

ST THOMAS' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL

Next Week:

Monday

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

Tuesday

2.00pm KS1 Christmas Concert
6.30pm KS2 Christmas Concert
After School: Multi-skills for Key
Stage 1

Wednesday

Brass Lessons
2.00pm KS2 Christmas Concert
6.30pm KS1 Christmas Concert
After School: Rugby

Thursday

School Nurse drop-in from 9.30am
After School: Football for Key
Stage 2

Friday

Christmas Jumper Day
After School: Netball
Christmas Film Night 6.00pm



It has been a very busy couple of weeks for everyone at school. Lots of rehearsals for Christmas concerts, plus assessment week and all the other daily school activities.

The dress rehearsal was held today and it went really well – you are all in for a treat next week.

The hampers are now ready to be raffled at our Christmas concerts. Thank you to everyone who made a donation and to those who worked hard to put them together.

On Monday 1st December, Emerald class took part in the very first Rochdale whole class music project concert to be held at St. Mary's in the Baum. Our children were amazing!

The year 5 children took part in a recycling workshop organised by Rochdale Council and all of our children took part in Parliament week.

However, the highlight of the week was the arrival of the Christmas tree.

Worship



As we move through December, our thoughts turn to Advent, the season of hope, peace, love and joy as we prepare for the arrival of Jesus Christ.

We began to look at the importance of Jesus to Christians and how he fits into God's Grand Plan. We tried to understand that Jesus is the incarnation of God on Earth and was sent to be the redeemer.

Next week on the 12th December, we will be joining with our Forwards As One family for whole trust worship.

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Our shining stars last week were:

Louis B., Iris T., Parker, Anna F., Jax, Taron, Hugo, Scarlett H. and Freddie.

Congratulations also go to **Jax** for excellent passing at football, **Lillie-May** for her gymnastics and to **Emily W.** who is working hard at Brownies.

This week's shining stars are:

Lillie S., Woden, Jack D., Hugo, Rosie, Katie, Benjamin, Arthur, Hunter and Hallie.

Congratulations also go to **Lily B.**, for excellent art work, **Landon** for being selected to captain his football team and **Jack D.** for being named man of the match at rugby.

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 **Noah** top the table for the most effort in school. Whilst **Brendan, Scarlett H.** and **Maddie** are still the quickest across the school.

Our quickest year 4 children are: **Brady (1.76s), Toby (2.52s)** and **Emily (2.84s)** – this is the first time Emily has moved into the top three for her class

I wonder if anyone is up to the challenge of beating them!

Emily has received a certificate this week for moving up the rankings – well done to you all!

We have started to move up the nearby school's leader

board and we have crept into 20th place – Well done!

Year 4 children have to take a times table test in June. They have 6 seconds to answer 25 times table questions. Children on track to achieve this are: **Brady, Toby, Elsie, Emily, Hector, Alex, Iris, Noah and Hugo.**

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 12th December, children can come to school dressed in festive clothing.

We will also be having **Christmas dinner**, which needs to be ordered via Arbor.

After dinner, we will be going on our **sponsored Reindeer Walk**. Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. The route will be decided on the day, depending on the weather.

If you are out and about in Newhey, please give us a wave!

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Christmas Parties



On Christmas Party days, children come to school dressed in their party clothes. The children will be playing games – so please make sure that their clothing is suitable.

Parties finish at the end of the school day, so children will be collected from school at the normal time.

Class teachers may ask for food contributions. We usually only ask for enough for 5 or 6 children.

Chocolate Donations



We have been asked by St Thomas' church to collect chocolate for their chocolate tombola at their Christmas fair. The fair will be held after the Christingle service on Sunday 14th

December. All are welcome to attend.

Donations can be sent to school on Monday 8th December.

Christmas Concert Arrangements



The afternoon performances start at 2.00pm. Doors will be opened after 1.30pm (once the hall is ready).

Children need to be back in school at 6.00pm for the evening performances which start at 6.30pm. Children will enter the school in the same way that they do of a morning. We will let the audience in through the main front doors a few minutes after we have the majority of children in. This is to avoid traffic in the corridor.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the door. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the final performance on Wednesday evening.

This year we can not allow photographs and videos to be taken as we have some children who can't be photographed. We will post photographs and video footage on the school Facebook page.

Christmas Film Night



On **Friday 12th December** the Parent's Association are holding a family film night in the school hall from 6.00pm. **Tickets** are **free** and are available via **Arbor**.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children can come in their pyjamas, bring a teddy and a blanket and snuggle down to watch a Christmas movie.

Children will be given popcorn and a drink. Allergies need to be shared with office staff before the event.

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Future Events...

December is always a very busy month at school. Here are some of the main events that we have coming up.

9.12.25 KS1 performance
2.00pm. KS2 performance
6.30pm

10.12.25 KS2 performance
2.00pm. KS1 performance
6.30pm

12.12.25 Christmas Jumper
day/Christmas dinner
day/Reindeer Run

15.12.25 Whole School
Pantomime Trip

16.12.25 Ruby and Amethyst
Christmas Party

18.12.25 Opal, Emerald and
Sapphire Christmas Party

19.12.25 Nativity and Carol
Service in church at 1.45pm.

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