

**St Thomas CE (VC)
Primary
Newsletter
5th July 2024**

Diary Dates:

- **Friday 19th July: School breaks up for Summer**
- **Tuesday 3rd September: School reopens**
- **Year events- see separate emails**

**Headteacher's
Message**







This week we celebrated St Thomas Day. Due to the church being used as a polling station we had to change the way we celebrated. We made a human chain around school so everyone could pass on the Story of St Thomas, we sang and danced while we waited.



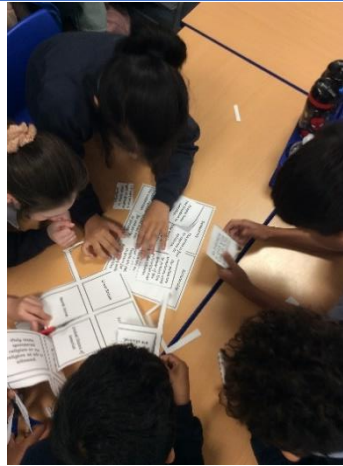
**Collective
Worship**

This week we continued our theme of gratitude and thought about people in our school we are grateful for.

<p>FOST</p>	<p>We would like to thank you for supporting the Summer Fayre, we hoped you had a fun afternoon. We will let you know how much we raised today. Thanks to you, since we started the tuck shop at the front of school and for Sports Day, we have raised an incredible £550. This enables trips, experience days and much needed resources for the school. We had some amazing entries for the bake-off, which made choosing winners incredibly difficult. Well done to everyone who entered.</p>
<p>Reception</p>	<p>This week in reception we have been learning all about different habitats around the world. We have enjoyed making face masks of the various animals that live in the Savannah. We have also enjoyed St Thomas day by passing the book, making own hand prints and voting for our favourite books and songs to sing at the end of the day.</p> 
<p>Year 1</p>	 <p>Year 1 have had so much fun developing their throwing and catching skills by playing the very exciting game time bomb. Well done to our time bomb winner Miya!</p>
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Year 2 made their moving greeting cards this week. They used their design brief to help them. The children chose the part of the card that would move and then decided if they would need a lever or a slider mechanism. The children worked very hard and we are really happy with the end result.</p> 
<p>Year 3</p>	 <p>We had a lovely 'St Thomas Day' on Thursday this week. We carefully considered what faith is and who we have faith in. During the day we made many different crafts, including friendship tokens, faith flowers, friendship book marks and faith/doubt hands. There was great discussion throughout the day.</p>

Year 4

Today in Year 4, we learnt about St Thomas' faith journey and how his doubts in the resurrection led him in his beliefs. We created a tree with hands decorated in symbols of doubts and belief. This afternoon we have been learning about democracy and why people are voting today. We have discovered that some countries don't have the choices that we do.



Year 5



Another good week, full of a variety of activities, from active Maths through to creative art. Thursday gave the children the opportunity to express themselves through their artwork again; this time during St Thomas Day. They enhanced their knowledge on last year's learning, about St Thomas, and also considered Christian values alongside everyday life, whatever religion. Here's a snippet of the St Thomas Day artwork.

Year 6

For St Thomas Day, Year 6 created their own word searches. They chose the key words, filled in the blank squares and then added some colourful designs. We then met as a whole year group and swapped puzzles, with pupils trying to complete each other's word search.



Year 3-5 are joining in our 15 day attendance challenge. There will be tuck shop prizes on the last day of term.

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

