

ST THOMAS' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL

Next Week:

Monday

Guitar and Ukulele lessons
Swimming
After school: choir and football for
key stage 1

Tuesday

After School: Multi-skills for Key
Stage 1

Wednesday

Brass Lessons
After School: Rugby

Thursday

After School: Football for Key
Stage 2
Harvest Festival Service at 2.30pm

Friday

After School: Netball



This We have had another busy week at St Thomas'. The children in reception class are gaining in confidence and have written and delivered letters to the school offices. Opal class welcomed a new child to their class on Thursday. We all hope Oscar makes some lovely new friends and enjoys his time at St. Thomas'.

On Thursday we held our annual Macmillan coffee and cake event. Thank you, Mrs Milne and Mrs Whittles for organising this event! The cakes were delicious.

Worship



We learned all about Hannah and Samuel this week. Hannah stayed faithful to God, even in the most trying of times. She was steadfast in her faith and was rewarded with a son,

Samuel, who grew up to be a prophet.

At a very young age, Samuel went to live in the Temple of God, which was where God first spoke to him. At first, Samuel didn't realise it was God talking to him. It took a few attempts by God, for Samuel to truly listen.

We spent time thinking about the importance of listening. We learned that silent is an anagram of listen and sometimes we need to have silence to truly focus on hearing what is being said. Along with the value of silence in prayer.

We learned a new song, which is sung in Swahili, with sign language to go along with it 'God is with us Forever' by Wendy House Music.

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Last Week

**Hattie, Jax, Anna F.,
Hugo, Elsie, Ariella,
Harper and Bridget.**

Halle, Emily W. and **Holly** received dancing awards and **Hector** received a football academy trophy.

This Week

**Maddie, Frankie B-W.,
Ezgi, Elise, Taron, Jax,
Katie, David and Louis J.**

Maddie received a medal for cricket, **Esme and Frankie B.W.** donated their hair to charity.

Well done to you all for living up to our school values.

Lost Property



The lost property box is increasing in items. They must belong to somebody!

Please call into the office if your child is missing some clothing.

Illness



At St. Thomas' we follow the National Health Guidelines for absence from school due to illness. Information for parents can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

To avoid the spread of infection, children need to stay away from school for 48 hours after the last time they were vomiting or experienced diarrhoea.

Applying for a Secondary School Place



Applications are now open for the parents of year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place. Applications need to be made online via your council's website.

Families who live in Oldham, must use Oldham council's application form, even if you are applying for Rochdale schools.

Please put as many schools in order of preference as you can on the form. If you only put one or two and the application is unsuccessful, your child will be sent to the school with the nearest available space after all other applications have been considered.

The closing date for all secondary applications is the 31st October 2025.

Applications received after this date, will be considered late and they will be processed after all of those

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received on time have been allocated places.

We advise all of our parents to visit as many schools as they can in order to make an informed choice.

Applying for a Primary School Place



The application process is now open for parents of a child needing a primary school place in September 2026. The closing date is the 15th January 2026.

We will be holding our open days on: **Wednesday 15th October at 2.00pm and 5.30pm and Thursday 6th November at 5.30pm.**

In addition, private tours can be arranged during the school day by contacting the school office on 01706 847093.

Healthy Snacks



We have a duty at school to promote a healthy lifestyle, which includes monitoring children's snacks at break time.

Children can bring a healthy snack to school for break time. These can include: fruit, plain popcorn, plain rice cakes, breadsticks, humous, cheese, crackers vegetable sticks etc. We are aiming for a common-sense approach – no chocolate, cake, sweets, crisps or cereal bars (rice-crispy squares etc.)

Nuts are not allowed under any circumstance.

Staff will send a message home if the wrong type of snack has been sent into school.

Manchester Shine Walk 2025



On Friday 10th October, 7 staff are taking part in Cancer Research's Shine Walk. This is a 10km walk at night through the city of Manchester to raise funds for Cancer Research.

Many of us at school have been affected by cancer and we want to do our little bit to support a much-needed charity.

Mrs Robinson, Ms Lockley, Mrs Turner, Mrs Stewardson, Mrs O'Toole, Mrs Thewlis and Mrs Williams will be putting their best foot forward and lighting up the streets of Manchester in memory of too many dearly missed family and friends; to celebrate those that are with us to tell the tale of their cancer survival and to support those that we know who are fighting every day to get through their battle with cancer. If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link below.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-thomas-newhey>

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Times Table

Rockstars



Times table Rockstars is a great way to develop confidence and speed in recalling times table facts. Please help us to help your children learn their tables.

Hugo, Hope and **Noah P.** top the table for the most effort in school. Whilst **Brendan F., Scarlett H.** and **Maddie** are the quickest across the school. **Emily W.**, is the only person in the school to move up a level.

Year 4 children have to take a times table test in June. They have 6 seconds to answer 25 times table questions.

Coats



Lots of children are coming to school without a suitable coat for the weather. Now that the weather is turning, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, even if it looks like it's not going to rain!

Keeping children Safe

Following on from the terrorist attack in Crumpsall, members of our community are feeling anxious about their children attending school. Please be reassured that we have robust plans in school to manage critical incidents. These plans are in line with Local Authority and Government guidelines.

If you notice that the main gate has not closed properly, please report it to member of staff immediately and under no circumstance prop open the gate, unless asked to by a member of staff.

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