



## Diary Dates \*\*\*New additions are in red\*\*\*

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	SHINE PSHE workshop - Year 2
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 coffee morning 9am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 trip Blue Planet Aquarium
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	SHINE PSHE workshop - Year 6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm - Reception/ Year 1/2/3 Phonics and reading information evening.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - Dress up/ Pyjama day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 coffee morning 9am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	SHINE PSHE workshop - Year 1
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1/2/3 trip - Legoland Manchester
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Inspire session at St Thomas' Church - Year 6 1:30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	SHINE PSHE workshop - Reception
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 coffee morning 9am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	SHINE PSHE workshop - Year 5
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	SHINE PSHE workshop - Year 4
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance show at Victoria Hall (for children participating in dance show with Mr Case. Separate letters have been sent.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Nursery coffee morning 9am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School finishes for Easter.
WC 25 <sup>th</sup> March & 1 <sup>st</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Dates and parental engagement opportunities for Summer term will be out with you soon.	

## World Book Day

Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. We will be celebrating this at St Thomas' throughout the week. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we invite children to come into school either:

Dressed up as their favourite character from a book. (No football strips please.) If they can bring the books with them that the character comes from that would be excellent. (but not a necessity)

**OR** Come in Pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story to share with their peers.

We are really looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities throughout this week to continue to enhance the love of reading. In addition to this all classes will be studying, 'The Day The Crayons Quit,' We will all be completing a piece of extended writing on the story. Because we are all using the same text as a stimuli for writing, we will be sharing our learning together over the week. Look out on dojo and Facebook for what we have been up to.

## After school clubs

Thank you to all parents and carers that have signed up to clubs this half term. It is lovely to see so many children engaging with the provision. We are currently working on the offering for Summer term and these will be out with you shortly.

## UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)

We are very pleased to announce that we are going to be embarking on the Rights Respecting Schools journey. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and wider school community to learn more about the 'rights of a child' and the UN convention. Mrs Ashton is our RRS lead and will be sharing more information with you shortly. If you would like to gain any further information, please follow this link - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/about-the-rrsa/>

**PSA** - Thank you to all parents, carers & staff that came to our latest PSA meeting. The first of many upcoming events that have been planned is a 'Easter Treasure Hunt.' This will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Please come and follow the clues of our treasure trail to see if you can find all of our clues and find our missing word. All entries are £1 and all children participating will receive an Easter treat and a raffle ticket to enter a prize draw.

**Parking** Please can everyone be mindful when parking their cars before and after school. Cars need to avoid parking on the yellow zig zag lines, this is to ensure everyone's safety. We know parking can be difficult, that is why we have a 10-minute window at the start and end of the day for you to bring and collect your children from school. Morning drop off between 8:40am and 8:50am, end of day collection between 3:15pm and 3:25pm. Please can people be very mindful not to block driveways to resident's houses as they need to be able to freely get in and out of their homes. Please can we all work together to ensure we are looking out for all members of our community.

### Year 6 trip - Catalyst Discovery Centre

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Year 6 were the next class to go on their exciting school trip. Mrs Tomkins took them to the Catalyst Science and Discovery Centre. All of Year 6 had a wonderful time and were able to expand their learning from inside the classroom. A very big well done to all members of year 6 for their outstanding behaviour whilst out. They represented St Thomas' beautifully.



### School uniform reminder

A polite reminder please that for health and safety reasons, there should be no jewellery worn by children in school with the exception of stud earrings. There should also be no nail polish worn within school. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

### School improvements

We would like to say a huge thank you to Pete, our caretaker, who has started transforming our school. He has been very busy freshening up our learning environment (and with the help of Katrina from the Kings) has revitalised our hall and the year 4 and 6 classrooms. Where will he be painting next?

### Parent Pay

Please ensure you clear any outstanding pay items via ParentPay as soon as possible. If you require support in making payments, please contact Mr Timmis or Mrs Pierpoint to arrange a discussion - [office@stthomascofeacademy.org](mailto:office@stthomascofeacademy.org)

### Eco Council

Mr Lewis has been working hard to launch our new Eco Council. Before half term, children in each year group voted for their new school eco council representatives. Well done to all of the following children, we are really looking forward to hearing your voice and seeing how you shape decisions made here at St Thomas'. I know one of your first tasks is to help us achieve the ECO award, we are really looking forward to hearing all about it soon.

Year 6 - Kiret Kaur Bagharian and Rose Cresswell  
Year 5 - Henry Dickinson and Lexi Bloor  
Year 4 - Archie Scarlett and Amber Wright  
Year 2/3 - Grace Draper and Joseph Papiernik  
Year 1/ 2 - Felicity Gosling and Ronnie Woods

### School Council

Miss Haycock has been working hard to launch our new School Council. Before half term, children in each year group voted for their new school council representatives. Well done to all of the following children, we are really looking forward to hearing your voice and seeing how you shape decisions made here at St Thomas'. We are really looking forward to seeing what your first project is and hearing all about it soon.

Year 6- Ryan Booth and Daniel Cooper  
Year 5- Daphne Eyton-Jones and Freddie Sandywell  
Year 4 - Lana Simcock and Nico Saphir  
Year 2/3 - Tobias Hadfield and Emily Stride  
Year 1 / 2 - Amber Hayward and Jimmy Machin

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parents evening last Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many families able to attend. It is vital that we ensure we are all working together to ensure the very best outcomes for your children. If you have not been able to come into school yet, please speak to your child's class teacher and arrange a convenient date and time.

### Worship Focus

Mrs McNicholas and our children have been working exceptionally hard, designing and making their own prayer boxes for each classroom. This is designed to give children the opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas and give them a dedicated space to pray if and when they wish too. It has been amazing to see the children's engagement and enthusiasm. All of the prayer boxes have been designed and made by the children; each classes individuality shines through. Well done everyone!



### Before and after school club bookings

Do you know we are able to take 'one off' before or after school club. If you require a place, please ring or email the school office to check we have space and get your child/children booked in.