

**Diary Dates**

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Break up from school
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Pupils return to school



**Collective  
Worship**

**Our collective worship this week:**

In our worship, we focused on thanks for the people around us. We learned about the 'NANZONE' at Asda stores around the country; a safe and communal space to watch the match! We talked about ways we can reach out to loved ones who may be lonely.

*'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'*

**FRIENDS  
OF  
ST  
THOMAS**

Again, we would like to thank you for supporting all the events that FOST have run this year. Thanks to you, we have raised a further £380 at the tuck shop. We have also raised an incredible £1689 at the Summer Fayre.

These achievements have already enabled trips, experience days, fun events in school and much needed resources for the school.

THANK YOU! Without you it wouldn't be possible. We look forward to sharing our future plans with you.

**Headteacher's  
Message**



**So long, farewell it's time to say goodbye.....**

This newsletter is a bit different:

We would like to take a moment to say goodbye to staff members who are moving on to pastures new!

We thank them for their contribution to #teamthomas. They will be missed.

Please stay in touch. Enjoy your final week at St Thomas.



**Mr. Brook, Our Caretaker, is Retiring**

Mr. Brook, our dedicated caretaker, is retiring after many years of service. It is hard to imagine St. Thomas without him. Though he is moving house, he won't be too far away, and we hope to see him around—perhaps in our playground collecting his granddaughter from school. Peter, you will be missed, and you are always welcome to pop in!



**Miss Dickson's Resilient Spirit**

Miss Dickson has been the living spirit of St. Thomas for many years. She has been absent due to ill health since April, and we all miss her greatly. She has sadly announced that she will not be returning to teach, but the silver lining is that she is feeling better and hopes to visit regularly, remaining part of the St. Thomas family.



**Farewell to Mr. Steels**

Mr. Steels is moving on to new opportunities at another school. He has been a fantastic member of our community, leaving behind a legacy of confident music teachers, the mental health curriculum "My Happy Minds," and numerous children with happy memories of being in his class. His 60 colleagues, who now consider him a friend will miss him dearly.



**Miss Williams Pursues Her Teaching Qualification**

We are proud to announce that Miss Williams has been accepted onto a PGCE course and is leaving us to gain her teaching qualification. We know she will be amazing and hope to see her back at St. Thomas for placements. You never know—maybe in the future, we will see her again in a different role!



**Miss William’s moving on to new challenges**

Miss William leaves us to start a leadership role in another school. I know the Year 6 team (adults and children) will join me in wishing her well. Your year with us has flown and I hope we have provided some laughs and memories to take with you!



**Mr. Armitage’s Short but Impactful Time with Us**

Mr. Armitage has only been with us for a short time but has quickly become an integral part of the team. We will miss him and wish him the best of luck in his next steps. Please don’t be a stranger.



**Mrs. Johnson’s Return to Teaching**

Mrs. Johnson (EYFS) joined us at Easter and helped our EYFS team provide stability to reception while Miss James was absent. We wish her all the best as she returns to a teaching role.



**Miss Madeley’s Contributions to Year 1**

Miss Madeley joined Year 1 at Easter and quickly settled into our team. The children are very fond of her, and the staff have really enjoyed working with her. We wish her all the best in her next role.

**Governors**

**We welcome:**

- Mr Michael Ghatt as our new community Governor
- Mrs Sarah Simmonds as our new parent Governor

**Thank You to Mrs. Julie-Ann Roy**

A huge thank you to Mrs. Julie-Ann Roy, who has stepped down from her governorship after many years of service. She has seen five of her own children through the school and has been an integral part of our community for many years. We are confident that the strong link between St. Thomas and Sunny Days will keep our friendship alive.

**Attendance**

We continue to monitor attendance and we are identifying persistent absentees. (less than 90%) We are keenly aware that there may be genuine and compelling reasons for pupil absence and the monitoring involves working with families to remove barriers and support pupils in their school attendance.

**Attendance Matters**

