

St Thomas' CofE Academy



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and positive week in school, with lots of exciting learning taking place across all year groups. It is always a pleasure to see the children so engaged, enthusiastic, and proud of their achievements. I would also like to extend a very special thank you to our PSA for organising the recent school disco. The children had a fantastic time, and events like these help to create wonderful memories while supporting our school community. We are extremely grateful for their time, energy, and continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pierpoint

Friday 6th February 2026

‘Learning for life with Jesus’

Dates for your diary:

Mon 9 th Feb	Year 6 Bikeability all week
Tues 10 th Feb	Library to visit EYFS and KS1 in school
Wednesday 11 th Feb	Year 3 and 4 visit to the Library
Thurs 12 th Feb	Year 5 and 6 visit to the library
Fri 13 th Feb	EYFS Chinese New Year celebration
Fri 13 th Feb	School closes for half term
Half term 16th Feb - 20th Feb	
Mon 23 rd Feb	School closed for INSET day
Tues 24 th Feb	Parents evening (Please book on Arbor)
Thurs 26 th Feb	Careers Fair at the King's Y6 to attend
Thurs 26 th Feb	EYFS Celebrating Chinese New Year
Thurs 26 th Feb	Parents evening (Please book on Arbor)
Fri 27 th Feb	Year 1 and 2 visit from the fire service
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 13 th March	Year 4 Bikeability
Mon 16 th March - Tuesday 17 th March	Year 3 residential to Stanley Head
Mon 16 th March	Big walk and wheel all week
Wed 18 th March	School council visit to Parliament
Fri 20 th March	School closed for INSET day
Tues 24 th March	Dance show at The Victoria Hall
Fri 27 th March	Year 1 trip to Trentham Gardens

SHINE workshops

We would warmly like to invite parents and carers into school to learn alongside your child. Following the success of our SHINES we would like to launch our Autumn term SHINE workshops - all of our autumn terms events will have a UNICEF - Rights Respecting Schools Focus

Please come into school for a fun filled and creative afternoon, where you can work alongside your child and learn new skills. This is also an opportunity to look at the different areas of our Rights Respecting Schools and how we teach and use this in school.

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

Dates:

Monday 22 nd September	Year 6
Monday 6 th October	Year 2
Monday 13 th October	Year 4
Monday 20 th October	Year 5
TUESDAY 11 th November	Year 3
Monday 17 th November	Year 1
Monday 24 th November	Reception
Monday 1 st December	Nursery

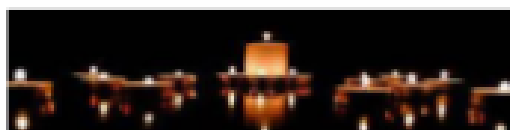


Inspire sessions at St Thomas' Church.

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

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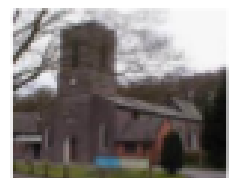
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 3
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 5
Tuesday 27 th January	Year 6
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 4
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 2
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 1
Tuesday 7 th July	Nursery
& Reception together in school	



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

Following the great success of our Inspire workshops last year, each class will be spending an afternoon at St Thomas' to deepen their spiritual understanding and engage in fun craft-based activities around scripture lead 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: Autumn 1

Friday 12 th Sept	Everyone welcome - start of new term
Friday 19 th Sept	Year 3
Friday 26 th Sept	Pupil leaders leading <i>MacMillian Coffee Morning</i>
Friday 3 rd Oct	Year 5
Friday 10 th Oct	<u>No Worship and Coffee morning today.</u>
Friday 17 th Oct	Reception
Friday 24 th Oct	Year 6

Dates: Autumn 2

Friday 7 th Nov	Year 1
Friday 14 th Nov	<u>INSET DAY</u>
Friday 21 st Nov	Nursery
Friday 28 th Nov	Year 2
Friday 5 th Dec	Year 4
Friday 12 th Dec	Eco and School Council
Friday 19 th Dec	Everyone welcome - end of term, coffee and mince pies

Term dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAYS	<i>Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025</i>
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	<i>Friday 14th November 2025</i>
Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd 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	<i>Friday 20th March 2026</i>
Holiday	Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026

Term dates 2025/2026

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)

Sip and Support drop ins

St Thomas' offer drop in sessions in school where parents and carers can speak to our Education Mental Health Practitioner about any concerns or questions they have. This may include questions around diet, sleep, routines, mental health and support services available.

When:


Fri 9th Jan 09:30am

Fri 6th Feb 09:30am

CANCELLED
Fri 13th March 09:30am

Fri 17th April 09:30am

Staff from MHST will be available in the Haven for a chat during the coffee morning on the above dates. Everyone welcome!



Coffee morning for
parents with
children with SEND

Friday 13th February

After worship at 9am

All welcome

Storytelling week 2026



**What an action
packed week at
St Thomas'.
Lots of
opportunities
for reading
time!**



Storytelling week 2026



Year 5 have had a brilliant morning this morning at Newcastle fire station. The safe and sound event we attended highlighted the dangers we face in everyday life. We looked at staying safe near railway line, how fires can easily start and spread and how we can minimise the risks of these and the dangers around large lorries. Well done year 5, it was a great morning.





Miss Haycock visited Parliament this week to learn all about Democracy. Miss Haycock cannot wait to get started on our journey at St Thomas' towards gaining our accreditation. How exciting!

HALF TERM FUN AT NEWCASTLE LIBRARY



ACTION SONGS

&

AN INTERACTIVE STORY

Happening Friday

20th February

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Suitable for ages 0 - 11 yrs

Drop-in session.

Booking not required



**GO
ALL
IN.**

National
Year of
Reading
2026



FABULOUS FEBRUARY

HOLIDAY CLUBS

FEBRUARY 16-20 2026

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, ST7 1EH

We are excited to welcome you to our action-packed holiday club during the February half term. Our program of sports, games and special events give every child an unforgettable experience living long in the memory. Children aged 4-12 can attend (4 year olds eligible for half day only).

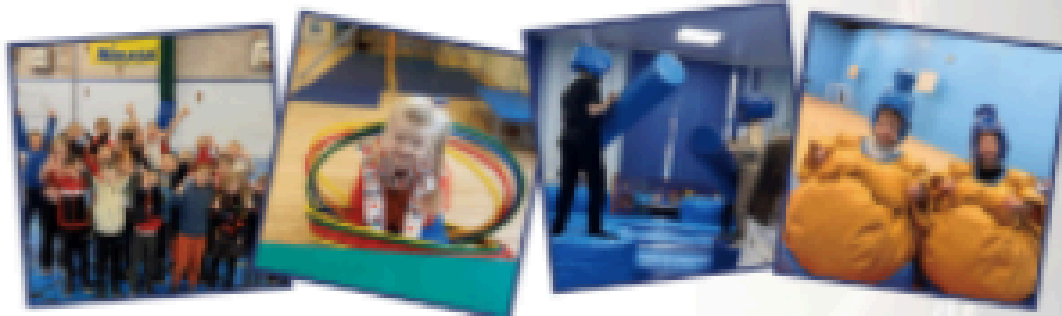
SCOOTER DISCO · **GLOW DODGEBALL** · **LASER TAG** · **MULTI-SPORTS**
CIRCUS SKILLS · **CAPTURE THE FLAG** · **GLADIATOR** & **SUMO** · **INFLATABLES**
SUPERHERO DAY · **TALENT SHOW** · **MINI-MEDICS** · **DANCE** & **GYMNASTICS**

NEW EXTENDED FULL DAY!

WE'RE GIVING YOU AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES!

FULL DAY **08:30-15:30** £23.50

Half day and wrap-around options also available.



20% discount on sibling bookings!

FRIDAY FOR FREE!

BOOK A FULL WEEK AND GET THE LAST DAY FOR NOTHING!

For more information:

Call: 01782 366332

Website: asmsports.co.uk

The image features a festive Chinese New Year theme. At the top, two red lanterns with gold tassels are positioned on either side of a decorative horizontal line with a central cloud motif. The background is a light cream color, adorned with yellow starburst patterns and stylized red and gold floral or fan-like shapes at the bottom. The text is centered and presented in a clean, sans-serif font.

YEAR OF THE HORSE

SPECIAL MENU
CHINESE NEW YEAR
FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

PLAIN CHOW MEIN
EGG FRIED RICE
SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN/QUORN
CHINESE CHICKEN CURRY
SPRING ROLLS
CHIPS/SALT AND PEPPER CHIPS
ICE CREAM SUNDAE

USUAL LUNCH CHARGES APPLY
ALL DIETRY REQUIREMENTS
CATERED FOR





Safer internet day 10th Feb 2026

Article 17, Access to information from the media - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.





**Loving God,
Thank you for our school,
for the laughter in our classrooms
and the learning we share each day.
Bless our students as they grow in
kindness,
curiosity, and courage.
Guide our teachers and staff with
patience and joy,
and support our families with peace and
hope.
Amen**

