

St Thomas' CofE Academy



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are now in July and there are only two weeks left of this academic year! Children are still working incredibly hard and are almost ready for a well-earned break.

The next two weeks are exceptionally busy with lots of enjoyable activities and learning planned for the children. Please read the newsletter and take note of key dates and upcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Pierpoint

Friday 4th July 2025



‘Learning for life with Jesus’

Dates for your diary:

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
Fri 20 th June	Sports day
Tues 24 th June	Class photos (Not inc Y6)
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 -8pm
Fri 18 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly 13:15 - Y6 can leave with parents afterwards
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 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 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

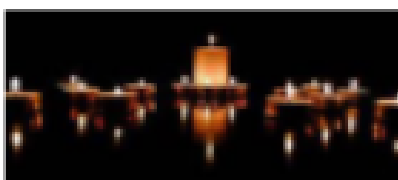
Inspire sessions at St Thomas' Church.

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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2025/2026 Term dates

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Autumn Term One	Wednesday 3 rd September – Friday 24 th October 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th October 2025– Friday 31st October 2025
Autumn Term Two	Monday 4 th November 2025 – Friday 19 th December 2025
INSET DAY	Friday 14th November 2025
Holiday	Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Spring Term One	Monday 5 th January 2026 – Friday 13 th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
INSET	Monday 23rd February 2026
Spring Term Two	Monday 23 rd February 2026 – Friday 27 th March 2026
INSET	Friday 20th March 2026
Holiday	Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

2025/2026 Term dates

Summer Term 2026

Summer term one Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

May Day Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Summer term two Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

INSET DAY *Monday 20th July 2026 (Twilights)*

Summer Holiday Tuesday 21st July 2026 – Monday 31st August 2026

(2026/2027 academic year commences on Tuesday 1st September 2026)

Year 3 step back in time!



**Year 3 had a fabulous day on
Wednesday as they took part in their
Roman history day!
A huge thank you to the parents for
providing such amazing costumes!**

The Secret Garden comes to St Thomas'!

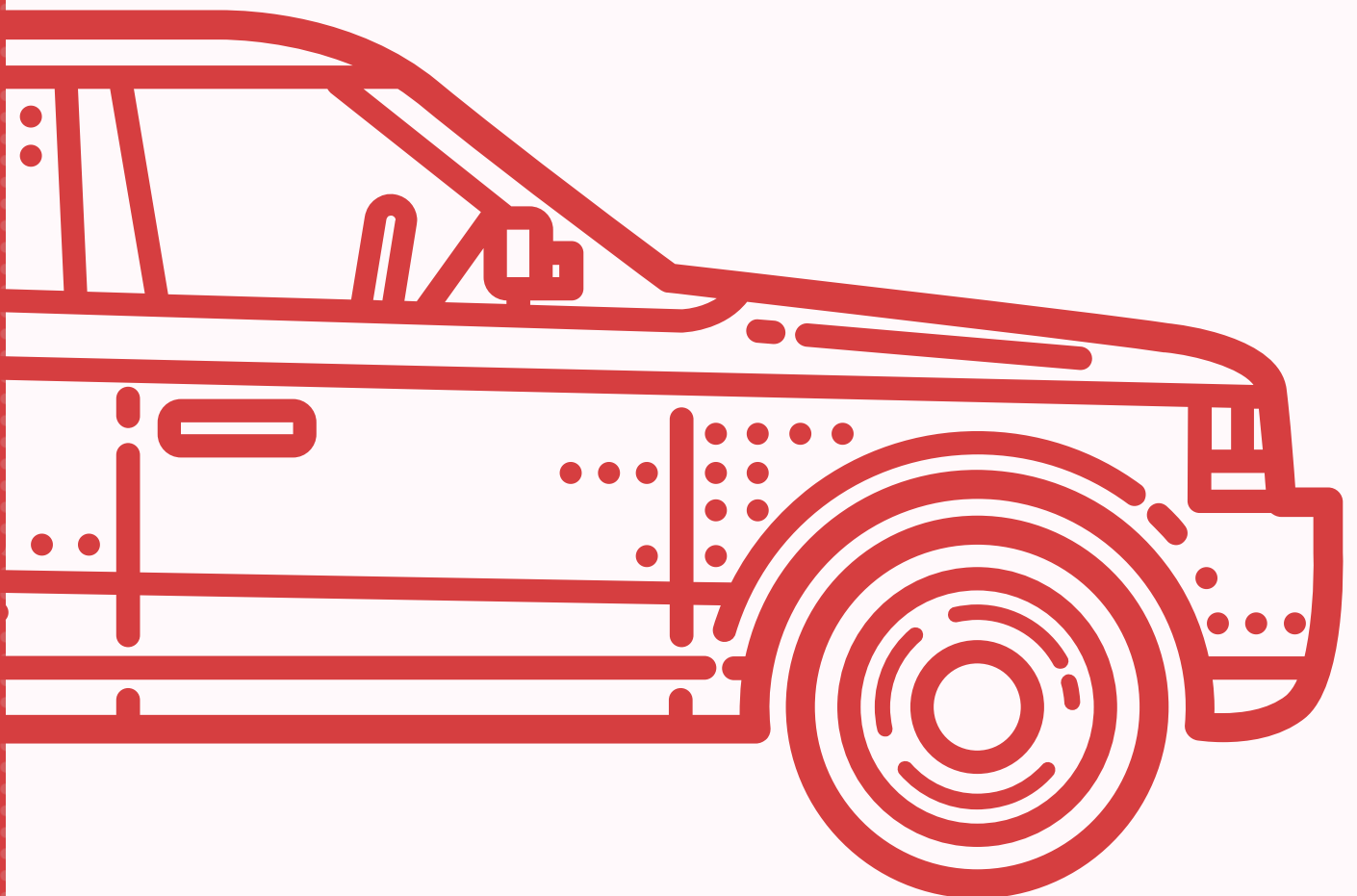
On Thursday Year 1 - Year 6 spent the afternoon watching 'The Secret Garden' live theatre show.

It was a brilliant afternoon enjoyed by both children and adults alike!



Safer Streets!

On Thursday our Eco Council and Travel Ambassadors took to the streets to complete the big street survey with members of Staffordshire County Council. Together they came up with ideas how we can improve the streets around school and tackle the age-old problem of dangerous parking!





Your paragraph text

We are pleased to share that St Thomas' has recently registered and installed a Kitt Medical Box – a vital piece of emergency equipment designed for use in the event of a severe anaphylactic reaction.



A huge well done to members of Year 5 and 6 who attended the swimming gala! They were nothing short of fantastic. Showing determination, team spirit and resilience throughout the event.

3 Cheers for the St Thomas' debate team!



The children represented school at the DebateMate event at the King's Academy! They participated well in all of the workshop activities, spoke confidently, asked questions and learned so many techniques for excellent debating.



A huge congratulations to our Eco Council and gardening club who have just been awarded the level 1 RHS School Gardening Award! We can't wait to use our prize of new seeds in our allotment!



FREE cycle sessions in the School Summer holidays in your area - all funded by your council!

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=staffordshire&course=child-group>



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Fire & Rescue and Crime and supported by partners



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Free activities for 8–17 year-olds
during the school holidays



www.staffordshirespace.co.uk



**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
18th June 2025

ASDA

20% off

Confirmed to start on
Monday 23th
June 2025

M&S

20% off

Predicted to start on
Tuesday 1st July
2025

ALDI

£5 Uniform Bundle

Confirmed to start
on Sunday 29th
June 2025



TESCO

25% off

Predicted to start
on Monday 21st
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... ?

Is a School Year of Year Over a Late 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	47 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	66 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.7 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

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.





**Heavenly Father, we pray for all children, that they may be kept safe from harm and violence in all its forms. We ask for your protection over them, and that those who care for them would act in their best interests, upholding their rights and ensuring their well-being.
Amen**

