

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

Friday

Emerald class to M6 theatre

SEND Bowling event

After School: Netball

Star Gazing event 5.00pm-6.00pm



One of the highlights of the week was a special visit to school from Rochdale's MP, Mr Paul Waugh. He told the children about his job and what it is like to work in Parliament. He had a tour of our little school and answered questions from children in Sapphire class.

Earlier on in the week, we attended church for our annual Remembrance service. Despite the cold weather, we were able to pay our respects to the brave people from Newhey who gave their lives in battle. Thanks to Mr O'Toole, we were able to learn a lot about our local heroes.

Worship



Our main focus was on Remembrance; understanding what it means and why it is so

important. We reflected up on the importance of peace. We spent time thinking about James 1:19 'Remember this, my dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry.'

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.

Private tours can be arranged during the school day by contacting the school office on 01706 847093.

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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.

Emily, Hope and **Rose** top the table for the most effort in school. Whilst **Brendan F., Scarlett H.** and **Maddie** are still the quickest across the school. I wonder if anyone is up to the challenge of beating them!

Emily is the only person to receive a certificate this week for moving up the rankings – well done Emily!

St Thomas' is in 21st place out of the local schools – up 3 places on last week. Last year we were 12th. Let's see if we can move up the table!

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

P.E. Kits

It is good to see that the vast majority of our children are wearing the correct P.E. kit to school. We have tried to make it as easy as possible for parents when buying P.E. kit for their children. We ask for a plain white t-shirt, black or navy joggers and a black or navy zipped jacket.

If you are struggling to provide the correct kit, please speak to a member of staff, who will be more than happy to help you.

Cold Weather



Now that the weather is turning colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat in school. Children can bring hats, scarves and gloves too – but try and put a name in them, so we can return them to the right person if they get lost.

If children are wearing welly boots to school, they need to bring a pair of shoes to change into once inside.

Snow

When it snows, children can bring extra clothes to school to change into when they play outside. If there is enough snow, we like to take the children to the school field. Children who do not have suitable clothing will not be able to play out for extended time in the snow.

If there are extreme weather conditions and staff are struggling to get to school, we may have to close the school. The decision is never taken lightly and is always made as early as possible. Parents will be notified by a school spider message and via the school website.

Please be aware that the roads and pavements can get extremely icy in the winter. We do our best to grit the pathways around school, but please be extra cautious.

Absences

The school dinner system is directly linked to the registers. School dinner orders are automatically cancelled if a child does not arrive by 9.00am. It is therefore essential that school is told if your child is going to be late.

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If your child is absent from school, you must inform the office on each morning of their absence.

Home visits will be made to those that don't contact school. Home visits may also be made to those who are frequently absent from school.

Star Gazing Event



We are thrilled to invite you to **St Thomas' CE Primary's Family Stargazing Night** — an evening of fun, curiosity and cosmic discovery!

Join us in school on **Friday 21st November from 5:00 to 6:00 pm** for a mix of hands-on space-themed activities designed for both children and adults to enjoy together.

Learn about the **phases of the Moon** using Oreos. Explore **day and night cycles** with globes and torches.

Try your hand at the **"Order the Planets" challenge**. Experience the **International Space Station** in 3D. Get creative with **rocket**

craft and constellation art. Enter our **colouring and planet-mnemonic competitions**.

(Weather permitting!) Take part in **stargazing with real telescopes** to spot the Moon and planets. Families will receive a special **"Stargazing Passport"** to complete as they journey through the activities — collect stamps, explore the wonders of space and take home your discoveries!

Hot chocolate will be available to keep everyone warm as we explore the night sky together.

We can't wait to see you all there for an evening that promises to be *out of this world!*

Coffee and Chat



Our first 'coffee and chat' will be held on Wednesday **26th November at 2.15pm**. This is an opportunity to meet other parents, have a chat about school and attend collective worship from 2.50pm.

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