



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy Newsletter – Friday 24th October 2025



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Last Day of Term

Today is the last day of the 1st Autumn Term. This term has been a long one and I know the children (and staff) are looking forward to a well-deserved break. The children have been amazing this term and have settled well in to their new classes; especially our new FS1/2 children.

We look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2nd Autumn Term on **Tuesday 4th November 2025**. Please note the school will be closed on Monday 3rd November 2025 for staff training.

Next term will be very exciting with the run up to Christmas. Please see our '**Dates for your Diary**' overleaf for details of our Christmas Events.

Thank you to our parents/guardians for their continued support again this term.

Have a lovely break.



Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 92.6%	FS2 – 91.9%	Year 1 – 96.3%	Year 2 – 96.6%
Year 3 – 98.6%	Year 4 – 93.1%	Year 5 – 98%	Year 6 – 97.6%

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

The whole school attendance this week was **95.9%** - above 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

Congratulations to Lilliker-Rose in Class 3 for achieving her Bronze reading badge (50 reads). Well done Lilliker-Rose, you are the second person in the whole school to achieve this badge.



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>

Thank you for your support.

Flu Immunisations – 5th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the link below:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/85fa38cb>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on 5th December 2025. **The link will close on the 21st November 2025.** If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 6.

Poppy Appeal 2025

The school are selling poppy's and other items at the school office on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Prices start from 50p to £2. Thank you for your support.





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Usborne's Sponsored Reading Challenge – 20th to the 31st October 2025

A reminder that our Sponsored Reading Challenge will run until the 31st October 2025.

The project is being organised in conjunction with Usborne Partner Louise Knowles, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Our target is to raise £600 in sponsor money, with Usborne donating an additional £360 of books for free. This will give us a total of £960 to spend on new books and resources for our children.

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by Friday 7th November 2025. Please make payment via cash to the school.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

Thank you for supporting this event.

Poppies in the Community

As part of this year's Remembrance Sunday (Poppy Appeal), as well as selling poppy's on behalf of the Royal British Legion, the school will be doing a Poppy Display in our hall as we did last year. We are asking our pupils, parents/guardians if they would like to make something for our Poppy display?

We would love to display your creations. These could be pictures, knitted poppies, papier mache poppies, clay poppies – basically anything Poppy related would look great. If you would like to take part, please hand your creations to the School Office or Class Teacher after half term – w.c. 3rd November 2025. We will then put our display together in time for remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025. Thank you, we can't wait to see your ideas.





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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
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
Stuffed toys

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



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Make Someone Smile Poster Winners

Thank you to all our pupils who entered our 'Make Someone Smile' poster competition. Our Well Being Ambassadors met this week to choose their favourite posters.

Our Well Being Ambassadors



Our Winners

Our winners were each treated to a hot chocolate and craft time with Mrs Sherwood this week. Well done to all of you, your designs were amazing and definitely made us smile.





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House of Lords Teams Call

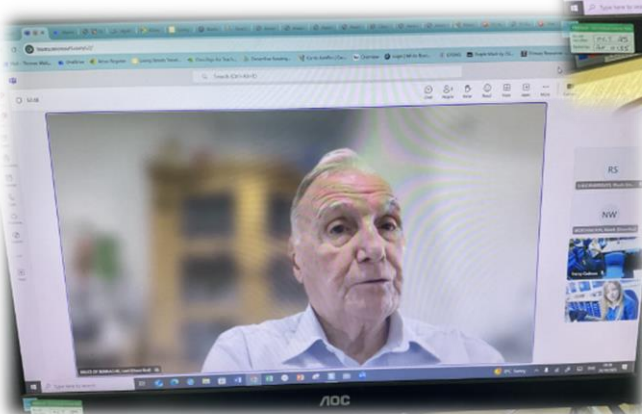
Our year 5 and 6 pupils met with Lord Bruce of Bannachie on a Teams call today to ask questions about what it's like being a member of the House of Lords and what the job involves.

He offered some interesting answers, and we all learned something new!

The questions included:

- Have you ever met the Prime Minister?
- Do you earn a lot of money?
- Where are you from?
- How old were you when you started the job?
- Would you recommend working in the House of Lords?

Thank you to both classes for asking such insightful questions!





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Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 – INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th November 2025 – School Re-opens to all pupils for the 2nd Autumn Term
14th November 2025 – Children in Need – Dress Down Day / Bun Sale
19th November 2025 – 2.30pm - Specialist Inclusion Team Parent Coffee Meeting
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 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.





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Open the Book

EVENT:

Open the Book Core Training



Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with primary school children by church volunteers. It's fun, interactive & memorable.

Date: Tuesday 4 November

Time: 10.30am – 2.30pm (Lunch provided)

Venue: Diocesan House, Rotherham, S65 1BL

Booking:

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/training/





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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
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– Rawmarsh

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