



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy
Newsletter – Friday 17th January 2025



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Dog's Trust Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly on Monday due to the Dog's Trust Charity coming into school to delivery an assembly and workshop to the children.



LEARN WITH DOGS TRUST

'Our mission is to empower children with the knowledge and skills to interact safely with dogs both at home and in other social settings'.

PTA Meeting

Our Parent Teacher Association (Friends of St Thomas') will be meeting next week on **Monday 27th January 2025 at 2.00pm (meet at School Reception).**

If you are interested in joining our PTA or would just like to come along and find out more of what they will be doing this year; then please come along to the meeting where you will be very welcome. We hope to see you there!



Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 86.3%	FS2 – 94.3%	Year 1 – 93%	Year 2 – 98.8%
Year 3 – 97.5%	Year 4 – 92.9%	Year 5 – 90.6%	Year 6 – 95.5%

Congratulations to **Class 2** who are this week's attendance winners.

The whole school attendance this week was **94%** - which is just 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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Reading Awards

The following children have achieved their **Bronze** and **Silver** Reading Awards. Each of them will be presented with their badge at the next Celebration Assembly. Well done to you all.

Class 2

Lillie C
Esme
Poppy
Bradley
Lily R

Class 3

Mollie S
Louie R
Tanish
Maisie H

Class 5

Olivia B
Timmy
Emmie
Taylor
Isobel
Lucas

Class 6

Pixie
Scarlett
Freddie
Georgia
Sophie W'd

Jude S
Aimee

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January 2025** next week except for Class 4 which will take place on **Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd January 2025**.

To book an appointment, you will need to log in to your Arbor account and click on 'Guardian Consultations', you will then be able to see the appointment times available to you. Please note, if you are unable to book an appointment this will likely be because all appointments are taken. If this is the case, please contact the school office or send a message via DOJO to your child's class teacher and they will arrange an appointment for you at a mutually convenient date / time.
Thank you.



Coffee Morning – 24th January 2025

Our Educational Welfare Officer, Alison Hallewell, will be hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 24th January 2025 at 9.00am in the Main Hall** for all parents/guardians. Alison can offer advice with sleep, support with getting children into school and any other questions you may have. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.





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Healthy Schools

St Thomas' Primary Academy is proud to be a 'Healthy School'.

We have noticed recently that children are fetching unhealthy snacks into school which goes against our Healthy Schools Policy.

Can we please ask that children only fetch healthy snacks into school such as low sugar cereal bars or fruit for break times. We would also ask that children are given a healthy, balanced packed lunch, no crisps or chocolate please.

We also ask that children only bring water or sugar free cordial in their drink's bottles.

For ideas on healthy snacks and what to pack your child for lunch, please visit the NHS healthier lunch ideas website by clicking the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Healthy Snacks: (low sugar cereal bars and fruit)



None Healthy Snacks: High Sugar Cereal Bars / Crisps / Chocolate



Guitar Lessons for Key Stage 2 Pupils

Rotherham Music Service are back in school this year delivering guitar lessons to pupils. There are currently 5 pupils who take part in these weekly lessons but there is still availability if your child would like to join.

For more information, please visit <https://www.rotherhammusic.co.uk/> or contact the school office for an application form. Please note there is a fee for these lessons. Thank you.





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Donations of LEGO for Pupil's Therapy

We are seeking donations of LEGO (all shapes and sizes) to assist our therapy classes at school. If you have any spare LEGO you would like to donate can you please drop off at the school office. Thank you.



School Menu – Week Commencing 20th January 2025

WEEK ONE	Green Earth MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Tomato, Baked Bean & Spiral Pasta Bake	Pork Sausage Roll with Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Option	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad	Cheese & Onion Pastry with Skin on Baked Wedges	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Cheese Flan with Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips
Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots & Sweetcorn	Garden Peas & Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans or Garden Peas
Sandwiches	Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham				
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise, Salmon Mayonnaise or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse & Orange Smiles	Homemade Jam Buns & Custard	'Hidden Fruit' Chocolate, (Beetroot & Pear) Brownie	Vanilla & Cherry Cookie Cup & Custard	Fruity Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Segments



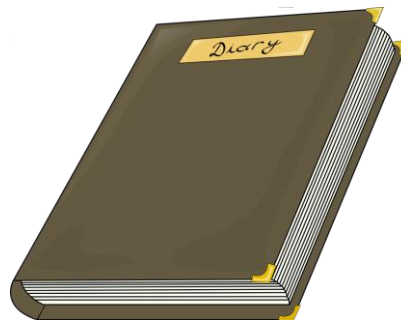
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Dates for your diary – Spring Term 1

20th January 2025 – Dogs Trust Workshops and Assembly (pupils only)
20th January 2025 – Class 4 Parents Evening
21st January 2025 – Parents Evening (except Class 4)
22nd January 2025 – Parents Evening – all classes
24th January 2025 – Parents Coffee Morning – 9.00am in the Hall
27th January 2025 – Class 4 Geography Local Community Walk
W.C: 3rd February 2025 – Year 6 Mock SATS
6th February 2025 – Year 5 Activity Day at Swinton Academy
7th February 2025 – NSPCC Numbers Day
7th February 2025 – FS2 Eye Tests (AM)
12th February 2025 – Valentines Disco (details to follow)
14th February 2025 – School Breaks up at 3.10pm for the Half Term Break



School Holidays for 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January
Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Term Ends: Friday 28 March

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term Starts: Monday 14 April
Half Term: Tuesday 27 May to Friday 30 May
Term Ends: Tuesday 22 July

BANK HOLIDAYS / INSET DAYS

- Good Friday: Friday 18 April
- Easter Monday: Monday 21 April
- May Day: Monday 5 May
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26 May
- INSET Day (Staff Training) Wednesday 23rd July



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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**

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