



Diary Dates:

- Thursday 19th December school closes for Christmas
- Friday 20th December school closed Staff INSET day
- Monday 6th January 2025 School opens
- Wednesday 15th 2025 January Parents Evening
- Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May

Head Teacher's Message

As the year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the essence of this season. Amid the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of the holidays. Yet, it's often the simple, heartfelt moments that bring us the most joy and create lasting memories.



For me, this season is about cherishing time with loved ones. Whether it's sharing a quiet cup of tea with my mum, free from the distractions of chores and work, or coaxing my teens into watching a holiday movie together, hoping they'll catch a little of the festive spirit. Even a peaceful walk with my dog, taking in the fresh air and clearing my mind, feels like a true gift.

Of course, we all enjoy gift and treats, but it's the little things that leave the biggest mark. It's the laughter, the love, and the moments spent together that linger in our hearts long after the Christmas lights have dimmed.

For those who celebrate Christmas, I hope your holiday is filled with warmth, joy, and the company of those you hold dear. For those who don't, I wish you moments of peace and happiness in whatever way you mark this time of year.

Thank you for being part of our community. Here's to cherishing the simple pleasures and looking forward to a bright and fulfilling year ahead. Merry Christmas to all!

Collective Worship

This week, we ended our theme of hope by recognising the contribution of individual pupils who embody our vision and values.



We dedicate this newsletter to say goodbye to some cherished staff who are embarking on their own next chapters and beginning what we hope is a long and happy retirements. Thank you for being such a special part of our community.



We say a heartfelt goodbye to **Suzie Dickson**, who is retiring after an extended absence due to ill health. Suzie has been a cherished and vibrant member of our community, celebrated for her boundless enthusiasm, positivity, and embodiment of true school spirit. Beloved by so many, her presence will be deeply missed. As she embarks on this new chapter of her life, we eagerly look forward to her visits and wish her health, happiness, and all the very best in the future.

Keep in touch Suzie, be proud of all you achieved and contributed to St Thomas.



We bid a fond farewell to **Di Clarkson**, who has been a valued member of our community for many years. Starting her journey at Bradley Infants and then at St. Thomas, she has been an integral part of our team.

Her wealth of knowledge and unwavering dedication, particularly in working with some of our most vulnerable individuals, has left an indelible mark. We will greatly miss her contributions, warmth, and passion.

Best wishes, DI Clarkson, as you embark on your next adventure



We say goodbye to **Tom Spickett**, whose dedication and passion have made a lasting impact. Over the years, Tom has devoted countless hours voluntarily taking children on unforgettable trips to the Dales, exploring rivers, mountains, and caves.

His enthusiasm for adventure and commitment to enriching the lives of young people is truly inspiring. Beyond his efforts, we will miss his calm demeanour, reassuring presence, and gentlemanly nature, which have brought so much positivity to our community.

Thank you, Tom, for everything you've given. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

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



Congratulations to all those who succeeded in our 12 days of Christmas Attendance Challenge

RECEPTION CHILDREN 2025

The deadline for applying for school places for next year's Reception is Wednesday, 15th January 2025. Please make sure your friends and family with children ready to start school next year submit their applications on time.