

THAMESMEAD TALK – Spring 2 2026

Y8 at the Natural History Museum

Some of our Year 8 students took part in a biodiversity workshop identifying and categorising different types of insects as well as exploring the dinosaur, mammals, space and earth's core galleries at the Natural History Museum in March.



Esher College – Science workshop

Some of our Year 11 students recently visited Esher College for a fantastic workshop, which gave them an insight into careers in medicine. They explored the journey of a fictitious patient as she navigated our healthcare service. From an initial GP visit to further clinical investigations, treatment and finally palliative care. They followed her journey and discovered the healthcare teams involved.



🌟 Linguastars 🌟

🌈 Each half term, two students from each year group and each language (Spanish & French) are chosen as our Linguastars!

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- Year 7 – Noah Nilsson/ Ava Smith
- Year 8 – Angella Harhulla/ Toby Demster
- Year 9 – Michael Gilson/ Kalyvioti Iliana
- Year 10 – Mia Ryder
- Year 11 - Gabby Robertson



- Year 7 – Vadim Ploksts/ Bessie Hampson-
- Year 8 – Abhya Yadav/ Joshua Harris
- Year 9 – Samarth Achar/ Emelia Dyos
- Year 10 – James Sutton
- Year 11 - Rebecca Collinson

🏆 Huge Success for Thamesmead at the Spelthorne Youth Awards

Thamesmead shone brightly at the Spelthorne Youth Awards, with so many of our incredible students nominated by Mr Smith and Mr Patel. It was a fantastic event and a wonderful celebration of our young people—their achievements, their character, and the spirit of our school community.

Anton and Amelie were STAR award winners, and we were proud of every single student who represented us.



Cerine and Logan delivered an impressive performance during a recent roundtable with local MP Lincoln Jopp, earning praise for their confidence and sharp questioning. The event was an opportunity for the MP to hear local young people's views. Cerine questioned the revocation of student visas, while Logan raised concerns about the gap between young people's wages and rising house prices. They also questioned him on the immigration policy and colonialism. Their contributions stood out as thoughtful and well-informed. It was a great example of democracy in action, with students confidently challenging our elected representative.



Visit to St. Hilda's College Oxford

Some of our KS4 students had an excellent day at St. Hilda's College, Oxford finding out more about life studying at university. They were a credit to Thamesmead. The meetings were most useful for them and they very much enjoyed seeing the city centre.



Year 8 drama students were tasked to create medieval shields. These were the impressive winners.



Music Spring concert



Thank you to all those who joined us for our Spring Concert.

This event tied in beautifully with the spirit of the season and provided an exciting opportunity for some of our younger and potentially less experienced musicians to showcase their talents in a less formal environment.

We hope you enjoyed listening to the emerging musical talent we have here at Thamesmead.

Mr Moses



Year 10 Masterclass in Vegan cookery

We were fortunate to welcome Charlotte Roy from Animal Aid to work with a selected group of our Year 10 Food & Nutrition students. Charlotte ran an engaging talk with a hands-on vegan cookery workshop, giving students the chance to develop high-level practical skills while exploring modern, exciting approaches to plant-based cuisine.

Charlotte was the first vegan contestant to reach the quarter finals of MasterChef UK (2024). She is passionate about showcasing rich, flavourful plant-based cooking and holds a nutrition certification from Harvard Medical School. Alongside her culinary work, she collaborates with leading restaurants and continues to support Animal Aid through education and outreach. The students had an amazing time learning new skills and experimenting with recipe ideas.



Inter-House Set design

Students were very creative with their entries for the set design competition. Congratulations to winners & runners up Sophia, Grace, Ella, Simran, Hoey, Isabella, Harriet, Nell & Maddison



Community Litter Pick

Year 8s have been helping to tidy up our school grounds and will also be litter picking in the High Street for Spelthorne Conservation Society.



Thamesmead Celebrates Football Excellence

Thamesmead's girls' football programme continues to go from strength to strength, with both Year 7/8 and Year 10/11 teams achieving outstanding success this season.

The Year 7/8 squad reached the Last 32 of the National Cup, a rare and impressive accomplishment. Although their journey ended in a narrow 1–0 defeat, the team showed exceptional resilience, unity, and determination throughout. Their campaign also featured a remarkable 7–1 victory over Surbiton High School, current National Cup holders, highlighting their attacking quality and growing confidence. Displaying incredible character, many of the same players competed the very next day in the U13 Football Festival at Sir William Perkins School. As the only state school, Thamesmead entered two teams, who rose to the challenge. Annie's Angels went unbeaten to win the tournament, while Evie's Eagles reached the semi-finals, narrowly losing via a golden goal. Their response to disappointment demonstrated maturity and mental strength beyond their years.

Meanwhile, the Year 10/11 girls team secured a League and Cup double with a 3–1 victory over Magna Carta in a final held at Ashford Town FC stadium. Backed by strong support, they delivered a composed and confident performance. This group's legacy is remarkable: league champions every year since Year 7, four cup wins in five seasons, and multiple district titles. Their sustained excellence reflects commitment, teamwork, and pride in representing the school.

Not to be outdone, the boys' football teams are also performing strongly in their leagues and cups within the district. Year 7s won their league with a 9-1 win over St. Paul's supporting each other through the game. The Year 8s won 2–1 against Matthew Arnold to finish the league season as champions, winning 6 from 6. They also secured a 3-1 win against St. Paul's which progresses them to the District Cup Final after Easter. Year 9 also beat St Paul's 7-1 winning their league with a game in hand and progress to the Cup Final in May.

Together, these achievements celebrate not only success on the pitch but also the character and spirit that define Thamesmead sport, inspiring the next generation of players.



Battlefields Trip

Students enjoyed two days in and around Ypres, Belgium, helping them to contextualise the learning they have done in class on WWI. They visited German and Commonwealth cemeteries, saw the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, lots of trenches and of course the chocolate shop who continue to welcome us each year. Students were engaged, respectful and curious, they were great ambassadors to the school.

If you know of a relative involved in the First World War, you can search here - <https://www.cwgc.org/>



Theatre Trips

Students have had the opportunity to experience live theatre over the last few weeks .

Year 7s went to see BFG at the Chichester Festival.
Year 8s, 9s and the Drama club went to see Ballet Shoes at the National Theatre.

Year 10 and 11s went to see Macbeth at the New Wimbledon Theatre.



The Easter Bunny has bounced along to Thamesmead this week to celebrate the amazing work of our 92 Young Carers. As a school we are really proud of the work that they do for their families and our community.



World Book Day



English World Book Day Showcase

90 students were presented with certificates for their effort and commitment to English, with 40 students performing presentations to staff, friends and families. Performances included a terrifying tribute to 'Stranger Things' from Year 7, an original insight into the real Shakespeare from Year 8 and six Year 10s playing all 27 characters from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, performing the whole novella in just under 9 minutes!

It was a great event and we love to seeing everyone there, cheering on some of our most talented and enthusiastic students.

Mrs Burton

