

Love God, Love learning, Love One Another
Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome Back From the Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of our parents to the 2024/25 school year. We aim for our school to be a caring, welcoming and safe place in which your children can develop their confidence and abilities, achieving their full potential in social, academic and other areas. We value parental involvement and encourage you to contribute to the life of our school. Please come into school and see the staff and myself if you have any concerns so we can work together to support your child. My door is always open and we want to work in partnership with you to make this an exciting year for our children. We have some fantastic fun events and opportunities planned and we will do our very best to ensure every child feels safe, valued, supported and appreciated and has a successful and happy year at St. Thomas'. Our wonderful staff and I feel privileged to be supporting your children and look forward to meeting you all in school at the many events we will have taking place.

Vision and Values

During the summer term, we worked with the Diocese to develop the vision and values for St. Thomas', so that they reflect the aims for our community and are loyal to the foundations upon which the school was built. We are still 'The little school with the big heart' but we have cemented our desire for compassion and love amongst our community with the vision to '**Love God, Love learning, Love One Another**'. The values that underpin our visions are: **love, respect, wisdom, generosity, compassion and forgiveness.**

Collective Worship

Our theme this half term is **knowing the God who helps us to be wise**. We are spending the first two weeks exploring our new vision and values whilst becoming familiar with our new format for collective worship.

School Spider

School spider is our main communication tool that we use in school. Please ensure that you have set up the **app** for this on your phone. If you have any issues, speak to Mrs Whittles or Mrs Milne in the school office.

Dates for the Diary

2nd October

Nasal flu
vaccinations

18th October

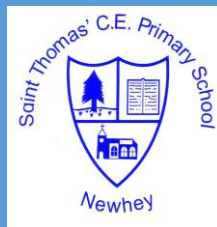
Individual and family
photographs

25th October

INSET Day
Finish for half term

4th November

Return to school after
half term holiday



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P.E. Days

On P.E. days, children come to school dressed in their P.E. kits. We expect children to wear a plain white t-shirt, black or navy joggers with a black or navy hoodie or zipped jacket. These need to be plain. Long hair needs to be tied back and all earrings need to be removed. When the weather is warm, children can wear shorts.

P.E. Days

Amethyst Class – Mondays

Ruby Class – Tuesdays and Fridays

Opal Class – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Emerald Class – Mondays and Tuesdays

Sapphire Class – Thursdays and Fridays

Building Update

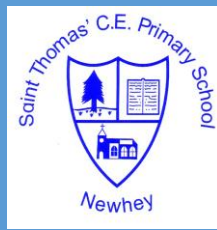
The building work is coming along nicely, and it is on schedule. The offices, corridor and stairwell have been refurbished and are looking great. The accessible toilet is now fully functioning as is the new staff toilet that has been built upstairs. The children like the new temporary toilet arrangements and are managing it well. The fish have been well taken care of during the holiday and they are back where they belong.

Next week the flooring and the roof are being out on the new entrance.

We are all very excited by the work and are very impressed with what has been achieved so far. We are all looking forward to the 'big reveal' in November.

From the Office...

- Please ensure that school dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday for the following week via Wisepay, which can be found on our school website.
- All absences from school will be unauthorised, unless there is a valid reason for the absence. Proof of medical appointments is also required.
- Please put names on all items of school clothing – we ended the school year taking several bin bags of lost clothing to charity and have seen many items already without names.



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Awards

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stand out pupils:

Benjamin, Evie, Lily B., Marnie, Scarlett H.,
Bridget and Hope.

Congratulations also go to **Erin** who was awarded a **Blue Peter badge** over the summer holiday for sending in a Blue Peter themed acrostic poem.