St. Thomas the Martyr

Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER – 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Growing and Achieving Together

PRAYER

Dear Lord, this is our school, let peace dwell here. Let the rooms be full of contentment, let love abide here. Love one another, love life itself and love God. Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school. Amen

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and thank you all for your continued support. We need your children to be in school every day and on time so they don't miss out. The children have enjoyed a great first week back and we are appreciative of all your support for the Child Brain Injury Trust with Glow Week raising £150 and the donations for this year's poppy appeal. The Remembrance Service takes place at the memorial this Sunday from 11am. The church Service takes place at the earlier time of 9.30am. Hopefully you will be able to attend a Service. Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday, please sign your child up using the link sent out on the school app. For Children In Need day next Friday, children can add spotty clothes to their uniform or accessorize with something spotty. Children will be enjoying activities in class and any spare change donations will go to this amazing charity.

The new ALDI Orrell store opens on Thursday 26th November. ALDI have created a competition just for our school. The competition is a poster drawing competition with a picture of "what healthy eating means to you". The winner will receive a £100 ALDI voucher from a GB Olympic athlete at school in a special assembly. All entries to be handed in to myself or Mrs Greenwood by Friday 20th November 2026. GOOD LUCK!

Tri Kidz

On Thursday the Tri Kidz team joined our school for a fun triathlon They replicated swimming by using resistance bands, the children cycled on adapted racing bikes and the running part was simple.



Morris Dancing

Several of our children participated in the annual morris dancing championship in Blackpool – pictured are two of them with their impressive trophy.



Dengineers

Some of our talented Year 4 den builders displayed their team work, engineering skills and enthusiasm building dens in a fun competition with local schools at Rock and River in Mawdesley on Wednesday

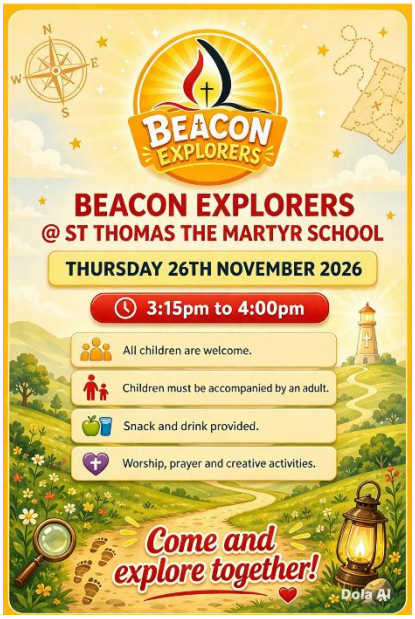


Raffle

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!







17th ORMSKIRK / 1st SKELMERSDALE SCOUT GROUP
ESTABLISHED 1938 – SKELMERSDALE'S FIRST SCOUT GROUP
HELP US KEEP OVER 80 YEARS OF SCOUTING ALIVE!

Dear Parents and Carers,
We are reaching out to local families to help secure the future of a very special part of our community. Our Scout group was established in **1938** and holds the distinction of being the **first Scout group to open within Skelmersdale**. For generations, we have given local children the opportunity to make friends, learn new skills, build confidence and enjoy fantastic adventures.
However, we are now facing an uncertain future. We desperately need more young people to join our sections. **Without new members coming through, we may not be able to keep the group going.**
We don't want to see over 80 years of local Scouting history come to an end!
We are asking parents and carers to help us give the next generation the same opportunities that so many children before them have enjoyed.

SQUIRRELS – AGES 4–6
Our youngest section – Scrats Pack!
CUTRRENTLY THERE IS LIMITED SPACES! NAMES WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST
We hope to open more spaces as greater leader availability allows.

BEAVERS – AGES 6–8
Our Beaver Colony desperately needs new members!

CUBS – AGES 8–10½
Come and join the adventure!

SCOUTS – AGES 10½
The adventure continues!

WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET?
Liverpool Road Community / Methodist Hall, WN8 8BJ
Every Wednesday –
Squirrels 5:00pm to 6:00pm.
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts 6:00pm to 7:30pm

We welcome children across all three age groups and would love to give your child the opportunity to experience Scouting.
You don't need any previous experience. Just come along, meet the leaders and see what we get up to!

HELP US KEEP OUR HISTORY ALIVE
We are incredibly proud of our group's history and everything it has given to generations of local children. But we need your help to make sure there are future generations who can enjoy it too.
Please consider giving your child the opportunity to become part of Skelmersdale's first Scout group.
To find out more or arrange a taster evening, please contact:
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ESTABLISHED 1938 – HELP US MAKE SURE THE NEXT GENERATION IS STILL HERE TO CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE!
17th Ormskirk / 1st Skelmersdale Scouts

Autumn 2026 Key Dates

Event	Date
Flu Vaccinations	Tuesday 10th 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