

This week

- Mon 20 Nov: Deadline for Year 5 Hazard Alley payment
- Mon 20 Nov: Deadline for Christmas lunch payment
- Tue 21 Nov: Open morning for prospective parents/carers
- Tue 21 Nov: Year 3 and Year 4 flu vaccinations
- Thu 23 – Thu 30 Nov: Book Fair (after school Mon, Tue, Wed until 4.00pm)
- Fri 24 Nov: English in Action coffee morning (see attached letter)

Dates further ahead

- Thu 30 Nov: Open morning for prospective parents/carers
- Sat 2 Dec: Friends of Thomas Coram Christmas Fair
- Wed 13 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Production, 1.45pm
- Thu 14 Dec: Year 3 Christmas Production, 6.30pm
- Mon 18 Dec: Christmas lunch
- Tues 19 Dec: Christmas Service at St Peter's, 10.30am
- Tues 19 Dec: End of term, 1.00pm

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

Notices and reminders

Please find attached the [dates for the academic year 2018-2109](#), which are also available on our website.

We would like to remind parents/ carers that if [access to the school site is needed before 8.30am and after 3.30pm](#) that you should use the front door and report to reception, unless collecting a child from an after school club.

We warmly invite all [prospective parents/carers to our open mornings](#) on Tuesday 21 November and Thursday 30 November. There will be a presentation by the Head of School at 9.00am, followed by a tour to see our school in action, accompanied by pupil guides.

[Our Christmas lunch will be on Monday 18 December](#). Christmas lunch **must** be bought in advance by Monday 20 November as the kitchen has to order and prepare the food. No cash is taken and no biometric or Wisepay transactions take place on this day. If you do not want your child to take part in this festive occasion, please supply a packed lunch.

Pupils and staff in [Year 3 are currently working hard on their performance for the end of term](#). Details of the performance and tickets will follow. There will be a performance in the afternoon of Wednesday 13 December and another on the evening of Thursday 14 December. If you are able to make arrangements for your son/daughter in Year 3 to attend school on the evening of Thursday, this would be greatly appreciated.

We have a vacancy for a [part-time administration assistant](#) from January. Details are available from www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/

Recent letters

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

- Christmas Lunch

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- English in Action coffee morning
- Dates for the academic year 2018-19
- Road Safety Week

In the interest of children's safety, parents/carers are urged [to take extreme care when parking](#) near to school. We would also encourage parents/carers to switch off their engines while parked to avoid damage to children's health from fumes.

[This week at St Peter's](#) – this Sunday it's TSS at 4pm, celebrating God's great gifts of beauty, music and art and St Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians. There will be tea afterwards. On Thursday 23 at 7.30pm there will be a fashion show sponsored by Fine and Country, in aid of the Hospice of St Francis. See the church as you have never seen it before – lights, models, music! Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.uk or enquire at the Fine & Country office in the High Street.



November 2017

Dear parent/carer

English in Action Coffee Morning

We warmly invite you to join us for our first English in Action coffee morning. You can learn about our No Nonsense approach to spelling and see how it is taught in action. You will also have the opportunity to meet other parents and talk to our English leader, in a relaxed atmosphere with refreshments provided.

We very much hope to see you at 9am on Friday 24 November.

To accept this invitation, kindly return the form below by Wednesday 22 November in order to assist with our catering arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Williamson
Assistant Head and English Subject Co-ordinator

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FAO Miss Williamson: English in Action coffee morning.

I am coming to the English in Action coffee morning on Friday 24 November.

Signed.....

Date.....

Name

Child's class



Swing Gate Infant School



The Thomas Coram CE School



Victoria CE Infant School

Academic Year 2018-2019

In 2018-2019, schools have 5 Staff INSET Days and 1 Occasional Day Holiday on which to close the school. These are all taken during the school terms template issued by Hertfordshire County Council.

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September	Staff INSET
Tuesday 4 September	Pupils return
Friday 26 October	Staff INSET
Mon 29 October - Fri 2 November	Half term break
Monday 5 November	Pupils return
Thursday 20 December	End of term (early closure)
Friday 21 December	Occasional Day Holiday (school closed)

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January	Staff INSET
Tuesday 8 January	Pupils return
Mon 18 - Fri 22 February	Half term break
Monday 25 February	Pupils return
Friday 5 April	End of term (early closure)

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April	Staff INSET
Wednesday 24 April	Pupils return
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May	Half term break
Monday 3 June	Pupils return
Tuesday 23 July	End of term (early closure)
Wednesday 24 July	Staff INSET

Road Safety Week – 20-26 November 2017



Road crashes remain one of the biggest causes of death and serious injury among children and young people, and dangerous roads also have a major impact on their ability to walk, cycle and live healthy active lifestyles. This makes it so important to develop everyone's awareness of the risks and also how the situation can be improved by individuals and communities now and in the future.

This year the main theme is '**Speed Down, Save Lives**'.

Speed has been identified as a key risk factor in road traffic injuries, influencing both the risk of a road crash as well as the severity of the injuries that result from crashes. An increase in the average speed of 1m/h typically results in a 3% higher risk of a crash involving injury, with a 4–5% increase for crashes that result in fatalities (World Health Organisation)

Find out more about the week at Road Safety Week 2017 roadsafetyweek.org.uk and take the pledge <http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/pledge> Follow us @roadsafetyherts #roadsafetyweek

And keep safe!