



### Weather!



As most of you know we have been forced to close the past 2 Christmas holidays due to the snow and ice...Fingers crossed this year we can welcome you all over the festive period! We will only close if the site is not in a safe condition for our visitors, and will do our best to inform families as soon as we can.

If you are booked in and want to make sure we are still open, please check the website by 9:30am on the morning of your visit. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Please note that Thomley is closed from December 24th to January 4th. Any emails or enquiries over this period will be answered as soon as possible from January 4th.

### Adam is sadly moving on...

Unfortunately Adam will be leaving Thomley at the end of the year...With his last day being on the 21st December In the Christmas holidays. Adam would love it if families could make it to say their goodbyes, he has this to say

“Thank you to all the families and children for making Thomley such a wonderful experience. I’ve met some really amazing people, and consider many of you great friends. My new role is as an outreach worker helping families in the community, hopefully I’ll meet as many great people there as I have here at Thomley. Please be patient with Tim as it’s only going to be him against 20 children on the football pitch now!”

Adam will be sorely missed, and we thank him for all of his hard work since he came to Thomley.

### Welcome to Jeff

We are delighted to welcome Jeff Bond as our new cleaner on a part time basis...Jeff previously worked as a mechanic for 37 years at Thame Service Station. He’s keeping the site looking fresh for all your visits!

Introduce yourself to Jeff if you see him around site...He doesn’t bite!



### Christmas Craft Fair



Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Craft Fair on Saturday 12th November...We raised a total of £1,350 for Thomley, beating last years total by £300!

35 Raffle prizes were won on the day, with the tickets making a total of £400 pounds towards our total...Thank you to all organisations who provided a prize.

A special thank you to the Horwood and the Arnold family for helping us boost our total for the day with all the cakes and other items you made and sold for us...You are absolute stars!

As always, thanks for helping us to support you!

### Schools

Thomley are currently looking for more Adult groups, Schools and Home Education families to attend during the term time. Does your child attend a school that would benefit from visiting Thomley? We have reviewed what we can offer schools and intend to support schools with the heavy demands of the curriculum. Thomley can

tailor activities to suit individual schools and classes, providing relevant activities such as Sports, Art and Craft, life skills and cooking projects.

Thomley also wants to help promote team games, sharing, and turn taking within the school environment.

We currently have several schools that visit us weekly, but would love to welcome more schools on a regular basis. If there is any school/ teacher that you think would benefit from using Thomley as an educational/ recreational facility please do contact us...or tell them all about us!

Please contact [joe@thomleyhall.org](mailto:joe@thomleyhall.org) with any questions or ideas regarding school and term time usage at Thomley.



### Upcoming dates

Open 10am-3.30pm

#### Pre-School Days

24th November

13th December

7th January

31st January

#### Adult Days

6th December

10th January

#### Adult Transition Day

24th January

#### Quiet Days (Max 30)

26th November

28th January

#### Teenage Day

21st December

21st January

#### Community Day

3rd December

7th January

#### Home Education Day

14th December

11th January

25th January

#### Christmas half term

Monday 19th - Friday

23rd December



### October half term

316 children visited Thomley over the 6 days in half term...Workshops included woodwork, diwali dancing, face painting, pumpkin carving and animation in the I-Van. Halloween gave some of you the opportunity to flaunt your fancy outfits and get in the spirit of things. Also a **big** thank you to Andrew McGoldrick for his fantastic Origami workshop...All the children and staff loved it!



### Christmas holidays



You may now book for the Christmas holidays. Please be aware that the Wednesday is a Teenage Day, the Thursday is a group day and the Friday is a community day. There is a group of 20 children booked in on the Monday. See the planner for all the festive activities that we have in store for you!



### Hortic Area

We have started planting! Onions, garlic, shallots and broad beans have all gone in! Raised beds are being built, and the area is really taking shape. Anybody who would like to donate any seeds/plants then please contact the office.



### New Wendy house

Why not head around the cycle track to our new Wendy House? A great hide away for the day...Children only!



### Evaluation

Thank you to all of you who returned Thomley's evaluation form, we sadly didn't have as much response as we hoped but from the evaluations that were returned we had really valuable feedback that gives us a chance to see what we're doing well and how we can support you better.

Its great to know that you find booking easy, that you find the Thomley Team supportive when you visit and that you find our newsletters and planner informative & useful. Your recommendations for improvements are really important to us and we love your ideas which we will consider in the New Year! (Even the trampoline, crazy golf and aunt sally)

Its also positive to know that you feel the days/activities we provide are relevant and fun for your families, your suggestions for how we can support further are interesting and fun so hopefully this is something we again can consider soon. Such as ; pamper days for parents, sibling days/workshops, hairdressing and shoe fitting. etc Thank you again for your feedback and support and here's a great quote as stated in our evaluation form:

***"Thomley is incredibly stimulating for our son but calming at the same time because of the environment and equipment. It is entirely safe and means as a family we can have a day out together knowing he will be safe, will cope and most importantly have fun."***

### Wish list...

If you can tick anything off our list, please call the office or email us! All donations are welcome, but please be sure they are in working order.

- Pressure washer
- Clothes for teenagers
- Headphones
- Bed sheets
- Plastic storage boxes
- Sturdy wooden picnic tables
- 4-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- 2-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- Junk modelling materials
- Large marquee!
- Adult jogging bottoms
- Blank CD's for art and craft
- DVD's
- Chalk board
- Music CD's - Children's songs

### 2012 dates

All of next year's dates are enclosed however Thomley's 10th anniversary details will be released in the forthcoming months. We are still discussing the possibility of opening the bank holiday weekend at Easter, which we normally close for. Could families please get in touch with Joe or Hayley if you would be interested in attending Thomley over this period.

### Physically vulnerable days

Unfortunately we had a very low turnout for the Physically Vulnerable days we scheduled for last year. We would like to signpost families who liked the idea to our Quiet Day at the end of every month. We limit the bookings on these days to 35 children so that there's less 'hustle and bustle' around site, these days would be more than suitable for children who may struggle in a busy environment.



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Have a very happy Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Thomley!

