

St Thomas' CofE Academy



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of a busy and rewarding spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school.

This term has been filled with many highlights, from classroom achievements to wider enrichment opportunities, and I am incredibly proud of all that our pupils have accomplished. Their hard work and commitment, alongside the dedication of our staff, have made this a truly successful term.

As we look ahead to the Easter break, I hope it provides a valuable opportunity for rest, family time, and reflection. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the summer term, with many exciting opportunities ahead.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Mrs Pierpoint

Friday 27th March 2026

‘Learning for life with Jesus’

Dates for your diary:

Mon 13 th April	School opens for staff and children - Summer term
Mon 13 th April	Year 6 MHST workshops begin
Thurs 16 th April	Fire Service visiting Year 1 and 2
Tues 21 st April	Year 2 trip to Hoo Zoo and Dinosaur World
Mon 27 th April	Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo
Mon 11 th May	Year 6 SATs begin today
Thurs 14 th May	Last day of Year 6 SATs
Fri 15 th May	Year 6 coffee morning & SATs celebration
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May Half term	
Mon 1 st June	Year 4 multiplication check begins this week
Tues 2 nd June	Eco Council visit to Harper Adams University Farm
Wed 3 rd June	Year 6 trip to Alton Towers
Friday 5 th June	PSA Summer Fair
Mon 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening check begins this week
Mon 8 th June	Year 1 trip to Manchester Airport
Wed 10 th June - Fri 12 th June	Year 5 residential trip to Dove Dale
Mon 15 th June	Year 6 class individual leavers photos
Thurs 18 th June	Year 4 music concert at the Victoria Hall
Thurs 18 th June	Year 4 Night under the stars camp out
Fri 19 th June	Father's Day breakfast
Mon 22 nd June	Class photographs (Not <u>inc</u> Year 6)
Thurs 25 th June	Sports day
Wed 1 st July	New Reception Teddy Bear's picnic (2026/2027 cohort)
Mon 29 th June - Thurs 2 nd July	The Kings transition days (Year 6)
Tues 30 th June	New to Early Years Parent information evening 6pm
Tues 7 th July	KS2 SATS results
Wed 8 th July	Year 6 show 1:30pm and 6pm
Wednesday 8 th July	End of year reports to go home
Thurs 9 th July	Year 6 show 6pm
Wed 15 th July	Year 6 Prom 6:30-8pm
Wednesday 15 th July	End of year drop in for reports discussions - to be prebooked if needed.
Thurs 16 th July	Whole school end of year celebration assembly (Not Y6) - Parents welcome
Fri 17 th July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly 1:30pm - Parents welcome

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 Summer term SHINE workshops - all of our Summer term events will have a 'Year of reading' theme.

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:

Monday 20 th April	Year 5
Monday 27 th April	Year 4
Monday 18 th May	Year 1
Monday 1 st June	Year 3
Monday 8 th June	Nursery
Monday 15 th June	Reception
Monday 29 th June	Year 2
Monday 6 th July	Year 6

Inspire sessions at St Thomas' Church.

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

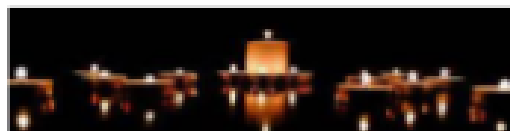
Dates:

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: Summer 1

Friday 17 th April	School council/RRSA
Friday 24 th April	Year 3
Friday 1 st May	Nursery
Friday 8 th May	Reception
Friday 15 th May	Year 6 Post SATS
Friday 22 nd May	SEND/MHST
Friday 29 th May	Year 1

Dates: Summer 2

Friday 5 th June	Year 2
Friday 12 th June	Year 4
Friday 19 th June	Father's Day breakfast
Friday 26 th June	Year 5
Friday 3 rd July	Eco Council
Friday 10 th July	Meet our Governors (09:10am start)
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 leaver's worship afternoon

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)

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INSET DAY	<i>Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October 2026</i>
Half Term	Monday 26th October 2026– Friday 30th October 2026
Autumn Term Two	Monday 2 nd November 2026 – Friday 18 th December 2026
Holiday	Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Spring Term One	Monday 4 th January 2027 – Friday 12 th February 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027
INSET	Monday 22nd February 2027
Spring Term Two	Monday 22 nd February 2027 – Thursday 25 th March 2027
Holiday	Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Summer term one	Monday 12 th April 2027 – Friday 28 th May 2026
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2027
Half Term	Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027
Summer term two	Monday 7 th June 2027 – Wednesday 21 st July 2027
INSET DAY	<i>Wednesday 21st July 2027</i>
Summer Holiday	Commences Thursday 22nd July 2027

Sip and support drop ins

St Thomas' now 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 behaviour, diet, sleep, routines, mental health and support services available.

When:

Fri 17th April 9:30am

Fri 15th May 9:30am

Fri 12th June 9:30am

Fri 10th July 9:30am

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



SPORTS DAY

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

Event Details:

EYFS:

9:15am - 10:15am

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2):

10:30-11:30

Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6):

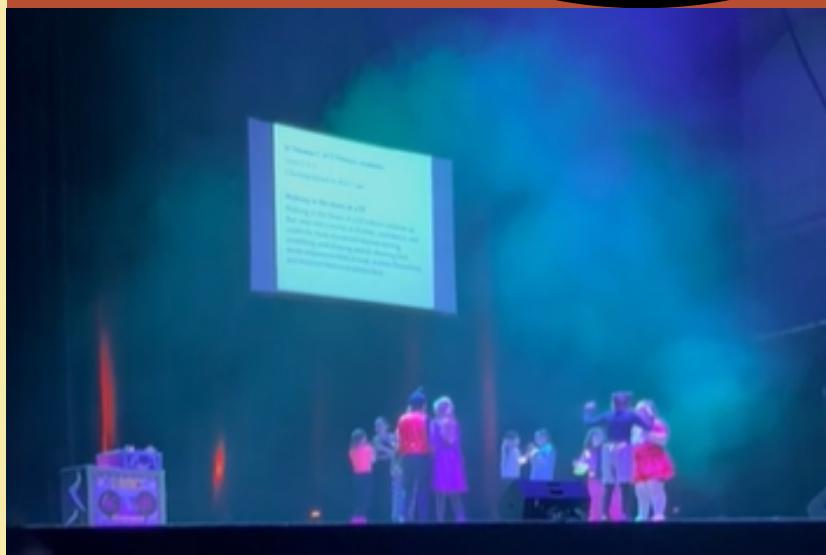
13:30-15:00

A day in Parliament!



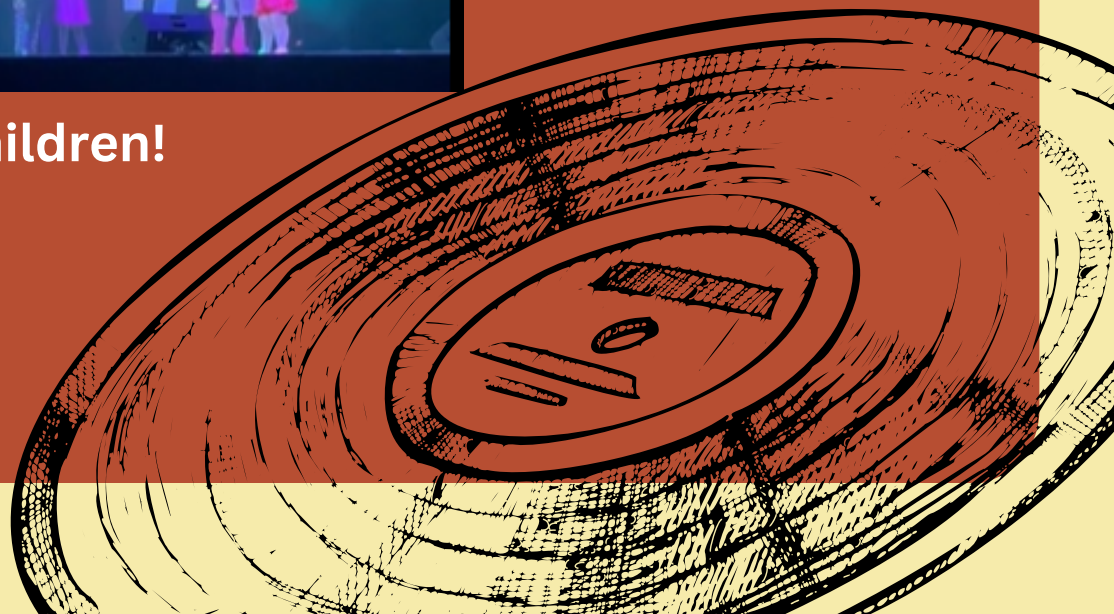
What an amazing day our pupil leaders, school council and Rights Respecting school ambassadors had on Wednesday in London. Starting the day boarding an early train, riding the underground tube, walking along the Thames, visiting the Houses of Parliament, watching a live debate in the House of Commons, meeting our local MP, walking past Big Ben, riding the London Eye and seeing Buckingham Palace... all in one day!! The children were fantastic and behaved impeccably. A real credit to St Thomas'!

What a night for the St Thomas' dance group at the Victoria Hall!!



A special thank you to Mr Case for teaching the children this term and for the fantastic choreography!

Well done children!



The background is a vibrant collage of Easter-themed illustrations. It features several stylized rabbits in light blue and yellow, various colorful flowers in shades of pink, purple, and yellow, and several large Easter eggs in light yellow, pink, and green. The overall style is flat and cheerful.

PSA EASTER HUNT

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING
PSA FOR ORGANISING ANOTHER
BRILLIANT EVENT AND THANK
YOU TO OUR FAMILIES FOR
YOUR SUPPORT.

WE HOPE YOU HAD LOTS OF
FUN!

Outdoor learning day!

A very special thank you to Mrs Birchall-Slack who came today and led outdoor learning sessions for children from Reception to Year

6. The children took part in so many wonderful activities and explored our forest school. Activities included:

Playing in the mud kitchen,

Mud painting

Testing out hammocks

Bug hunting

Obstacle courses

Testing their balance on the forest slack line

And many many more amazing activities!

Quotes from the children overheard today include:

‘Why is the woods a playground?’

‘Best day ever!!!’

‘So much mud, I love it!’

PENTECOST

Creative Competition



Theme: Pentecost

Celebrate the story, symbols, and message of Pentecost through your creativity

How to enter:

Create either: an **artwork** or a **poem**
Let your imagination and faith inspire you!

Age Categories:

Reception, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4
Entries will be judged within each age group

Deadline:

Tuesday 14th April

Please hand your entry into school by this date
(Make sure your name, class/form, and age category are clearly written on the back)

Prizes & Display:

Winning entries will be included in a trust-wide worship resource
Selected entries may also be displayed in an appropriate venue

Everyone is encouraged to take part!
Share your creativity. Celebrate Pentecost. Be inspired

We Can't wait to see your work!



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TRUST



A huge thank you to Angie Lester, our fantastic School Travel Advisor, who joined us at Tuesday's parents evening to talk all things Active Travel and our exciting Walking Bus initiative

We are so grateful for her continued support, guidance and enthusiasm in helping our school community make healthier, safer and more sustainable travel choices.

If you would like any more information about the Walking Bus or anything related to Active Travel, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the school office we'd be happy to help!





FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Your child may be eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS if you receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child tax credit
- Working tax credit run-on
- ESA
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

If you believe that you are eligible, please tell the school!

DID YOU KNOW? The school receives additional funding for children who are in receipt of free school meals.



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"Life in all its fullness"

If you think you might be eligible, please apply via the link below or speak to the office and we can happily help.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals>



World Water day - 22nd March

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.





**Dear Lord Jesus,
Thank you for the joy of Your
resurrection,
So that we can enjoy new life in You.
Help us to share your love with our
friends and family.
Amen**

