



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 12th December 2025



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Reading Awards

The following children have achieved their Bronze reading badges. Congratulations to you all.

Class 1

Rocco H

Class 2

Evelynn C

Axle G

Harper R

Class 3

Hugo E

Olivia C

Autumn A

Class 5

Jacob K

Class 6

Lucas J

Olivia L

Freddie T

Sophie W'd

Christmas 2025.... One week to go!!!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Performances this week. The children (and staff) have worked so hard these past few weeks and I'm sure you will agree all they all did amazing.

In total, from our Christmas Fayre, Performances and Raffle we have raised an amazing **£2352!** We are so thankful to our parents/guardians for their support. All money raised goes towards purchasing much needed resources and treats for our pupils. Thank you again!

Our raffle draw will take place next week so please keep an eye on our DOJO page for the results.

Only one week to go until the Christmas Holidays.... please see overleaf for the timetable of events taking place next week.



Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 91.9%

FS2 – 87%

Year 1 – 88.4%

Year 2 – 95.7%

Year 3 – 97.4%

Year 4 – 95%

Year 5 – 92.9%

Year 6 – 92.3%

Congratulations to **Class 3**, who are this week's attendance winners. Well done.

The whole school attendance this week was **92.9%** - below our target of 95%... 😞



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!**
Everyday. On-time.

To promote 'Good' attendance in school. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance; and are in school on time each day will have their name put into a prize draw each week at Monday's assembly. The child who has their name drawn will get to choose a prize from Mrs Sherwood dip box.



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Christmas Parties 2025



Please see below the dates of the Christmas Parties. Our Catering Staff will provide party food - sandwiches, Pizza, Sausage/Cheese rolls for all children (there will be vegan and vegetarian options also). Children may also fetch in snacks if they wish – crisps, biscuits, buns etc. Please note, party food will be paid for by the school for ALL Pupils. We would advise that you don't order your child a school lunch this day but if you would prefer them to have a hot meal instead / as well as, then please do so. On the day of their Party, Children may come to school dressed in their party clothes.

Monday 15th December 2025 - Classes 3 and 4

Tuesday 16th December 2025 – Classes 5 and 6

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Classes FS1 and FS2 (AM)

Thursday 18th December 2025 – Classes 1 and 2

Friday 19th December 2025 – Last Day!

To celebrate our last day of term and the start of the Christmas celebrations, the children may come to school in their Christmas Jumpers / T-shirts / Dresses if they wish. They may also fetch a toy into school but can we please ask that no expensive toys / electrical items are fetched in. Thank you.

St Thomas Church Service – Friday 19th December 2025 at 9.30am

Our pupils (FS2 to Year 6) will be attending a Christmas Service at St Thomas' Church starting at 9.30am. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend if they wish. If you are planning on attending, can we please ask that you meet us at the church, the children will walk down with their classes.





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Trans Pennine Trail 2025

The Trans Pennine Trail 2025 Christmas Holiday Activity Pack is bursting with festive fun for families and children and is available FREE to download from our website.

You'll find nature-themed challenges like a winter scavenger hunt, creative crafts such as making a bird feeder, and a delicious cake pop recipe to try at home. The pack also features sensory games, puzzles, and a heart-warming story adventure with the Trail's friendly mascots, encouraging everyone to explore the great outdoors. With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover winter wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

Download it from our Children's page at: [TPT Activity Packs | Trans Pennine Trail](#) or by clicking the image below:



We hope your children enjoy the activities. As always, we'd love to receive your feedback about the pack and suggestions for activities to include in future packs, just email your suggestions to us, at info@transpenninetrail.org.uk.

Best wishes and a Merry Christmas from the TPT Team.



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Flu Immunisation Catch-Up Clinics in Rotherham

Please note: These clinics are for school aged children who live in the Rotherham area and have not received their flu vaccination in school or elsewhere. The clinics are appointment only.

The vaccines are free of charge and non-porcine flu vaccination is also available, for more information or to book an appointment please call IntraHealth on the below telephone number.

Tel: 0333 358 3397 option 6

We kindly ask that where possible only 1 accompanying adult attends.

Wednesday 10 th December	Ferham Children's Centre Ferham Road S61 1AP	3.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 15 th December	The Centre Brinsworth Lane S60 5BU	3.45pm – 5.45pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Swinton Brookfield Children's Centre Lime Grove, Swinton, Mexborough S64 8TQ	3.30pm-5.45pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Dinnington Family and Children's Centre School Street, Dinnington S25 2RE	3.45pm-5.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	IntraHealth Office Ground Floor Unit 3 Claire Court, Rawmarsh Road S60 1RU	3pm-5pm

Easyfundraising

St Thomas' have been given the opportunity to sign up to 'Easyfundraising'.

How does it work? Download the app and register; and when you purchase items online from over 8000 retailers (including Tesco, Amazon, Argos) they donate part of what you spend to our fundraising cause. It won't cost you any extra; the cost is covered by the brand!
Please visit the link below for further details.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-thomas-primary-academy-kilnhurst>

So far, with your support, we have raised over £75... thank you for your support.



At St Thomas, We Celebrate Everyone



At St Thomas, we are proud to be an inclusive school where every child is valued. We celebrate and understand both our similarities and our differences—because they make our community stronger.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by recognising the diverse needs of our children. Your empathy and understanding help us create a safe, respectful environment for all.

Together, we are role models of kindness, showing our children how to treat others with compassion and respect.

Thank you for being part of our caring school community.



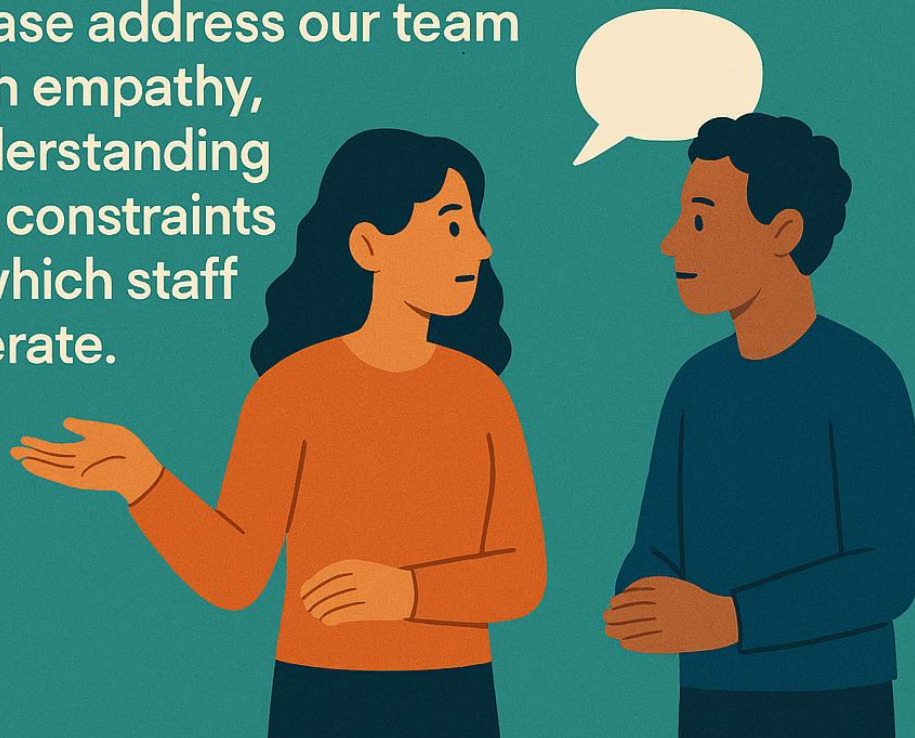


In our school, we use kind words and calm voices

Thank you for setting a great
example for our students.

If you have a concern, we want to help.

Please address our team
with empathy,
understanding
the constraints
in which staff
operate.





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Holiday clubs taking place during the Christmas Break. These are free to families who are entitled to Free School Meals. Please contact the school office for your child's individual HAF Code.



ROTHERHAM
HOLIDAY CLUB
CHRISTMAS SEND HAF
1PM - 5PM

22nd DECEMBER
23rd DECEMBER
29th DECEMBER
30th DECEMBER

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THRYBERGH FULLERTON
HOLIDAY CLUB
CHRISTMAS PRIMARY HAF
10AM - 2PM

29th DECEMBER
30th DECEMBER

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THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY CLUB
CHRISTMAS PRIMARY HAF
10AM - 2PM

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ROTHERHAM SCORPIONS JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS COACHING

for ages 8+

"Come and give it a go!"

Thrybergh Academy
Sports Hall, Park Ln
Thrybergh, Rotherham
S65 4BP

Every Friday 7pm – 9pm

First session free

Email: rsjtcc@yahoo.co.uk
for further details





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Kilnhurst Community Choir

Tickets are available from the school office.

Proceeds to the
Community Hall
Fund

**Kilnhurst
Community
Choir**

St Margaret's Church, Swinton

An evening of seasonal music
with harp soloist
Alejandro Barnett
& singers from St Thomas'
Primary School

Tickets: £5 (children free) 7.30pm

Thursday 18th December

Tickets from church, choir members,
St Thomas' School or on the door



Did you know that pharmacies can now offer **clinical appointments** with medication available if required for four **clinical conditions** particularly relevant to **school age children**?



- ✓ Earache (Children aged 1-17)
- ✓ Sore throat (Over 5 years)
- ✓ Infected insect bites (Over 1 years)
- ✓ Impetigo (Over 1 years)



THINK 'Pharmacy First'



GP practices are busy, and it can be difficult to get a same day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local Lo's Pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist, receive advice and even medication if needed. Meaning children could be on the road to recovery and back to school as soon as possible.

Walk in's welcome



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**Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre pick up children from St Thomas' daily.
If you are interested in your child attending, please get in touch with them.**

**Pops Ranger Kids is unique club for children looking for adventure.
What better way to end your School day by taking part in our After
School Adventure Club? Packed full of activities, games and bushcraft to
help you become an amazing outdoor adventurer!**

Every Day After School Until 6:00pm

**Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre
– Rawmarsh**

The Bowling Green Pavilion,
Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh,
Rotherham. S62 7FL

Rawmarsh: 01709 527023

info@popsoutdooradventure.co.uk