



Welcome Back to our New Academic Year

It's been lovely seeing all the children and parents/guardians back in school this week. We hope you have all enjoyed your summer break.

The children have transitioned really well into their new classes and we are really proud of them.



Royal Bees



The following children have been chosen as this week's 'Royal Bee's' for their amazing work and behaviour. Each child had a visit to Mrs Sherwood and they have each been entered into a draw for a chance to choose a gift from Mrs Sherwood's 'Dip Box' next week.

Jay-Jay – FS1	Emily – C3	Brooke – C6
Oscar – FS1	Florrie – C3	Oscar M – C6

Fallon – C3

Rocco – FS2

Ivy – FS2 Thomas – C4

Teddie – C4

Well done to you all.

At our next Celebration assembly will be held on Monday 16th September 2024 where we will be introducing our new 'Learner Bee' awards.





User Manuals for School Apps/Services

It can be quite overwhelming when your child starts school as there are many different apps / services you will need to access.

A reminder of the apps/services we use in school:

LunchHound – This is the service we use to order school lunches in school and at home. Parents/Guardians can pre-order their children's school lunches from home by setting up an account. Please note that pre-ordering lunches is not a requirement, all children are able to choose their own lunch each morning during registration. FS1/2 Parents – login details for LunchHound will be e-mailed to you next week, apologies for the delay in getting this to you.

Arbor – This is the school system to book Breakfast Club / After School Clubs and FS1 extra hours (half day and extended day). You should have already received an e-mail to set up your account. If you haven't then please contact the school office.

ParentPay – This is the app used to pay for school lunches. Please note that all children receive free school meals until they move into class 3 (excluding Nursery Children). If you need an account setting up please contact the school office.

User manuals for all the above are available to download / view on our school website under:

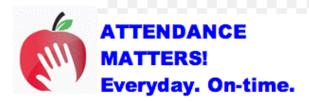
https://www.stthomas-kilnhurst.co.uk - Parents' - User Guides

If you require any further help please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 97% FS2 – 93.3% **Year 1 – 100%** Year 2 – 99.3% Year 3 – 88% Year 4 – 98.6% **Year 5 – 100%** Year 6 – 93.3%

Congratulations **Classes 1 and 5** for achieving 100% attendance this week. Well done. The whole school attendance this week was **96.1%** - our target is 95%.



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.



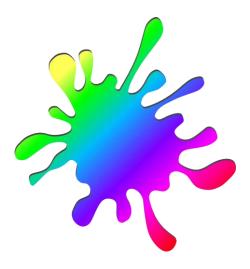


School Behavior Policy

Our new School Behavior Policy will be sent out to parents/guardians next week. This will also be available to view on our School Website.

Thank you.

Colour Obstacle Run - Friday 13th September 2024 at 1.30pm



The Friends of St. Thomas PTA are holding a Colour Obstacle Run on the afternoon of Friday 13th September 2024 to raise much needed funds for the school.

Tickets for the event will be priced at £3 each and this will include your child's entrance to the run, a certificate and a sweet treat. We also have sponsorship forms available for any child who wants to help raise further funds for the school (these have been sent home with the children).

There will be prizes for those who raise the most money including the chance to colour bomb a teacher – Mrs Sherwood included!

Waiver forms have also been sent home with children. Please note that children will not be able to take part unless their parent/guardian has signed and returned this form.

Also, please remember to send you child with a change of clothes - an old t-shirt (preferably white) and shorts/trousers that are going to get covered in powder paint.

Parents/guardians are welcome to attend and are invited to fetch water guns with them if they can! Gates will open at 1.30pm. Further details to follow next week.

We will also be selling refreshments during the afternoon (cash only please).

Tickets are available now to purchase from reception.





Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 19th September 2024

All children in Classes FS2 up to Year 6 will be offered a nasal flu vaccination in school on Thursday 19th September 2024 during the morning. (Children in FS1/Nursery will need to book theirs through their local GP surgery).

Children will only be given their vaccination if parents/guardians have completed the electronic consent form. These have been e-mailed to all parents/guardians today and must be completed by Tuesday 17th September 2024. If you have not received the consent form then please contact the school office ASAP. Thank you.

After School Club

We will be holding some after school clubs again this term. A list of these along with start dates etc. will be sent out via DOJO next week.

As in previous years, ASC's are booked via the Arbor app on a first come first serve basis. Thank you.



School Attendance

Reporting a Child's Absence:

If your child is going to be absent from school then please contact the school office on 01709 570297 (you can leave a message) or e-mail: enquiries@stp.dsat.education. by 9.30am where possible. Please note, if we are not informed of a child's absent by 10.30am, as per our attendance policy – our Head of School and Pastoral Lead will be forced to do a home visit to check on the child's welfare.

Holiday's During Term Time:

If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time, you must complete a leave of absence request form. You can get these from the School Office. Please note, if you do take your child out of school during term time you may be fined by the Local Authority.

Thank you for your co-operation.





School Dinner Menu – w/c: 9th September 2024

WEEK ONE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY									
Main Meal Option 1	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wholemeal Garlic Bread	All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast served with Baked Omelette, Country Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Chicken Pie Served with Mashed Potatoes	Creamy Korma Style Chicken & Lentil Curry served with Mixed Rice	Friday Fish Fingers served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup									
Vegetarian Main Meal Option 2	Creamy Vegetable Penne Pasta Carbonara	All Day Veggie Sausage Breakfast Served with Country Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Vegemince & Vegetable Pie served with Mashed Potato	Sweet Potato, Spinach & Chick Pea Korma Served with Mixed Rice	Cheese Flan or Quiche Served with Chips & Tomato Ketchup									
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato served with either Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo Daily Offer including Salmon Mayonnaise for Oily Fish													
Sandwich	Daily Offer 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	Marble Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits & Fruit Slices	Iced Banana Traybake	Oat & Raisin Cookie & Fresh Watermelon Slice	Chocolate Ice Cream									





St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy School Holidays for 2024-2025

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Denotes School Holidays

Denotes INSET Days (1 still to be confirmed)





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.





Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 1

13th September 2024 – Sponsored Colour Run (PM)

17th September 2024 – 1.30pm - Class 4 Rounders Tournament (see class dojo for details)

19th September 2024 – Whole School Flu Vaccinations (AM)

23rd September 2024 – Whole School individual School Photos (AM)

26th September 2024 – Class 6 School Trip to Crucial Crew

7th October 2024 – Class 4 family workshop – see class dojo for details

25th October 2024 – Last day of term – school breaks up at 3.10pm

4th November 2024 – INSET Day

5th November 2024 – School re-opens to all pupils