

St Thomas' CofE Academy



‘Learning for life with Jesus’

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week after half term. We hope you all had a lovely time with your families.

This week has been exceptionally busy and it has been great to visit the classrooms and see the children working hard in all lessons.

A special mention goes to our Year 4 children who took part in the Big Camp Out on Thursday night at St Giles and St George’s. The children behaved impeccably and we were incredibly proud of them all.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs Pierpoint

Friday 6th June 2025



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Dates for your diary:

Easter Holidays 14 th April – 27 th April	
Mon 28 th April	School re-open to children
Tues 29 th April	Y4 Multiplication check parent information evening 6pm
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Thurs 8 th May	VE Day - Wear red, white or blue
Fri 9 th May	Y4 visit to Chester Zoo
Mon 12 th May	Y6 SATS take place this week
Thurs 15 th May	Year 1 Topic launch day
Fri 16 th May	End of SATs coffee morning celebration with Y6 parents
Fri 16 th May	Year 6 Topic launch day
Thurs 22 nd May	PSA discos
Fri 23 rd May	Celebrating Stoke 100 event
Half term Mon 26 th May – 30 th May	
Mon 9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening check takes place this week
Tues 10 th June	Year 6 Leavers photographs
Wed 11 th June	Year 6 Alton Towers Trip
Fri 13 th June	Father's Day breakfast after morning Worship
Mon 16 th June	Year 4 visit to Symphony Hall in Birmingham
Mon 16 th June - Thurs 19 th June	Year 6 transition days at The Kings
Thurs 19 th June	Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic
Thurs 19 th June	Whole class photographs (Not inc Y6)
Fri 20 th June	Sports day
Wed 25 th June	Back up Sports day
Fri 27 th June	PSA Summer Fayre
Tues 1 st July	New to Early Years Parent information evening 6pm
Tues 8 th July	Year 6 performance 6:30pm
Thurs 10 th July	Year 6 Performance at 1:45
Thurs 10 th July	Year 6 performance 6:30pm
Thurs 17 th July	Whole school end of year celebration worship
Thurs 17 th July	Year 6 leavers prom 6pm
Fri 18 th July	Year 6 leavers worship and breakfast
Fri 18 th 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 term 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 th May	Reception
Monday 19 th May	Year 4
Monday 2 nd June	Year 5
Monday 9 th June	Nursery
Monday 23 rd June	Year 2
Monday 30 th June	Year 6
WEDNESDAY 9 th July	Year 3
Monday 14 th 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 nd May	School Council & RRSA members
Friday 9 th May	Year 3
Friday 16 th May	Year 6 (End of SATS celebration)
Friday 23 rd May	Eco Council

Dates: Summer 2

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



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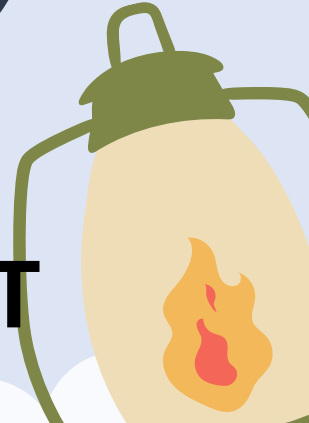
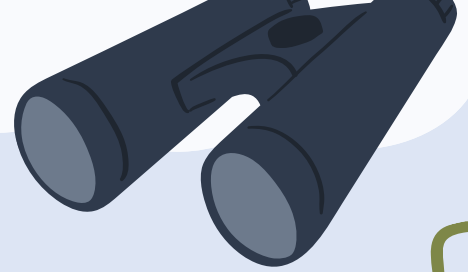
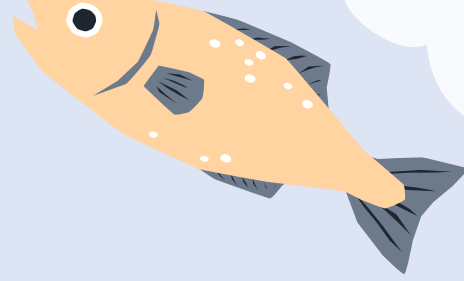
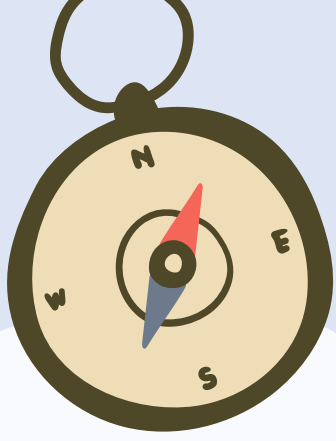


We really value the voice of our parents and have worked really hard over the past 18 months to listen to and act upon parent voice to develop the school and the offering for the children.

It is that time of year we are going to ask for your views again. Please can you spare 5 minutes to complete our online parent view form. The link closes at 12:00 on Monday 9th June 2025.

The link to the form can be found on Dojo.

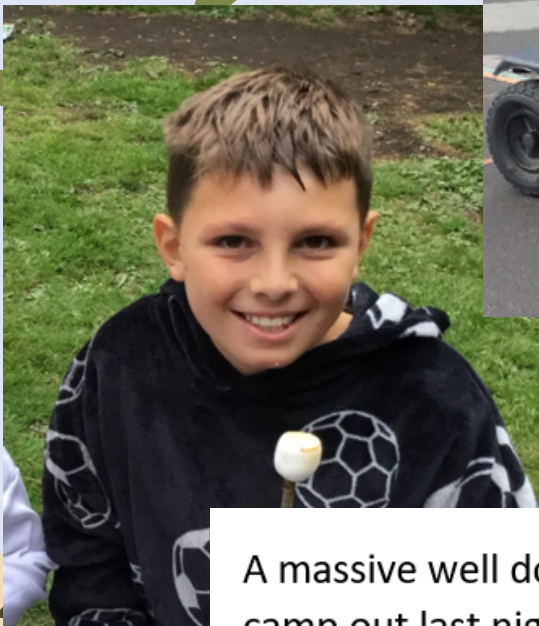
Thank you



Year 4's BIG CAMP OUT



Your paragraph text



A massive well done to our Year 4 children who took part in the big camp out last night. They had an amazing time and I am sure they have told you all about it! A huge thank you goes to the staff who gave up their own time to ensure the children had a fantastic night making memories! |

Stoke100 Celebration



On Thursday children took part in many exciting activities to celebrate 100 years of Stoke On Trent. Spit fires were made, canal networks were explored and coats of arms were designed. Our younger children even learnt about Emma Bridgewater, decorating their own pieces!

At lunch time we had a fabulous chippy lunch!! It was delicious!





NSPCC

Speak out. Stay safe.
programme

We are participants in the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities that are led by NSPCC facilitators. 'Speak out. Stay safe' is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child-friendly way.



Year 2, 5 and 6 took part
in their first workshops
this week

If you would like to know
more about the 'Speak out.
Stay safe' programme. You
can find information on the
NSPCC website
www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout






We're proud to share that some of our amazing staff took part in the Race for Life at Trentham on Tuesday in support of Cancer Research UK.

It was a fantastic event and we're thrilled to say that the race itself helped raise an incredible £160,000 for life-saving research! ❤️

A huge well done to the staff members who took part. What a brilliant achievement and a great example of the St Thomas spirit in action





**FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH
FRIDAY 13TH JUNE
10.00-11.00AM**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ONE SPECIAL
MAN PER FAMILY TO COME AND ENJOY A
FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH IN SCHOOL.**

PLEASE BOOK VIA ARBOR BY MONDAY 9TH JUNE.

**THE COST IS JUST £1.50 FOR A HOT DRINK
AND CHEESY OATCAKE.
PAYABLE VIA PARENTPAY.**

Please note:

Due to capacity, we can only accept one special man per family.

Join Us in Protecting Our Planet!



Free
Entry

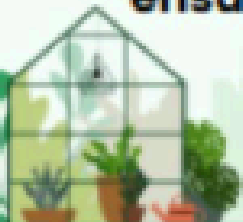
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY COMPETITION

St Thomas' Eco Council are hosting their very first plastic art exhibition on Monday 30th 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 27th 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!



PSA SUMMER FAYRE

Friday 27th June
3:30PM



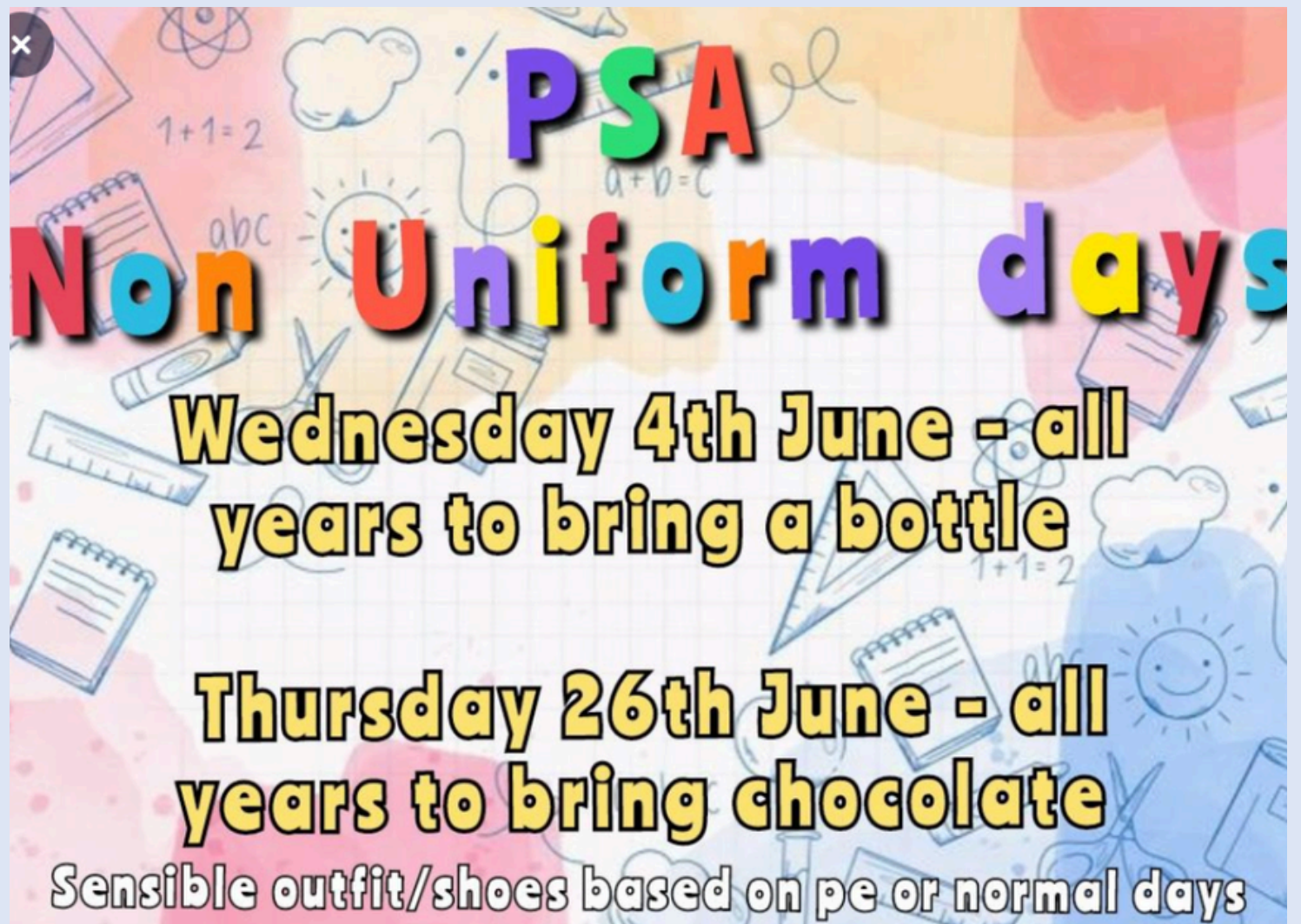
FREE ENTRY

- 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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Only**

Tuesday 3rd June -
Saturday 7th June



As a thank you to our customers we are offering this tasty discount to buy your uniform early and avoid disappointment at the end of summer

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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... ?

Is a School Year 1 Year Over or Late Every Day By...	How Many Days from School Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	28 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	47 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	66 Lessons
20 Minutes	14 Days from School	82 Lessons
25 Minutes	22 Days from School	120 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



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Article of the fortnight

Next week is International Day for the Abolition of Child Labour, so our Article of the Fortnight is #32 which states that Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education.





This week our Eco Council led us in a lovely worship for World Environment Day.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the wonders of your creation.

**Thank you for guiding us, leading us, protecting us,
developing us since the beginning of the creation till now.**

**Make us grow in the awareness of the urgency of
safeguarding and developing the wonders of your
creations**

and take a concrete response to it.

Help us to live and work harmoniously with your creation.

Protect us from all dangers and destruction.

Amen.

