

This week

- Mon 5 Jun: Pupils return after half term break
- Mon 5 Jun: Meeting for parents/carers Year 4 & Year 6 residential visits, 6.30pm
- Fri 9 Jun: Friends of Thomas Coram Cake & Cookie sale, 3LC

Dates further ahead

- Thu 15 Jun: Sports Day
- Fri 16 Jun: Reserve Sports Day
- Sat 17 Jun: Friends of Thomas Coram Summer Fair
- Mon 19 Jun - Fri 23 Jun: Year 6 residential visit to Devon
- Wed 21 Jun – Fri 23 Jun: Year 4 residential visit to Norfolk

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

Notices and reminders

It is now time for the school to [book music lessons for the next academic year](#). We are pleased to offer pupils the opportunity to either start learning an instrument or to continue with lessons. Please complete the music application form, which was emailed to all parents and is available on our website, by Friday 9 June so that arrangements for September can be made.

As with last year, parents/carers do not need to [re-apply for free school meals](#) for September:

- Any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both
- Letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a free meal
- During August 2017, the school will receive confirmation of who is entitled to receive a free meal and 100% music remission
- Anyone currently receiving 50% music remission needs to re-apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals from 8 June 2016.

Does your child require [new uniform for September 2017](#)? If so, please order online via WisePay. We would be very grateful for contributions of second hand uniform. Thank you.

Parent/carers are asked to [be considerate to local residents](#) when parking near to the school at drop off and collection time.

Now the hot weather is with us, parents/carers should check our sun protection guidance www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Sun-protection-guidance.pdf

Recent letters

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

- Year 5 Science

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Friends of Thomas Coram News – May 2017
- Songwriting Activities in Half Term
- Natural History Museum Tring Half Term Activities

A reminder to parents/carers that [children should wear black shoes](#) for school, and either **white or black socks**. A uniform list is available on our website www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/uniform/

For [half term activities at Berkhamsted Sportspace](#) please visit <http://www.sportspace.co.uk/kids/holiday-activities>

[This week at St Peter's](#) - there won't be a children's talk at the Sunday 9.30am service due to half term, but there will be colouring sheets at the back of church.



Friends of Thomas Coram Newsletter – May 2017

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Before everybody heads off for half term, we wanted to give you all a brief update since our last newsletter including a sneaky peek on what we have planned after the half term break.

Fundraising Target for 2017 | Geodesic Outdoor Classroom

After consultation with the school team, our main goal for 2017 is to raise enough funds to an outdoor classroom, in the form of a geodesic dome, for use by across the school throughout the year.

Examples of the type of dome we will purchase and build



We're talking with the suppliers and whilst the build cost has still to be finalised, we believe we will need to raise around £7,000 to deliver this fabulous addition to the school's teaching space. The good news is that through the events we have already laid on this year means we're well on the way to raising the funds needed and with your continued support, we believe we will reach the target by the end of the summer term.

Which brings us nicely to the events planned for next term...

Dates for your diary

Summer Fair | Saturday 17 June, 11:00 – 14:00

Look out for parent packs and hamper requests after half term; **if you can spare 30 minutes, an hour or more on the day** to help run stalls, particularly on the BBQ (to help brown the sausages and serve), taking money on the bouncy castle etc., **please email Rachael.hounsell@rworld.co.uk**.



Summer Camp | Friday 7 July, 18:00 - Sunday 9 July, 10:00

Our popular tri-school event is back and the team is hard at work to make it even better than previous years. Look out for more details in a couple of weeks.

All-school disco | Friday 14 July, 15:30-17:30

Learning from our last disco, we're pleased to announce that by using the gym and dining room area, this disco can be open to all years. We do need **20 parent volunteers** for it to happen, so please let us know if you can help.



Cookie and cake sales

Friday 9 June: 3LC

Friday 23 June: 3LW

Friday 7 July: 3RD

We're also providing refreshments on Sports Day.

We hope you all enjoy the half term break and come back refreshed and ready to enjoy the events we have planned for the rest of this year. Remember, we can't run these events without parent volunteers, so please get in touch if you can help, whether it's for a short time on the day or behind the scenes.



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Are you into music and aged 8-18?
Ever fancied writing a song but not sure how?
Or maybe want to improve your existing skills?

Tuesday 30th May 2017 (09:30 - 15:30)
St Albans Music School

Wednesday 31st May 2017 (09:30 - 15:30)
Watford School of Music

Thursday 1st June 2017 (09:30 - 15:30)
Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts (Hatfield)

£10 (bursaries available)

Book now songwriteronline.co.uk



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May Half-term Activities

Check the website for times and more details nhm.ac.uk/tring/whats-on.



Dodo Bookmarks

Tuesday 30 May
30-minute craft activity
Suitable for ages 5+
Tickets £2

Tring Park Nest Building

Friday 2 June
1.5 hour outdoor activity
Suitable for ages 7+
Suggested donation £2

Explore Mystery Specimens

Wednesday 31 May and Thursday 1 June
30-minute handling activity
Suitable for ages 5+
Tickets £2