



Diary Dates:

- Friday 29th November – Xmas Fayre
- Pantomime in school – 3rd December
- Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December - Collection for school at Asda

- **Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May**

**Head
Teacher's
Message**



What a bustling week we've had! Our pupils have shown tremendous spirit, participating wholeheartedly in Poppy Day, Odd Sock Day and Children in Need. Their



enthusiasm for these important causes is wonderful.

I'm thrilled to celebrate our Dojo winners, who enjoyed a well-deserved treat of juice and biscuits. Well done to all!

Year 2 ventured outdoors for an exciting compass lesson, embracing hands-on learning in nature. It's wonderful to see our young explorers navigating their way through new skills.

Meanwhile, Year 5 delved into the world of square numbers, tackling complex maths concepts with admirable determination. Their progress is truly impressive.

These moments of learning, discovery, and community spirit make St Thomas a vibrant place of growth. I'm immensely proud of our pupils and staff for their continued dedication and achievements.

**Collective
Worship**

This week, we discussed Remembrance Day and the poppy as a symbol of hope. The children respectfully joined in the 2-minute silence.

**Anti-Bullying
Week**

The children have all completed work and class discussion based around anti bullying.



FOST



We are also now collecting donations for our Christmas raffles and would be grateful for good quality (as new) toys and gifts, and bottles of any kind (toiletries, sauces, alcohol, non-alcohol) for our bottle stall. Bring them along to school.

Reception



Reception have enjoyed their learning based on Goldilocks and the 3 bears. We have been enjoying the dry Autumn weather so have done lots of outdoor learning this week. We enjoyed the construction area where we built beds, chairs and houses for the bears. We also enjoyed the curiosity area where we were filling, scooping, pouring and emptying different containers with porridge oats.

Year 1

In maths we have been practicing our number skills. We have been using concrete manipulatives to find our number bonds to 10. We have completed simple addition problems and now we are working on our subtraction skills.



Year 2



This week the children have had great fun using the new Robot Mice as part of our Computing lessons.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have started to read 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. On Monday we thought what it would have been like to fall through the creepers by the chalk pit. We visited Stig's cave, listened to the sounds he may have heard and looked at his home and the things he'd collected.

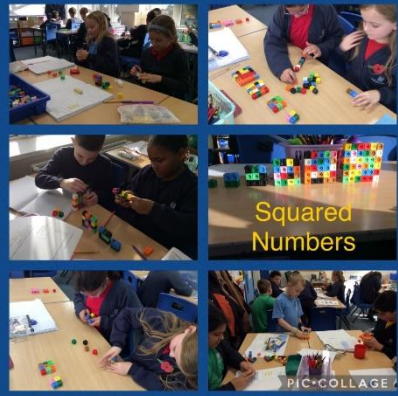


Year 4



We have finished looking at the continents of North and South America this week. We looked at different types of maps in an atlas and understood what different things we can learn from physical and political maps. We used these maps to find different features such as lakes and rivers – to cities and populations.

Year 5



This week in Year 5, we have been looking at how to calculate squared and cubed numbers. Firstly, we used unifix cubes to help us to understand what squared and cubed number are. We then used this knowledge to work on fluency and then onto reasoning and word-based problems.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we began our new music theme, Classroom Jazz. We listened to the music carefully and discussed its history, the artists, and the emotions the piece conveyed. Using this understanding, we followed along with the notes on glockenspiels, playing in time with the song.



Home Visits

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, home visits are a key part of our attendance procedures.

Here's how it works:

HOME VISITS



- **Day 1 Home Visit:** If a child is absent from school and we do not receive any communication from the family explaining the reason for the absence, a member of our staff will conduct a home visit on the first day of the unexplained absence. This is to confirm the child's safety and to offer any necessary support to the family.
- **Day 3 Home Visit:** For all absences, even those with an initial reason provided, we will conduct a home visit on the third consecutive day of absence. This is to ensure continued support and to check on the child's well-being.


These home visits are in line with recommended good safeguarding practices and are consistent with policies followed by other local schools. Our goal is to ensure every child's safety and to maintain clear communication with families. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Attendance

Each day in school builds valuable skills, knowledge, and connections that help students thrive academically and socially. Consistent attendance strengthens routines, boosts learning, and supports a positive school experience. Let's work together to make every school day count!

Attendance Matters





Friends Of St Thomas

Christmas Fayre

Friday 29th November

2:30 - 4:30pm

Gift stalls

Craft stalls


Tombolas

Games

Raffle

Refreshments

And much, much more!



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