

This week

- Mon 23 to Fri 26 Jun: Year 6 residential visit to Devon
- Tue 23 Jun: Year 5 visit to St Albans Abbey
- Wed 24 Jun: Meeting for parents of new pupils, 7.00pm
- Sat 27 Jun: Friends of Thomas Coram Summer Fair, 12noon-3.00pm

Dates further ahead

- Thu 2 July: Transition Day (Year 6 at Ashlyns School)
- Wed 8 Jul: Sports day (Fri 10 Jul if wet)

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

Notices and reminders

Last week was 'Drop-in week', when our school Governors sat in on lessons to experience life at Thomas Coram for themselves. They looked in particular at how writing is taught across the whole curriculum.

- Chair of Governors Nick Heath commented, "I was impressed by the friendly atmosphere and the politeness of the children, and how this created such a wonderful learning environment."
- Julie Griffiths learnt all about Sikhism on our RE day which she said, "really inspired the children. The school worship at the end of the day when all year groups shared their learning was an excellent example of our children being able to present confidently."
- Rob Barham watched a play written and acted by "highly engaged" Year 5 pupils investigating how speech reveals characters' personalities, while English link Governor Luisa Clarke's grammar was polished during Mrs Cutler's parent workshop on the Friday morning.

[Applications for music lessons](#) for next term should be received by 30 June to ensure that lessons are booked with Herts Music Service. Forms are available on our website.

[This week is our Big Write](#). Look out for your Talk Homework, which will also be available to download from the school website.

Your child will bring home a white envelope from the Friends of Thomas Coram which contains information about the [Summer Fair](#) which takes place on Saturday 27 June.

Recent letters

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

- Devon visit 2016 (for pupils currently in Year 5)
- Assessment for the new National Curriculum

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- None

Now it appears that summer has arrived, we encourage you to read the Sun Protection Guidance in the download section of our website and [help keep your child safe during the hot weather by:](#)

- ensuring your child has a high factor 8 hour sun protection cream applied before coming to school
- ensuring your child has a hat with them in school
- ensuring your child has a fresh bottle of drinking water every day in school.

Do you have an [unwanted piano stool](#) at home? If so, we could make use of it – we have three pianos but only one stool. Thank you.