders to be returned no later than Monday 12 January

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Amazingly we ordered £3650.00 worth of vouchers for December raising £194.15 for our school. It would be great if we could keep this going. THANK YOU to all who ordered vouchers in December.

Please Remember the SALES are coming - You don't have to order small amounts of vouchers; you can order large quantities, through school, for those larger items such as a bed, sofa, dishwasher or even a Kitchen!! You may even want to treat yourself! It really is a worthwhile scheme to participate in as it is at no extra cost to you, but so very rewarding for the school.

Please note: John Lewis vouchers can be redeemed on-line and the click and collect allows you to collect from the store (Waitrose), saving you delivery charge.

WisePay Payments – you can pay for your vouchers, using your debit/credit card, through WisePay, Donations Manager (please follow the WisePay link via our school website. WisePay payments will be charged to your account on the day you process your transaction. You will still need to send in the completed form below to advise which vouchers you will require. Should you have any problems using Wise Pay please contact the school office. Cheques are still very much welcome, if that suits you. These will be banked on or after 29 January.

Voucher collection date is Thursday 29 January.

REMEMBER, you have to purchase food/clothes so why not help your school at the same time?!!

Please indicate the number of vouchers you wish to order for **January**
To be returned to school by Monday 12 January.



	Tesco (Gift Card)	Sainsbury	Waitrose
£10	£	£	£
£20	£	£	N/A
£25	N/A	N/A	£
£50	£	N/A	N/A
Total	£	£	£

Cheques should be made payable to **The Thomas Coram CE School**

- * I will personally collect the vouchers/I authorise my son/daughter to collect the vouchers

Please delete as applicable

Signed.....Parent/Carer

Child's Name.....Class.....



The Friends of Thomas Coram School,
Swing Gate Lane,
Berkhamsted,
Hertfordshire
HP4 2RP

Christmas Fayre News: £5000 raised!

This great total for our first Christmas Fayre and the money will go towards funding three projects that school have identified – more information on these and our fundraising goal to follow.

Comedy Night

Seats are on sale for our Charity Comedy Night; on Friday 6th February we will be hosting a fantastic evening of entertainment: We have 4 comedians, a bar, lots of laughs and all this followed by a disco. Entry is just £12.50 per person – places are limited and selling quickly so please complete your booking form and return it to school asap to avoid disappointment.

Calendar of Events

Dates for next term:

16-Jan	Film Night
06-Feb	Comedy Event (in association with VSA)
26-Feb	Haresfoot brewery night out
13-Mar	Parents Quiz Night
27-Mar	Disco

Many thanks for reading and from the Friends of Thomas Coram Committee, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Roscoe

Chair, FOTC Committee

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Alex Horne

"A beguiling blend of the smart and the stupid....a real delight"
SUNDAY TIMES

HEADLINE ACT



Joseph Wilson

"This guy is hilarious"
FHM



CHARITY COMEDY NIGHT

CONFIRMED ACTS:

Alex Horne
Mary Bourke
David Jordan
Joseph Wilson

DOORS: 7.30PM SHOW: 8.00PM

VENUE: THOMAS CORAM SCHOOL

Followed by MUSIC until 11.30pm

With thanks to Chesham Comedy Club for booking the acts.

STRICTLY OVER 18'S

Mary Bourke

"Catch her act before she becomes a complete and utter cult"
THE GUARDIAN

"One of the best female stand ups I've seen recently"
THE STAGE



David Jordan

"beyond hilarious, lyrical genius!" – OUTPOUCH

Seats are £12.50 if bought through the VSA or FOTC and £15.00 on general sale.
Seats are limited, book quickly to avoid disappointment.

Comedy Night 2015 Booking form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ No: of tickets at £12.50 each
(Strictly Over 18s only)

To book your seats, return your completed form and payment (cash or cheque made payable to 'FOTC') to school.
Places are limited so get your booking form in today!!!



ALL MONIES RAISED FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDS OF THOMAS CORAM.





DERBY DAY
SARACENS VS HARLEQUINS
WEMBLEY STADIUM
SAT 28 MAR | KO 15H15

Saracens will play Harlequins at Wembley on Saturday 28th March 2015, kick-off 15H15 but show starts at 14H00. Saracens return to the iconic venue for the twelfth time for an afternoon of high class Premiership Rugby and live spectacular entertainment.

Tickets for your school are priced from only £16.50 for adults and £5 for Junior (U16)

Take advantage of this great promotional offer by booking online at www.saracens.com/wembley and at the same time earn cash back for your school. All tickets purchased using your school code, before Saturday 28th February, will be seated together.

How To Book:

Once at www.saracens.com/wembley Click the tab “clubs and schools” then click on the box “Buy Tickets” on the right hand side or at the bottom of the blurb “Click here” - this takes you through to the online booking page:

1. First you need to order your Adults tickets:
 - a. Select quantity required from left hand box
 - b. Enter your case sensitive (upper case) password in the box to the right of the ‘Price’ field – your school code is:
THOMASCORAM
2. Repeat the above process for U16’s tickets
3. Click on ‘Find Tickets’ at the bottom
4. On the next screen enter the two words in the ‘Security Check’ page
5. Continue to checkout, enter payment details and finalise order*

PLEASE NOTE YOUR TICKETS WILL BE SENT DIRECT TO YOUR HOME BEFORE SATURDAY 14th March

TWITTER: Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter [@Saracens](https://twitter.com/Saracens) and let us know you’re coming to Wembley!
#SaracensatWembley #derbyday

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you require further information: theresabouchier@saracens.net
We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Theresa Bouchier

**A one off booking fee per order applies*

Cash£Back