

# St Thomas' CofE Academy



## ‘Learning for life with Jesus’

Dear Parents,

It has been another action-packed 2 weeks here at St Thomas'. It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of June already.

This week the children have all visited their new teacher and classroom ahead of September. It has been lovely to see the children and teachers getting to know each other and completing work ready to go on display in their new classrooms.

A huge thank you to all of our families who joined us today for Sports Day, the sun was shining and it truly was a wonderful day.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Pierpoint

**Friday 20th June 2025**



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## Dates for your diary:

Half term Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening check takes place this week
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers photographs
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Alton Towers Trip
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day breakfast after morning Worship
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 visit to Symphony Hall in Birmingham
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June - Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 transition days at The Kings
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Class photos (Not inc Y6)</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PSA Summer Fayre
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July	New to Early Years Parent information evening 6pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance 6:30pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Performance at 1:45
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance 6:30pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school end of year celebration worship
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 leavers prom 6pm -8pm</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 leavers assembly 13:15 - Y6 can leave with parents afterwards</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer 3:15

# SHINE workshops

We would warmly like to invite parents and carers into school to learn alongside your child. Following the success of our Reading SHINE in the Spring term we would like to launch our summer term SHINE workshops - all of our summer terms events will have a physical and mental health focus.

Please come into school for a fun filled and creative afternoon, where you can work alongside your child and learn new skills

All of these sessions will start at 2:00pm and finish at 3:15pm. All sessions will be held in school.

### Dates:

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 5
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 2
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6
WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1

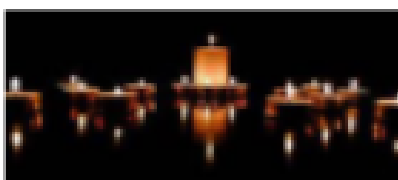
## Inspire sessions at St Thomas' Church.

2:00pm - 3:00pm at St Thomas' Church

Dates:

Tuesday 20th May	Year 2
Tuesday 24th June	Year 1
Tuesday 1st July	Nursery
& Reception together in school	

Please note: Time change to a 2pm start.



We are really excited to be working alongside Reverend Baker from St Thomas' church. We want to support children in their spiritual development and continue 'Learning for Life with Jesus.'

Each class will be spending an afternoon at St Thomas' to deepen their spiritual understanding and engage in fun craft-based activities around scripture led by Reverend Baker and their class teacher.

We would love parents/ carers/ grandparents to join us for our Inspire workshop. Please come and work alongside us as we follow Jesus' path.



# 'Learning for life with Jesus'

## Friday worship & coffee morning



Every Friday morning at 9am we have a worship in school led by Reverend Iain or Tom from St Thomas' Church. We warmly invite all parents/grandparents/ carers/ parish members to join us every week.

Each week a different class or school group will also be joining the coffee morning to show you some of their learning and share things they are proud of.

Everyone is welcome to every worship and coffee morning - we hope to see everyone soon.

### Dates: Summer 1

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Council & RRSA members
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 (End of SATS celebration)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Eco Council

### Dates: Summer 2

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception & Nursery
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 - Leaver's event



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# Year 6 trip to Alton Towers!

What a fantastic day Year 6 had last Wednesday!

They set off for Alton Towers and enjoyed a day of thrill-seeking fun!



# Father's Day Brunch!

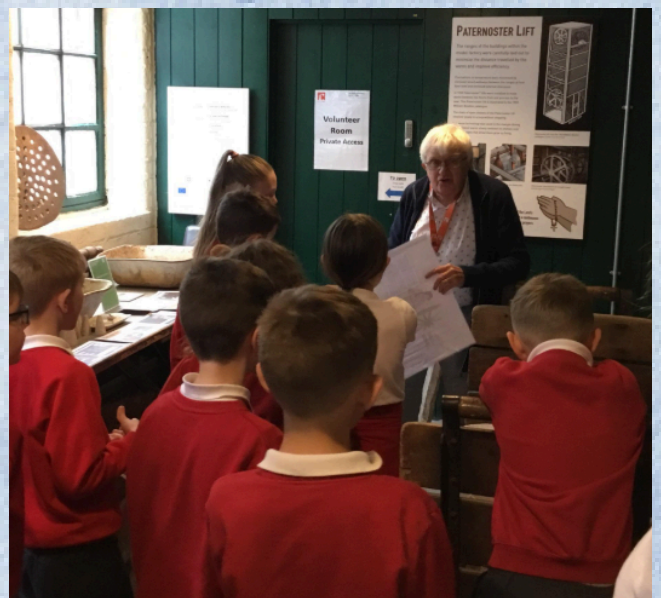


It was lovely to welcome the special men of our St Thomas' family last week. We hope you all enjoyed spending time with your children and having a tasty brunch! A special thanks go to our Kitchen team for providing food for everyone!



# Year 3 trip to Middleport Pottery!

As we celebrate 100 years of Stoke-on-Trent, our children did us proud, soaking up local heritage on a fascinating tour, enjoying a classic Stokie story and getting hands on in a brilliant clay session.



# **Year 5 trip to the fire station!**

**Year 5 had such a great time at the fire station today for the Safe and Sound workshop. They learned so much about fire, road and rail safety and behaved incredibly well; they were real ambassadors for our school!**



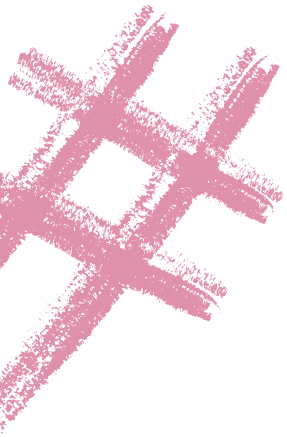
# Year 4 trip to the Symphony Hall!

What a fantastic time Year 4 had at the Symphony Hall on Monday afternoon.

Our Year 4 children have been learning to play the violin throughout the year and were able to perform the music programme and songs together, using the material taught in their music lessons at school.



# The fantastic Year 6 take on Secondary School!



This week Year 6 have visited The Kings where they have had a taste of Secondary school life. They have done St Thomas' proud with their fantastic behaviour, enthusiasm and over all super attitude to this new adventure! Well done Year 6!



# Sports Day!



**A huge well done to everyone for joining in with Sports Day on Friday. You were all amazing!**

**The sun was shining and we couldn't have asked for a better day!**

**A special thanks goes to Miss Haycock for organising the whole event. I am sure you will agree, she did a fabulous job!!**





**It was lovely to welcome our new families this week to our teddy bear's picnic. We can't wait for you to join us full time in September!**



Join Us in Protecting Our Planet!



Free  
Entry

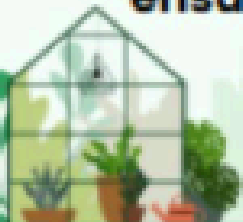
# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY COMPETITION

St Thomas' Eco Council are hosting their very first plastic art exhibition on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

To take part, we are asking all children to transform clean plastic waste into artwork that communicates messages about plastic pollution.

Entries need to be sent to school by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure all entries have a label with the child's name on.

We can't wait to see what they come up with!





Three  
Spires  
TRUST

*'Life in all its fullness'*

**Message from Three Spires Trust**

**Please find below a link to our parent and carer survey for this academic year. We are gathering the views of parents and carers across Three Spires Trust. We would appreciate it if you could complete this survey before midday on Friday 4 July 2025.**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/YWF2QLxseZ>**

**Best wishes  
Three Spires Trust**

**Please note this survey can be accessed via Class Dojo.**

# PSA SUMMER FAYRE

Friday 27th June

3:30PM



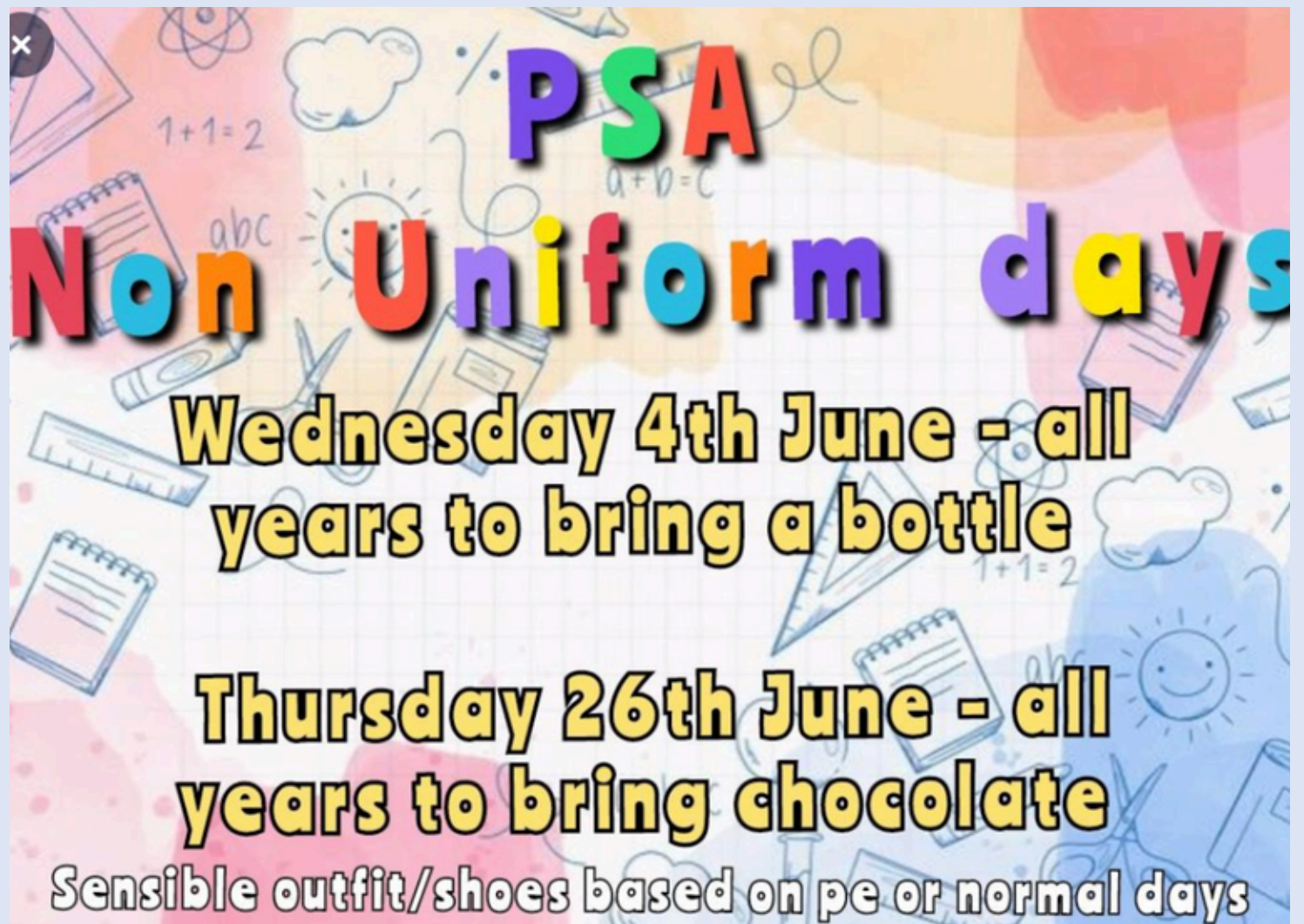
FREE ENTRY

- NON UNIFORM DAY  
BRING A BOTTLE -  
4TH JUNE
- BAG COMPETITION  
DEADLINE 5TH JUNE
- BRIC A BRAC DROP  
OFFS 23RD-26TH
- NON UNIFORM DAY  
BRING CHOCOLATE -  
26TH JUNE



MORE INFO:  
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:  
PSA - ST THOMAS' COFE ACADEMY





**A huge thank you for your kind donations of bottles on Wednesday. It is very much appreciated!**

**Our PSA needs new members to be the best it can be  
for the children at our school...**

**Can you spare some time to see what it's all about?**

**You don't need to be a part of every event, volunteer  
as much or as little as works for you & your family.**

**Join our facebook page for more info**

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# SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES 2025

[MONEYSAVINGCENTRAL.CO.UK/SCHOOL-UNIFORM-SALE-DATES](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/school-uniform-sale-dates)

**SAINSBURYS**

**20% off**

Predicted to start on  
Wednesday  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**ASDA**

**20% off**

Confirmed to start on  
Monday 23<sup>th</sup>  
June 2025

**M&S**

**20% off**

Predicted to start on  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
2025

**ALDI**

**£5 Uniform Bundle**

Confirmed to start  
on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
June 2025

**TESCO**

**25% off**

Predicted to start  
on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
July 2025



**MONEY SAVING CENTRAL**



### Snacks

Please encourage children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required. We are aiming for a common-sense style approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, sweets or crisps. Some ideas for snacks could include:



### Packed Lunches

Although the Governors encourage parents to choose a school meal for their child, children are permitted to bring a packed lunch from home. However, sweets, chocolate, chewing gum and fizzy drinks are **not permitted** in school. We ask for your support in providing a balanced and nutritious lunch to support your child's learning and overall well-being.

For guidance and inspiration, the NHS offers a helpful resource on healthy lunchboxes, which you can access at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



# School Ready

Please remember:

- Children are not permitted to wear any make up to school.  
Wipes will be provided to remove it.
- Earrings must not be worn
- Hair must be tied back.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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# Attendance matters!

## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



### Did You Know... ?

How Often You, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.3 Days from School	28 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	61 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	85 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.3 Days from School	120 Lessons
25 Minutes	22 Days from School	187 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



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# Article of the fortnight

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20th June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.





**Gracious and loving God, as we approach World Refugee Day, we come before you with hearts open to your call to compassion and hospitality. Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger. Lead them safely on.**

**Amen**

