

This week

- Mon 14 May: KS2 National Tests week
- Fri 18 May: Friends of Thomas Coram, cake sale 4KD & 4VM

Dates further ahead

- Mon 21 – Fri 25: Walk to School week
- Fri 25 May: Friends of Thomas Coram, cake sale 4FB & 4BW
- Mon 28 May – Fri 1 June: Half term
- Mon 4 June: Return to school & Year 6 leavers photos

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

Notices and reminders

This week our whole school worships have been led by Father Simon and 4VM. Continuing with our value of Friendship, we have been reflecting on how important it is to make time for one another.

Next week is an important week for our Year 6 pupils as they take the KS2 National Tests. They have all been working very hard in preparation and we look forward to sharing their achievements with you later this term. Alongside their preparations, they have still had time to enjoy other curriculum subjects, particularly art. We are delighted that some of their artwork is being displayed by the Berkhamsted Art Society at the Civic Centre next week. Further details of the exhibition can be found on the poster attached to this bulletin.

Attendance is vitally important in ensuring the children make progress and we would like to congratulate pupils in 3HW (best class); Year 5 (best year group) and Pankhurst (House) for their excellent attendance during the month of April. Year 4 continues to have the best attendance so far this academic year.

We believe that homework can also make a positive contribution to raising children's achievement (we use the term "homework" in its widest sense to include any learning activity that children, individually or with their parents, undertake outside school). Homework can reinforce and/or extend children's learning where it is relevant to the work they are doing at school. However, in no way do we wish to put undue pressure on the children or parents. If your child is struggling to complete a homework task, please advise the class teacher either by writing a note in your child's planner or in their homework book.

You will be aware that the school is investigating ways in which the amount of traffic at the start and end of the day can be managed. To this end, we have arranged a variety of road safety activities for our pupils in the second half of the summer term. Year 4 pupils will be trained in pedestrian skills and we are looking for 4 parents/carers, who would be happy to be trained by Hertfordshire's Active and Safer Travel team, to provide our pupils with practical skills to cross roads safely. Please contact the school office if you are happy to help us with this initiative. Just before half term, the school will be participating in Walk to School Week (21 – 25 May) as part Hertfordshire's Year of Physical Activity.

Recent letters

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

- Year 3 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum

This week's attachments

- Berkhamsted Art Society Spring Art Exhibition poster

We currently have a vacancy for a [Midday Supervisory Assistant](http://www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/). Visit www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/ for full details and application forms.

This week at St Peters

It's TTS this Sunday at 4.00pm. This month there's an opportunity to be part of the Church of England's global prayer movement focussed on The Lord's Prayer. Please join us for this short informal service, followed by a children's tea.

Now the hot weather appears to be with us, parents/carers should check our sun protection guidance www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/worpress/wpcontent/uploads/2016/09/Sun-protection-guidance.pdf

We would like to remind parents that, for health and safety reasons, **no dogs other than guide dogs are allowed onto the school site at any time.**



BERKHAMSTED ART SOCIETY

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EXHIBITION

P A I N T I N G

P R I N T M A K I N G

D R A W I N G

S C U L P T U R E

G R E E T I N G C A R D S

*DISPLAY OF ARTWORK FROM YEAR 6 PUPILS OF THE LOCAL
THOMAS CORAM SCHOOL WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS EXHIBITION*

SUNDAY 13 MAY - SATURDAY 19 MAY 2018

CIVIC CENTRE • BERKHAMSTED

SUNDAY 2pm - 4pm • MONDAY - SATURDAY 9am - 5pm

Admission Free