



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 21st November 2025



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Behaviour Bees – Celebration Assembly – Monday 24th November 2025



Learner Bee of the Week

The following children have been chosen as 'Learner Bee of the Week' by their class teacher. Each child will be presented with a certificate at Monday's Celebration Assembly.

FS1 – Eadie H
FS2 – Jay-Jay W
Class 1 - William S
Class 2 - Erica M

Class 3 – Amelia B
Class 4 – Joshua Y
Class 5 – Mia T
Class 6 – Shay K

Best Worker Bee of the Week

The following children have been chosen as 'Best Worker Bee' by their class teacher. Each child will show their work and be presented with a certificate at Monday's celebration assembly.

FS1 – Alibi W
FS2 – Archie M
Class 1 - Toby-Lee C
Class 2 - Harriett K

Class 3 – Lillie C
Class 4 – Fallon M
Class 5 – Tom Y
Class 6 – Taylor F

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the assembly which begins at 9.05am in the Main Hall.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children have achieved their Bronze reading badge (50 reads). They will each be presented with their badge at Monday's celebration assembly.

Class 4
Aliya J

Class 5
Darcie W
Miya P

Class 6
Amber C





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Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 78.6%	FS2 – 89.6%	Year 1 – 98.3%	Year 2 – 94.3%
Year 3 – 93.7%	Year 4 – 98.2%	Year 5 – 93.5%	Year 6 – 95%

Congratulations to **Class 4**, who are this week's attendance winners. Well done.

The whole school attendance this week was **93.4%** - 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.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 this year. Children will also be invited to wear a Christmas Jumper / T-shirt this day to raise money for the charity – Save the Children. We ask that children fetch a £1 donation. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner is priced at £2.90 or free to children entitled to Free School Meals. To book your child's Christmas dinner, you will need to do this via the Pantry app. Children may still fetch packed lunches if they wish but please note there will be not other lunches available this day, it will just be turkey / vegetarian/vegan dinner (no Jackets, Pasta or Sandwiches). Thank you.



Rocksteady Performance – Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Our Rocksteady Band will be performing at a special music assembly for our pupils on **Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 9.00am.**

Parents/Guardians of the Rock Steady band members are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.





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'Rainbow' Tombola Stall



We are seeking donations for our Christmas 'Rainbow' tombola stall which will be held at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November 2025. We are asking if pupils could donate an item which is of the colour their class has chosen. For example, if your child's class has chosen orange, your child could fetch a Terry's Chocolate Orange or perhaps an Orange Candle. We don't want parents buying expensive items, just a little something would be greatly appreciated.

The colour's each class have chosen this year are as follows:

HIVE - Gold

FS1 - Green

FS2 – Silver

Year 1 – Purple

Year 2 – Red

Year 3 – Orange

Year 4 – Pink

Year 5 – Yellow

Year 6 – Blue

Thank you for your support.



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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



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.



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Christmas Fayre 2025



Our Christmas Fayre will take place this year on Friday 28th November 2025

Gates will open at 1.10pm and parents/guardians may go and collect their child from class and then head into the Fayre through the Main Reception.

Please note, for safeguarding we will only be opening the front main gates at 1.10pm.

Please note that some of the children will be in different classes for collection due to some of our classes been used for the fayre, parents/guardians will be informed nearer the time.

Each class will be selling their handmade items and we will also have the following stalls:

Sweets Stall
Bric-a-Brac
Tombola
Book Stall
Santa's Grotto
Christmas 'Hook a Duck'
Homemade Crafts
Teddy Tombola
Plus much more....

We would be very grateful for donations of the following items:

Unwanted gift sets
Toiletries
Buns / cakes
Sweets / Chocolate
Bric-a-Brac items
Books
Soft toys / Teddy Bears
wine

If any parents/guardians would like to run their own stall, please contact the school office for further information.



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Santa's Grotto

Santa will be visiting us at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November 2025. Unfortunately, we only have limited places due to time constraints so we are selling tickets prior to the fayre for our younger pupils in FS1/2 and Year 1. The grotto is priced at £3 per person and tickets are available from the school office from next week. Please note these will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Thank you for your understanding.



Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2

- 26th November 2025 – School Nursing Team Parent Workshop – Toileting and Phobia
- 28th November 2025 – Christmas Fayre (see poster above)
- 3rd December 2025 – Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day
- 4th December 2025 – Y3 and Y5 – Bullying and Kindness workshop WMIN (PM)
- 5th December 2025 – Flu Vaccination (AM) (FS2 to year 6 pupils)
- 9th December 2025 – School Nursing Team – Exercise Workshop with Class 2 (AM)
- 9th December 2025 – Y1 'Worry Monster' Workshop WMIN (AM)
- 9th December 2024 – Y5/6 – Anxiety Workshop WMIN (PM)
- 9th December 2025 – KS1 Christmas Performance at 2.00pm and 5.00pm
- 10th December 2025 – KS2 Christmas Performance at 2.00pm and 5.00pm
- 11th December 2025 – Year 2 'Worry Monster' workshop WMIN
- 11th December 2025 – EYFS (FS1/2) – Christmas Boogie Woogie Nativity at 9.30am
- 15th December 2025 – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party (PM)
- 16th December 2025 – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party (PM)
- 17th December 2025 – FS1/2 Christmas Party (AM)
- 18th December 2025 – Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party (PM)
- 19th December 2025 – Christmas Church Service at St Thomas' Church – 9.30am (all welcome)
- 19th December 2025 – Christmas Singalong with Mrs Sherwood – 2.30pm (pupils only)
- 19th December 2025 – School Break up for Christmas at 3.15pm.





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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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**

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