



Thomas Buxton Primary School

October 2026



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We are at the end of what has been a fantastic first half term at TBP. It has been a delight to have the children return from the summer holidays and wonderful to welcome so many new children and families to Thomas Buxton, from our new Nursery classes and across all year groups.



The class assemblies linked to this years whole school theme of 'Fairy tales' have been incredibly enjoyable - I am always so impressed and proud of our children presenting their learning. Our school value focus this half term is Contribute and seeing the children contribute in so many ways is a real testament to how proud they are of their school - not just through learning in the classroom but all our enrichment opportunities - Job Centre, Clubs, Rights Respecting work and for our older children the Residential trips.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us by encouraging the children to have excellent attendance. We know the importance of children being in school every day makes a difference not only now but to later life.

It has been a privilege to work with you all as your new Headteacher and it's been brilliant when writing this newsletter to see how many amazing things we have already experienced and achieved.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a very happy half term.

I am really looking forward to all the amazing achievements we will celebrate over the coming year.

Sending you my best wishes,

Miss Redpath





Upcoming Events - Autumn 2



- **Tuesday 3rd November** - Parent Workshop THEWS Supporting Emotional Regulation
- **Thursday 12th November** - Headteacher Coffee Morning and Classroom Open Morning
- **Friday 13th November** - X Factor (KS1 and KS2 children only)
- **Monday 16th November** - Anti Bullying Week
- **Tuesday 17th November** - Parent Workshop Reception Phonics (Reception parents and children)
- **Wednesday 18th November** - SEND Coffee Morning (how to support your child's SLCN)
- **Monday 23rd November** - INSET Day (school closed to children)
- **Wednesday 25th November** - Hackney Empire Pantomime trip (one half of KS1 and KS2)
- **Thursday 26th November** - Hackney Empire Pantomime trip (the other half of KS1 and KS2)
- **Friday 27th November** - Winter Art Day
- **Tuesday 1st December** - SEND Coffee Morning
- **Tuesday 8th December** - Pick and Mix Year 1 (9am) and Year 2 (3pm)
- **Wednesday 9th December** - Pick and Mix Nursery Bagheera (9am) Baloo (3pm)
- **Thursday 10th December** - Pick and Mix Year 4 (9am) Year 3 (3pm)
- **Friday 11th December** - Pick and Mix Reception (9am) Year 5 and Year 6 (3pm)
- **Monday 14th December** - KS2 Carol Concert
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Early Years Nativity
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 17th December** - KS1 Christmas Show
- **Friday 18th December** - End of Term Disco Day (all children, party clothes)

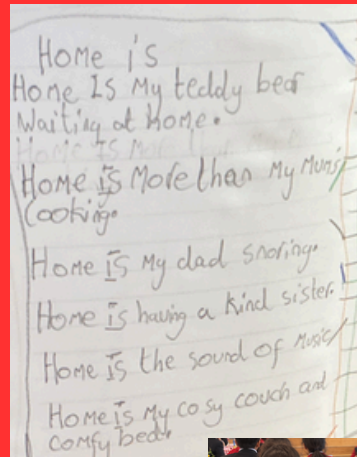
- ***Every Thursday** from 2.50pm we run our Headteacher/Senior Leadership Team drop in. No appointment is needed, just turn up if there is anything you would like to talk to Miss Redpath about.

HALF TERM HIGHLIGHTS



National Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry Day with the beginning of Black History Month. The children had the opportunity to read, perform and create their own poetry - some children created their own poetry books. Please ask your child to perform some poetry for you - you will be very impressed!



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Rights Respecting Day

Children spent the day learning about the UNCRC Rights of a Child and how important it is that their rights are respected - they learned that their rights are inalienable - that means no one can take them away! What rights does your child know?

Year 6 and Year 7 Picnic

A highlight of Autumn term is always welcoming back last year's Year 6 to talk about how they are getting on in Year 7. It's wonderful to hear how the children are getting on as confident ambassadors for TBP and they do an amazing job at supporting our current Year 6 with preparing for secondary school.



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 RESIDENTIALS

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children visiting Plas y Brenin and Gorsefield. The children were incredible and the staff who went with them said they demonstrated so much resilience and had a lot of fun. We are so proud!



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Nursery

Nursery have settled well into their new class. They are joining in with new routines and carpet sessions with enthusiasm. They have particularly enjoyed making Happy Boxes and exploring their feelings.

We have also enjoyed joining Reception children to bake and decorate Gingerbread Men.

What a great start to school!

Reception

Reception have had a fantastic half term, and have settled in well. We have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. The children acted out the story, pretending to be the different characters and using story words and phrases. Then they got to make and decorate their very own gingerbread men, apparently, they were "super delicious!" We are sure your child would love to retell you the story!





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Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to explore Whitechapel High Street, taking a closer look at the shops and local sights. The visit brought their learning to life as they discovered how the shops have changed over the years and compared the high street of the past with the one we know today.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed hands-on science lessons exploring the plant life around Thomas Buxton. These lessons have brought their learning to life, giving the children opportunities to look closely at plants and discover more about the natural world around them.





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Year 3



Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Horniman Museum, where they travelled back in time to explore life in the Stone Age. During their workshop, they discovered fascinating facts about Stone Age animals and even had the incredible opportunity to hold a real mammoth's tooth! They also explored how skeletons can be used as historical evidence, helping us to understand more about the animals that lived long ago and the world our ancestors inhabited.

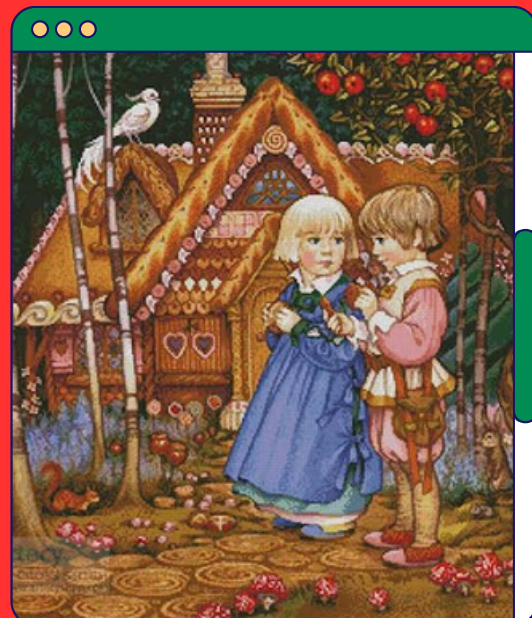


Year 4



Year 4 had an incredible geography workshop with Thames Explorer, where they explored the fascinating human and physical geography of rivers.

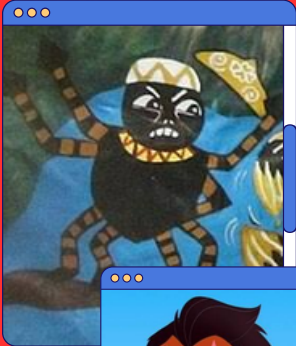
They discovered how rivers and the surrounding landscapes change over time, and how people interact with and impact these environments. The children also explored food chains in the River Thames, learning about the different creatures that live in the river and how they depend on one another.





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Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderfully busy half term. Thirty children enjoyed an amazing few days at Gorsefield, taking part in outdoor activities and team-building challenges. It was lovely to see them growing in confidence, supporting one another and enjoying the experience together.

Back at school, the children have particularly enjoyed their immersive writing linked to Ernest Shackleton and his extraordinary Antarctic expedition. The topic really captured their imaginations and inspired some fantastic discussion and writing.

Year 6

Year 6 have also had a very busy and exciting half term. Forty children spent an incredible week in Snowdonia, taking part in outdoor activities that developed confidence, resilience, teamwork and independence. It was a wonderful experience and one they will remember for a long time.

Back at school, they have particularly enjoyed their local history unit. A walk around the local area brought their Second World War learning to life as they visited sites connected to Hughes Mansions and the Bethnal Green disaster. They also visited Shacklewell Fire Station for Junior Citizen, where they took part in practical activities about staying safe.

