

**St Thomas CE (VC)
Primary School
Newsletter**



Diary Dates:

- Fri 27th September In-school house cross country with Pennine Sports ALL in PE kits please
- Mon 7th- Wed 9th October Y6 residential
- Thursday 24th October Belong day (pupils may wear club uniforms /clothes that represent interests and heritage)
- Monday 7th October Y4 road safety
- **Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May**

**Head
Teacher's
Message**



It was so lovely to welcome so many families to our Meet The Teacher Evening. A big shout out for 6M where over 25 families attended! Thank you to all the stall holders: it was wonderful to have you with us. The uniform exchange asked us to share this summary of the evening...they gave away over £800 worth of free uniform!

We look forward to inviting them back to future events!

SUSTAINABLE EXCHANGE



Reduce the cost



Extend the life



Promote positive sustainability



Choose to re-use



**ST THOMAS
CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL**



108 items
taken for
re-use



Equivalent of 451
plastic bottles saved
from landfill



Over £850
saved by
parents



**REDUCE
ENERGY**



**REDUCE
WASTE**



**REDUCE
WATER**

**There is no charge for reusing school uniform
Our mission is to keep uniform in use and out of landfill**



The Chestnut centre have asked us to share information about their open day!

Collective Worship

This week as part of our belong theme, we talked about being responsible for our belongings ... including the wider world. We looked at photographs from the **Wildlife Photographer of the Year** to help us appreciate the world around us. Take a look here... <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy>

Reception

Reception visited singing assembly for the first time this week. They enjoyed singing Harvest songs.



Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been thinking about rules and why we have them. We had a go at roleplaying what it may look like with and without our school rules. We all agreed that rules help us to stay safe and enable us to learn while at school. Here are some of our students demonstrating the difference between how sitting on the carpet may look with without rules and how we sit to ensure we are ready to learn.



Year 2



Year 2 have been using their knowledge of primary and secondary colours to make a colour composition with lots of different hues. We enjoyed it.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been reading more of our text; The Stolen Spear. We have been thinking about the main character's feelings and also role-playing scenes from the story. Here is the moment Wolf (and his dog Shadow) fell asleep and an eagle stole one of the lambs.



Year 4



This week in history, we have looked at the timeline of invasion from AD410 to 1066. Learning about how Britain was invaded over time by the Picts & Scots, Anglo Saxons, Vikings and Normans. We used our understanding of chronology to answer questions about these invasions.

Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard all week to describe the Himalayas. Can your Y5 children name this mountain?



Year 6



Year 6 had a fantastic day last Friday celebrating our Africa Day to kickstart our project: Maafa! We took part in Tinga Tinga art, African drumming, Food tasting and shared our knowledge of African countries.

Attendance

Last term I sent out information regarding the new DFE National Attendance Guidelines.

Please see the poster below for more details.

Attendance Matters



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 Consecutive days of Term Time Leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10- week period

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Local Authority DO NOT accept the following as exceptional circumstances:

- My work do not allow me to take holidays during the school summer holiday period, even if they provide a letter
- My child needs a holiday at quieter times due to needs
- Our holiday has been gifted and paid for and did not have a choice of dates
- My child has good or 100% attendance
- I will report my child being poorly - schools are expected to carry out home visits, if a holiday is suspected, school will report to the local authority for a penalty notice fine