



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 24th May 2024



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Last Day of Term

Today is the last day of our first Summer Term. Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate to our non-uniform day today. We will be holding the 'Bingo Disco' on the 2nd July 2024, where we will use the chocolate donations as prizes. Further details of the Disco will be published after the holidays.

Thank you to our parents/guardians for your continued support again this term and a big shout out to our year 6 pupils who completed their SAT's. Well done!!

There is lots to look forward to during our last term this academic year. Our pupils will be getting ready to transition to their new classes and we will also be welcoming our new FS2 pupils to school. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils as they get ready to continue their education at secondary school. We also have lots of exciting, fun things planned too - our year 6 pupils will be going on their residential to Kingswood; Class 2 will be visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park; we will be holding a Chocolate Bingo Disco; Rotherham United will be coming into school to host an inflatable football tournament and we also have our Summer Fayre along with many other fun activities planned.

We hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd June 2024 for our final term.



Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Reading Awards. Each child will be presented with their Badge at Monday's Celebration Assembly. Well done.

Class 1

Breah M
Alice A

Class 5

Keira C

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 94.5%	FS2 – 92.6%	Year 1 – 88.8%	Year 2 – 91.4%
Year 3 – 98.8%	Year 4 – 96.7%	Year 5 – 91.8%	Year 6 – 84.2%

Congratulations **Class 3**, you are this week's attendance winners with 100%!



**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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Class Photos

Your child will be having their Class Photo on **Thursday 6th June 2024** during the morning. Details of how to order your child's class photos will be sent home with the children on the day. All orders are now made online. Thank you.



Transition Dates

Pupils will be transitioning into their new classes on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June 2024 (all day)**.

Parents/guardians are asked to drop off and collect their child from their new classes during transition. If you are unsure where your child's new class room is, please see the school office or ask a member of staff. Pupils will return to their current classes on Thursday 27th June 2024.

Our Year 6 pupils will be doing their 2-day transition at Swinton Academy on the same days - **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June 2024**.

If your child is not transitioning to Swinton Academy, they are still to attend school on these days.

School Closed for General Elections

The school will be closed to all pupils on **Thursday 4th July 2024** to be used as a polling station for the general elections. Apologies for any inconvenience.



Caretaker Appointment

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new caretaker, Mr Andrew Faulkner; who will starting with us within the next few weeks.

Mr Faulkner has many years of experience caretaking in schools and we are looking forward to welcoming him to our team.



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Sheffield United – Gifted and Talented Event

Congratulations to Josh in class 2 who was invited to Bramall Lane on Wednesday this week to attend a 'Gifted and Talented' event. Josh was awarded a certificate and medal for his amazing football skills. We are very proud of you Josh, well done!



Friends of St Thomas' PTA – Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd July 2024 – Colour Dash Sponsored Race



Further details to follow....

Leavers Hoodies

A reminder to Year 5 pupils to place their orders for their Year 6 Leavers Hoodies by Friday 5th July 2024. If you require another order form, please see the school office. Thank you.





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Summer Fayre 2024

Our Summer Fayre will take place this year on the afternoon of **Friday 19th July 2024** (times tbc but will be during the afternoon).

This year we are doing something a little different, we are partnering up with the ProStrike Events Team to take part in a Sponsored ProStrike Speed Challenge. The event involves a giant inflatable football goal with an integrated speed radar. When a pupil takes a shot at the goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen. We want everyone to enjoy the event, so every pupil will take part in the event regardless of ability or if they have been sponsored or not. All the children take 3 shots each and we record their fastest speed on a certificate for them to keep. There will also be lots of great prizes to be won. Further details and sponsor forms will be sent home with the children nearer the time.

Alongside this event, we will be doing our usual Summer Fayre stalls: Bric-a-brac / raffle / tombola / refreshments and much much more. If anyone has any items they would like to donate to our summer fayre, please fetch them to the school office where they will be greatly received. Thank you.





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Dates for your diary - Summer Term 2

- 3rd June 2024 – School re-opens after Spring Break
- 5th June 2024 – Road Safety Talk with PC Paul – Class 5 and 6
- 6th June 2024 – Class Photos (AM)
- 13th June 2024 – FS2 New Starter Meeting – further details to follow
- 20th June 2024 – Year 3 and 4 Girls Football – further details to follow (chosen pupils only)
- 25th to 26th June 2024 – Year 6 transition to Swinton Academy
- 25th June 2024 – Class 1 Family Workshop – Terrific Toys – details to be sent via Class DOJO
- 28th June 2024 – FS2 Class Assembly – 2.30pm – details to be sent via Class DOJO
- 2nd July 2024 – Chocolate Bingo Disco
- 3rd July 2024 – Class 2 School Trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 3rd to the 5th July 2024 – Class 6 Residential to Kingswood
- 11th July 2024 – Rotherham United Inflatable Football Tournament – further details to follow
- 12th July 2024 – School Reports to be sent out to parents
- 16th July 2024 – Class 5 visiting Swinton Academy all day
- 19th July 2024 – Summer Fayre (PM)
- 22nd July 2024 – Sponsored Colour Dash Race
- 23rd July 2024 – School break up for summer at 3.00pm



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School Dinner Menu – Week Commencing: 3rd June 2024

WEEK TWO	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Summer Hot Dog Baguette served with Freshly Made Coleslaw Salad	Roast Gammon Served With Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese & Penne Pasta	Friday Fish Fingers served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Garlic Bread	Summer Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Baguette Served with Freshly Made Coleslaw Salad	Home Baked Vegetarian Lasagne	Veggie Mince Bolognese & Penne Pasta	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll Served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato served with either Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo				
Sandwich	Daily Sandwich offer Cheese, Ham, or Tuna mayo				
Vegetables	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Selection of Daily Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad
Dessert	Ginger & Mandarin Traybake	Strawberry Jelly	Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack Finger With a fresh slice of Watermelon	Homemade Shortbread Biscuits



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FS1 Provision at St Thomas' Primary Academy



We are currently taking applications for our FS1 provision here at St Thomas' for 3 to 4-year old's. We offer both 15 and 30 hours per week.

If you are interested in putting your child's name down, please contact Miss Cousins at the School Office Reception for an application pack.

All children are entitled to 15 hours a week free child care once they turn 3 and some children are entitled to full-time places (30 hours per week).

We have 3 intakes during the year and children can start with us after their 3rd birthday:

Our intake dates are September / January and April.

We are accepting applications for all intakes and we still have a few places available to start after the Easter break this year.

Please feel free to get in touch if you require any further information or help, we can also arrange visits for you and your child to look around our provision.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



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School Calendar 2024

March (17 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31


April (16 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					


May (18 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June (20 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30


July (16 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

 Denotes Bank Holidays

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194 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

 Denotes Inset days (x 5)

 Polling Station



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EXPERIENCE BARNSELY
MUSEUM & TOWN CENTRE

All Books Bright and Beautiful
Friday 31 May

Work as a team to create a cool concertina book and learn techniques such as ribbon binding, pop-outs, cut-aways to add to vibrant illustrations.

10am-12pm & 1-3pm, £5 per child.
Places are limited so booking is essential via [Art Ticketsarttickets.org.uk](http://ArtTicketsarttickets.org.uk)

Armed Forces Day - Free Family Trail
Saturday 15 June

Find out more about Barnsley's military heritage in Experience Barnsley Museum and around the Town Centre. Collect a trail leaflet from Library@Lightbox or our Museum and have fun exploring.

Free activity

Wentworth Castle Gardens
Come and play detective and solve the clues to Escape the Gardens in our new interactive trail. Aimed at older children, or families playing together, you could even race your friends! Who will be the first to find the final location?
Throughout May Half term. £2 to take part. There's no need to book in advance.

CANNON HALL
MUSEUM OF PAIR & GARDENS

Rowland Rook and Friends Bodacious Bird Trail
From Saturday, 25 May through the half term holidays

Can you find Rowland and all his feathered friends in the Hall.

Throughout summer, free, drop-in during Museum opening hours.

National Trust

For more details on activities visit www.barnsley-museums.com or check out our social media @Barnsley Museums



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Out and about

@ BARNESLEY MUSEUMS

this May half-term

Animal Alphabet
Wednesday 29 May

COOPER GALLERY

Join us to create an alphabet of animals in this fun, hands-on session.

10am-12pm & 1-3pm. Free, drop in.
Suitable for all ages

Brian's Wild Wood
Until Saturday 4 January 2025

As part of our latest exhibition, the World of Brian Wildsmith visit Brian's Wild Wood. Read, create or simply relax in the fun surroundings of Brian's Wonderful World.

Sadler Room, free entry.
Check Gallery for opening times.

Marvellous Machines Trail
Saturday 25 May – Sunday 2 June

ELSECAR HERITAGE CENTRE

Can you find all the awesome inventions and cool constructions hidden around Elsecar Heritage Centre?

Free pick up your trail at the visitors centre.

Leaf Magic - Can you tell an oak leaf from a hazel?
Saturday 25 May through the half term holidays

WORSBROUGH MILL
WORSBROUGH MILL & COURTYARD FARM

Follow the leaf trail and see if you can find all the leaf markers. See if you can spot all the species represented in the living trees along the way.

Pick up a free trail leaflet from the Museum shop during opening hours.