



February Half-Term



Open 10-3.30pm
Saturday 14th and 21st Feb
Tuesday 17th Feb
Thursday 19th Feb

Please book in advance



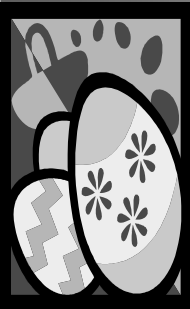
Music From Around The World:

Come and make your own rain-stick, maracas, tambourine and panpipe

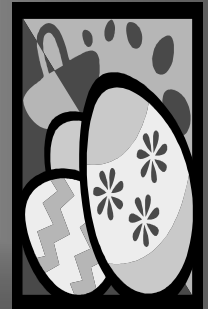
Easter Holidays

Open 10-3.30pm
Saturday 3rd, 10th and 17th Apr
Tuesday 6th and 13th Apr
Wednesday 7th Apr - *Easter Egg Hunt*
Thursday 8th and 15th Apr

Please book in advance



Join us for our Mega Easter Egg Hunt on the 7th (a joint venture with Oxon Playbus to celebrate their 25th Anniversary!)



Sensory Room...

Thomley Activity Centre now has its very own Sensory Room! Back to back bookings were taken in its first two weeks of being open and many a positive word was given:

"I wish I could have a sleepover in there: it was SO relaxing!" *Sibling*

"What a wonderful addition to Thomley. We are all very 'chilled'." *Parent*

"The Sensory Room is fantastic - a really different and calming experience" *Parent*

Our light area is interactive so that users can change the colour of the bubble tube, the optic fibre strands and the lighting at the touch of a chunky button or by rolling a large soft padded dice! Alternatively, you can sit and chill in our soft padded sofa and let the optic fibre cascade fall around you or even try out the vibrating beanbag! The dark area is equipped with a second bubble tube, soft play padding, UV lighting and a projector. You can dress up in UV gloves and wigs, play with aluminous balls, rope and rods or watch the colourful images move around the walls and floor.

Advanced booking is essential.

We charge £1 per child per half hour or a maximum of £2 for no more than 3 children. All children must be accompanied by at least 1 adult at all times.



Closure for maintenance...

Because there is so much development work taking place on site at the moment, we have decided to close the Centre for two weeks from:
Mon 2nd - Fri 13th Feb

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope you'll really notice some significant changes when you return during half-term!

Recommended donations...

Following our recent user consultation, we have decided to encourage all visitors to offer a recommended donation per child:

£2.50 for 1st child per half day

£5 for 2 or more children per half day

£5 for 1st child per full day

£10 for 2 or more children per full day

£60 for 1st child per year

£120 for 2 or more children per year

If you are a regular UK taxpayer, the value of your donations to Thomley Activity Centre can be increased by 30% (at no extra cost to you) just by filling in a Gift Aid form - available from the Office.

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim on your donations in the tax year.

Friends and Relatives of Thomley Hall (FROTH)...

Being a charity, voluntary support is absolutely invaluable to the work we do, and each and every volunteer (whether helping in the office, with the children, with fundraising or with DIY projects) helps to enrich the lives of so many local children with disabilities, as well as their families and friends.

If you would like to help out please call the office on (01844) 338 380.

F.R.O.T.H.

Really Good Card Co. Sale

Since we opened the onsite shop at the beginning of December 2003 (all thanks to Oxford's Really Good Card Co.), we have raised a staggering £900 from its proceeds. There are still many notebooks, greetings cards, T-shirts, mugs etc. left, so do come and have a browse!

Thomley College is now open!

2 members of staff on site at present and a 3rd is to start in March. Delays in electrical and refurbishment work have meant that students will not be on site until the end of February. However, prospective students are being interviewed and assessments undertaken. Students taught at the College will be ASD and aged 16 to 25. If you have any questions, please contact John Pinnington, Deputy Principal, on (01844) 338 475.

New equipment...

By the end of March you will be seeing some significant additions to Thomley Activity Centre:

- HBOS Financial Services will be designing and mounting a Sensory Wall Map around the pergola
- 2 standard swings, 2 bucket swings, a bed swing and a wheelchair accessible roundabout will be installed in our field with surrounding safety surfacing

Start collecting...

To help with the designing of our Sensory Wall Map, if you come across any of the following things we ask you to kindly send them our way (by the end of February):

plastic clothes pegs - children's Wellingtons - large sponges - large paint brushes - sink plugs - coloured pencils - strips of rope - buttons - small pebbles - wine bottle cork

Funding News...

Earlier this month we had fantastic news from The Vodafone Foundation: they've awarded us a significant grant over 2 years to help with our running costs.

Many thanks to...

...AGI Media for donating £750

...Wenn Townsend Accountants for donating £100

...Mr and Mrs McDowell for their ongoing support

...Mr and Mrs Wilkins for giving us some of their takings on winning at the horses

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