



Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined Thomas Coram this term. Of course an equally warm welcome to the children and families who have returned.

I am enjoying meeting you in the mornings at drop-off time, and please feel free to pop into my office for a chat or raise any questions/queries you may have. I very much look forward to working with you all and of course playing and learning with your child.

The beginning of this term our focus has been very much focused on supporting children to separate securely from their parents/carers as well as developing their confidence in making choices, establishing relationships and trying new things.

Next month (October) will see us celebrating **Black History Month**, during this time we will highlight the very positive contribution people of African and Black Caribbean heritage make to society. At the same time, we are keen for all of our parents/carers to get involved with our work and welcome any families who would like to cook, share stories/poems/ music or participate in any art and craft experiences with the children to promote this important piece of work. Should you have any questions please see your key person.

Remember to join one of our **parent support sessions**. This term, we are hosting two excellent Camden-run courses here this term.

- The **FIRST AID** sessions start Friday 27th September 2024
- The **FAMILY LEARNING COURSE**, starts Thursday, 3rd October 2024

There are limited crèche spaces available, so early booking is recommended!

Condolences

Some of you will be aware that the mother who tragically died at Notting Hill Carnival this year was one of our parents. We have all had the family in our thoughts and as a community have been devastated.

We have been working closely with the family and have respected their wish for privacy. It has been difficult for us not to discuss this earlier with you and I know some of you have wanted show your support to the family.

I will let you know when there are any further updates that I am able to share.

Home Library Scheme

The library is open on Tuesday and Friday at 8.30,9.30 and 1.30. each child can choose one book before going into their classroom.

Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library books and return them in the folder, to then borrow another book. Please enjoy the book with your child and remember, it's OK to read the same book over and over again!

Fostering a love for reading at an early age sets the foundation for a lifetime of learning and creativity.



Parenthub- [Please download this app.](#)

ALL KEY COMMUNICATION from the nursery to the parents now goes via the Parenthub app such as **newsletters**, **key events**, **change of dates**, **emergency closures**...

If you need any help downloading this onto your phone, please contact the office to agree a time for us to help you.



Starting Primary School in Camden

Camden has some of the best primary schools in the country. All our primary schools are currently rated either 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted. Your child will be due to start primary school in September 2025 if they were born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. The next round of applications begins from 1 September 2024. You need to apply by 15 January 2025.

To apply for a primary school place

Download: [Starting School in Camden - admissions guide for parents / carers](#)

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/primary-admissions>

Term and Holiday Dates Autumn Term 2024-2025



Please note, if your child benefits from a government funded place for their early education, then you are required to take holidays only during the 13 weeks of annual holiday closure.

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
Half Term - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	
Closed For Term Time Only Children	Open for Holiday Club 'All Year Round Children'
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.	
The last day of term is Thursday 19th December and we re-open on Wednesday 8th January 2025	

Best wishes

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team