St. Thomas the Martyr

Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER – 21st OCTOBER 2026

Growing and Achieving Together

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for this term, for our hard work, our new friends, our successes and the lessons we learned from our mistakes. Please watch over us and our families during this break. Give us rest, safety, joy and bring us back with fresh energy. Amen

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for your continued support during this term. Although we break up today – Wednesday 21st October – please make sure your children are in school every day on time so they don't miss out when we return on Monday 2nd November. If your child is absent through illness, contact the school office via the school app. The INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS take place on Tuesday 3rd November so make sure your child/ children are dressed in the school uniform.

Swimming lessons start on Tuesday 3rd November for the children in the Year 4 class and on Wednesday 4th November for the children in the Year 6 class. Don't forget suitable swimwear and a towel! All children in Year 1 up to Year 6 are taking part in Tri Kidz fun sports session on Thursday 5th November. Children must wear pumps or trainers. School shoes, crocs, walking boots and wellies are not permitted. Anyone not in the correct footwear will not be permitted to take part.

Our enjoyed planting daffodil bulbs around school on Monday as part of Cleaner, Greener UpHolland's Daffodil Day, which takes place on Saturday 24th October! See the poster below!

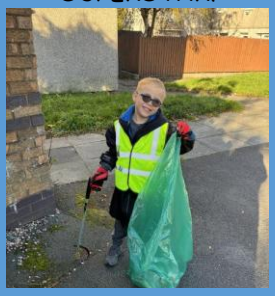
Glo Week

Thank you for supporting National Glo week which supports the Child brain Injury Trust Charity!



Community Superstar

Another of our amazing children has been cleaning the local area with his family. Loaning the equipment from school; he has filled bags of rubbish from across Up Holland. A true St Thomas the Martyr SUPERSTAR!



Poppy items

Poppy items will go on sale when we return with all monies raised going to the Royal British Legion.



Raffle

One of our parents who is an artist has kindly donated an art work money box and framed artwork which we are raffling to raise funds for Theo. 50p per ticket or 3 for £1 from the office!







Cleaner Greener Up Holland

"Daffodil Day"

Bulb Planting in Up Holland
to help our village go "yellow" next spring.

When: Saturday October 24th 2026
11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Where: Mill Lane Playing Field

Everyone welcome

Just come along and help plant the bulbs in the grass banks at Mill Lane.
AND
Take home a small bag of bulbs to plant near your house.

During Autumn "Cleaner Greener Up Holland" volunteers are hoping to plant thousands of daffodil bulbs.

Locations include:

- Newgate Road and Windmill Road around Garnett Lees field
- Chequer Lane towards Stannanought Road
- Tontine by the M58 Motorway Bridge
- Flower bed by the Victoria Hotel
- St Teresa's Primary School
- St Thomas' Primary School
- St Thomas The Martyr Church
- Crawford Village (Community Bulb Planting event 14th October)

If you would like to volunteer to help plant the bulbs, just ask one of the volunteers you see picking litter or weeding.
Or email Gillian Sinnott gsinnott@upholland pc.gov.uk

Autumn 2026 Key Dates

Event	Date
School closes for half term	Wednesday 21st October
School Opens	Monday 2nd November
Individual school photographs	Tuesday 3rd November
TRI KIDZ – Years 1 - 6	Thursday 5th November
Full Governors	Tuesday 17th November @ 5pm
Year 3 class assembly - Perseverance	Friday 20th November @ 2.30pm
Own clothes day – donations for Xmas Fayre	Friday 27th November
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 2nd December @ 10am and 5pm
Santa's Craft House – Family Event	Monday 7th December 1.15pm – 3.15pm
Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 9th Dec – 3.30pm until 5pm
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	Thursday 10th December
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 10th December @ 10.30am
EYFS Nativity	Friday 11th December @ 10.30am
2-Year-Old Nativity	Monday 14th December @ 2.00pm
ACE Treat – One from Rec to Year 6	Monday 14th December @ 1pm
Breakfast with Santa	Tuesday 15th December
EYFS Christmas party	Tuesday 15th December (AM)
KS1 Christmas party	Tuesday 15th December (PM)
KS2 Christmas party	Wednesday 16th December (PM)
Eucharist	Thursday 17th December @ 9.10am
Last Day for 2-year-old and Big Nursery	Thursday 17th December
Wear Christmas jumpers -School closes 2pm	Friday 18th December
School Opens	Monday 4th January 2027

Thank you, for all your continued support, Mr. Roscoe & all at St Thomas the Martyr CE.

MAY ALL THAT WE DO BE DONE WITH LOVE" - Corinthians 16:14