



St Thomas 'C E School

Headteacher: Miss D Lyon

“Jesus at the heart of our learning community”

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September 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

A quick newsletter to welcome you to our 2024-2025 school year.

A special welcome to all our new parents and families who have joined us. We hope you and your children will enjoy your time here at St Thomas'.

New Staff

I'd like to welcome two new members of staff to our St. Thomas' Team.

Mrs. Keen has been appointed as a Senior Educational Support Officer and she will be working with children across the whole school. She is already very familiar with the children and ethos at St. Thomas' as she had been working for part of the previous academic year.

Mrs. Woolno has been appointed as Lunchtime Assistant and has already begun her role at school.

Calendar Dates

We already have lots of dates in our school diary and we will send out a comprehensive list of dates for your calendars soon.

PE

PE will start next week. The children will need to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day. If the weather is particularly bad, the children can wear long trousers or tracksuit bottoms and their school jumpers and a coat.

Puffin Class	Reception / Y1	Friday morning
Falcon Class	Y2/3	Tuesday afternoon
Wrens	Y4/5	Tuesday afternoon
Eagles	Y5/6	Thursday afternoon

Swimming

Children in YR 3, YR 4, YR 5 and YR 6 will go swimming on Friday mornings.

Please be reminded of the MSR swimming attire rules which must be strictly adhered to.

1. Jewellery, including watches, ear studs and friendship bracelets may not be worn in the pool.
2. All children with long hair must wear a swimming hat. Children should have their own hat.
3. All boys must wear proper **swimming trunks**, not shorts.

The NSC has also asked schools to politely request that if parents / guardians attend the NSC to be a spectator during the school's swimming time, that they refrain from interacting with the children or staff as this is very distracting and disrupts the lesson.

Parent's Meetings

We will be holding meetings with parents and you will have the opportunity to meet the class teacher. Dates to follow.

Uniforms

We kindly ask you to PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED.

Mrs Tonge has a selection of donated uniform items that you are welcome to take. Please see her in the office if you require any items.

Social Media Communication

If you are on Facebook, please look up our school page. It's a closed group so request to join and we'll let you in.

A request from Mrs Tonge

Please register for ParentPay and please keep your ParentPay account in credit at all times. Also, at the start of the new academic year, it's a good opportunity to log in to the school Arbor system to check your child's details. You may amend them as required on the site. If you have any difficulties please contact Mrs Tonge.

If you need to contact a member of staff, could you please either ring the school office to book an appointment or email StThomasEnquiries@sch.im

Please do not email the teachers directly. It is difficult in the mornings to have the opportunity to share important information with the teachers as they are welcoming the class into school. With an appointment, we can dedicate more time to your query.

The school office is closed on Wednesdays and there is limited opportunity to monitor the enquiries email address or answer the phone so please bear that in mind when you need to communicate with school.

Finally, as a new member of staff myself, I'd like to say what a wonderful first few days I have had at St. Thomas' CE Primary School. It has been lovely to be in a school with such a welcoming atmosphere. Both the staff and the children have been so helpful and I'm looking forward to meeting more of our school family over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Lyon
Headteacher
St. Thomas' CE Primary School