

St Thomas' CofE Academy



‘Learning for life with Jesus’

As we approach the end to a very busy term, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support to St Thomas'. We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and I have been told some wonderful stories from the children about the exciting adventures they got up to. We have a really exciting week ahead to end our wonderful Spring term and we are looking forward to seeing as many of our families as possible at the Easter service and our wonderful PSA organised Easter hunt. We are busy planning an exciting summer term and we are looking forward to sharing these plans with you very soon.

I wish all of our wonderful children, staff, families and community a really enjoyable and restful Easter.

Mrs Pierpoint

Friday 4th April 2025





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Dates for your diary:

We are currently finalising Summer Term dates and parental engagement opportunities.

**These dates will be shared with you by
11th April.**

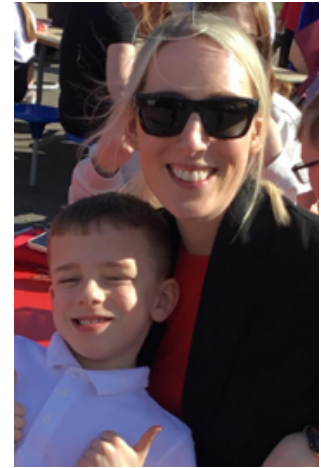
Thank you

Year 3 visit Laches Wood

What a fantastic time Year 3 had at Laches Wood for their first residential. All children had an amazing time and behaved impeccably!



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea!



**Thank you to everyone for attending our
Afternoon Tea. The sun was shining, the
tea was flowing and we hope you all had a
lovely time!**

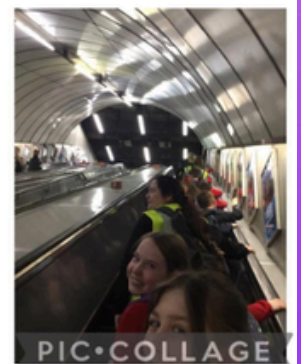
Strictly St Thomas'

Children attended the dance show at The Victoria Hall on Tuesday Evening. The children were amazing and had super dance moves to be proud of!



A visit to the capital!

Today our School Council and Rights Respecting School Ambassadors visited The Houses of Parliament for an exciting tour. They travelled by train and the underground and even experienced the London Eye. It was an action-packed day and we are very proud of them all!



CELEBRATE EASTER

When: Tuesday 8th April 2025

2pm

Where: St Thomas' Church

**All are welcome to join us for our Easter
Service.**



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EASTER HUNT

Weds 9th and Thurs 10th April
After school until 4pm

£1 A CHILD

Follow the clues and find the letters to solve the word and
win a treat!

All entries will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to
win Vue Cinema Tickets



Easter Bonnet Parade



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We will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade for the children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) on Thursday 10th April at 2.30pm. Families are invited to join us.

Please can you help your child create an Easter bonnet for the parade.



Please can these be sent into school on Monday 7th April - clearly marked with their name.



We look forward to seeing and sharing their creations 😊



**Sports day will be on Friday
20th June**

**EYFS - Nursery and
Reception 9am**

Years 1 & 2 10:15am

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 13:15pm



There will be no extra curricular clubs taking place next week other than ASM gym and football.
Thank you

End of term report cards

Following parental feedback in early Autumn term, we trialed end of Autumn term report cards.

We will be doing the same for the Spring term and these will be sent home on Friday 11th April.

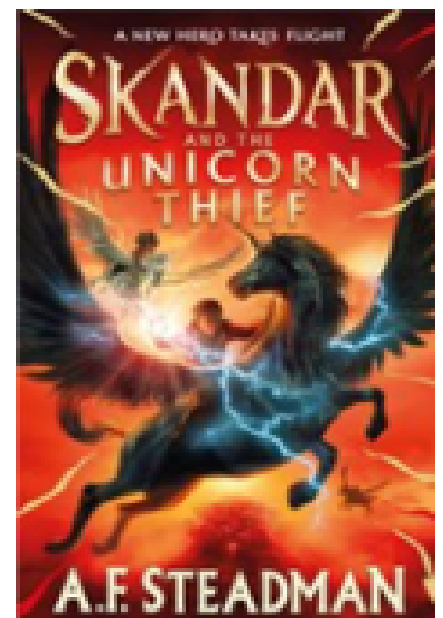
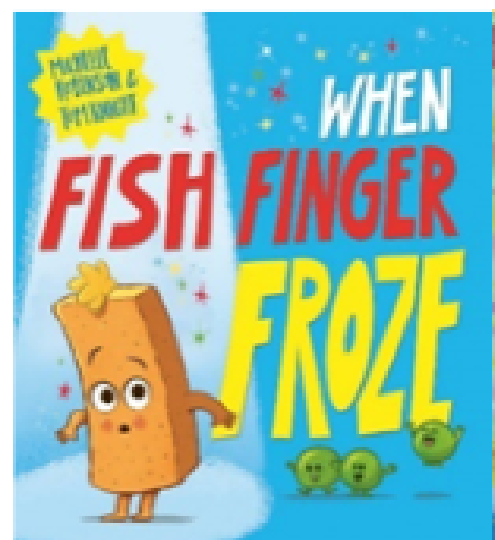
This is a snap shot following parents consultations. We hope this enables you to have a fully rounded view of how your child is progressing and how you can support them at home.

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss *Reading Horizons*

Due to the immense success of last years Scholastic Book Fair, we are delighted to announce it is coming back on Monday 28th April for 1 week!

We will once again be accepting card payments. We cannot wait for you to see the wide variety of books on offer.





Important reminders:

We have reports of headlice in classes. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

Please also remember that long hair must be tied up at all times.

St Thomas' is a NUT FREE school. We have members of our school community with severe allergies to nuts. Please help to keep them safe and avoid bringing any nuts or food containing nuts to school.





School Ready

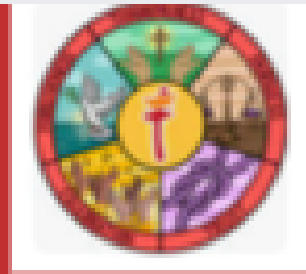
Please remember:

- 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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Important reminders:

Please do not: Park on the zig-zag or double yellow lines around school, block or park across people's driveways, park or drive on pavements, be rude or abusive to local residents, pedestrians and other drivers. Parking on pavements has been causing an obstruction for parents and residents, including an incident where an Ambulance could not get to one of our local residents in an emergency.





Attendance matters!

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	2.5 Days from School	28 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
25 Minutes	22 Days from School	122 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



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All aboard the walking bus!

We have a new and exciting opportunity approaching! We're hoping to launch a Walking Bus. A Walking Bus is where a group of children are escorted to school by adults, either volunteers or school staff. There is a meeting start point and the option for bus stops along the way where others can join. There are many benefits, here are just a few: helps the environment, healthier and more alert to start the school day, Road Safety & local area awareness. Please complete the survey on Dojo for more information regarding volunteering to support our walking bus!



Walking Bus



Parent / Carer Information Introduction

Your school is investigating a Walking Bus to increase the number of children walking to school and reducing vehicles from around the school area.

What is the Walking Bus?

A Walking Bus is a fun, safe and active way to travel to and from school. Trained and checked adults, either parent/carer volunteers or school staff, lead the group of children from a meeting point to school. Staffordshire County Council Active School Travel Team will be supporting your school with training, guidance and route planning throughout the setting up process.

Why do we need a Walking Bus?

It is a great way to bring many benefits to the school and you as a parent/carer and to the children walking with the walking bus. There are many benefits, here are just a few.

Helps the environment	Healthier and more alert to start the school day	Road Safety & local area awareness
Social for leaders and the children	Fun & Friendly	Free & saves time

What's involved in becoming a volunteer?

Not all Walking Buses use parent/carer volunteers, however if your school is looking for support to lead it, the benefits of helping are below.

Please speak to your school to find out more.

- Volunteers walk on a rota basis that's suits the individual
- Helping once a week can make a huge difference
- Buses do not need to run daily, they can be set up to suit the needs of volunteers
- DBS checks are free and completed by the school staff
- All training and equipment is provided

Start to make the journey to your school an active and healthier journey that is fun for everyone!

Get active, get moving, get involved.

Next steps



For more information, please contact your school office.

To find out more from Staffordshire County Council Active School Travel Walking Bus scheme - www.staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel/ or email walking.bus@staffordshire.gov.uk



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Article of the fortnight

World Health Day - 7th April

Article 24 (health and health services):

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





As we prepare for our Easter Service we remember and reflect on the true meaning of Easter.

Risen Christ, we give thanks for the new life you have given us. Show us how to live in hope and make a change, so that all people may live in peace, free from poverty and harm.
Amen.

