



Diary Dates:

- **Wednesday 13th 2025 Year 6 Parent Meeting Day**
- **Thursday 13th Year 6 Parent Consultation day**
- **Friday 14th February ASPIRE DAY – dress up as your dream job!**
- **Friday 14th February 2:30pm FOST Bun sale**
- **Friday March 7th: World Book Day**
- **Year 6 SATS Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May**

Head Teacher's Message



As we approach the final week of half term, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the generous donations to the HTAFC Foundation. The children had a wonderful time wearing blue and white to show their support for Town (though I did notice a few Leeds and Forest tops in the mix!).

The collaboration we have with the Huddersfield Town AFC Foundation is truly special. It not only supports our pupils' development but also strengthens our ties within the community. Through various programmes and activities, we promote teamwork, resilience, and a sense of belonging among our pupils. We are proud to be part of a network that values inclusivity and strives to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

Thank you for your continued support!

Collective Worship

This week in our collective worship, we focused on the theme of "Aspire," aligning with Mental Health Week. We discussed the importance of setting goals and the idea that a little pressure can be beneficial in helping us succeed. Just like a diamond forms under pressure, we can grow and flourish when we face challenges. We encouraged our pupils to embrace their aspirations, reminding them that it's okay to feel a bit of pressure as it can motivate us to strive for our best. Together, we reflected on how to support one another in our journeys, fostering a community where everyone feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. Let's continue to inspire each other to grow and shine brightly!

HTAFC FOUNDATION

HTAFC Foundation Day: Celebrating Blue and White Spirit!

As part of our HTAFC Foundation Day, we celebrated our school spirit by ditching our golden tickets for a special Blue and White Day! Pupils enjoyed a fun-filled day, culminating in a prize draw to recognise our amazing students.

Be sure to check out the ClassDojo school story over the weekend to see images of our lucky winners!

ASPIRE DAY

On Friday, the 14th, we will have our ASPIRE Day. Children and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed in outfits that represent their dream job. The theme is "When I grow up, I want to be...?"

FOST

Friday 14th February – Bun sale from 2-30pm

We will be holding our next bun sale in the front playground after school on Friday 14th February. Please come and support us. We would appreciate donations of buns and cakes on the Friday morning.

Thank you

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating Book Day on Friday 7th March_ please see poster at the ned of this newsletter for more information.

Reception

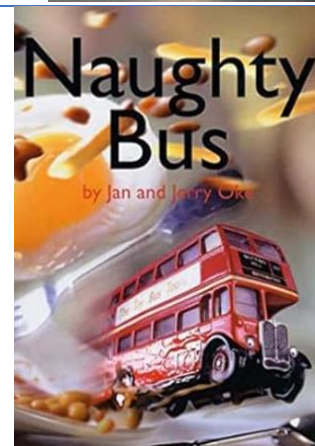


Reception enjoyed our parents joining us for a phonics lesson on Tuesday. The parents learnt a lot and the children enjoyed their parents reading with them in the classroom. Thank you to all those that could make it. Please see my email if you'd like to request a more convenient time.



Year 1

Year One have been creating their own stories about the Naughty Bus. We talked about the beginning, middle and end of a story. Ask your child about their story can they retell it to you?



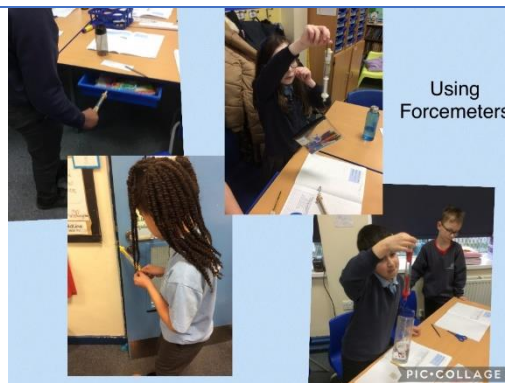
Year 2



Year 2 chose 3d shapes from around the classroom and enjoyed sorting them.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been exploring force. After the children learnt how to calibrate and use the force meters, they worked together to measure the forces needed to carry out everyday tasks such as opening the door, pulling out a tray or picking up a water bottle.



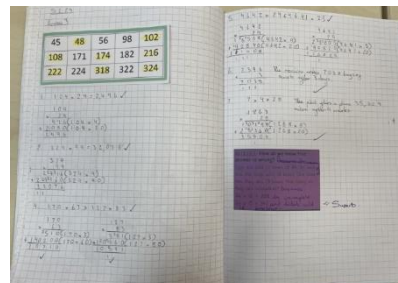
Year 4



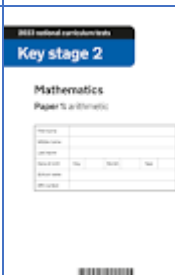
In PSHE, we talked about our feelings and what parts of the body are affected by these feelings. Year 4 went outside and drew around their bodies with chalk and added feelings. We chose different colours to represent our feelings and decided where to put them.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing week in Maths. We have been multiplying 4-digit numbers by a 1 and 2 digit number. Pupils have followed the long-written method modelled, presenting work beautifully in their books. Pupils have then used this understanding to successfully solve multi-step word problems using all four operations.



Year 6



This week, Year 6 completed their Spring term assessments. They all did really well, and we're incredibly proud of their effort

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:

- **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.

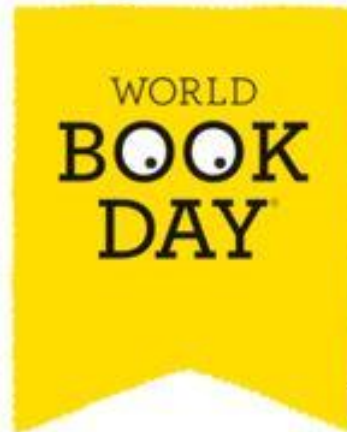
Attendance

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!

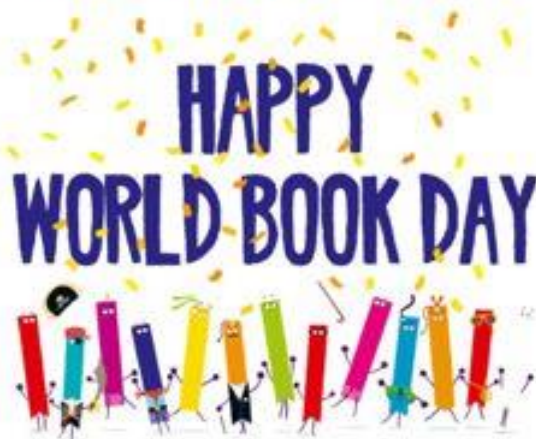
Attendance Matters



World Book Day – Friday 7th March



Children can come to school in their comfies, PJs or can dress up as their favourite book character.



World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity, for us at St Thomas, to focus on reading for pleasure with an aim of and embedding a habit of reading, that we know brings a wide range of benefits.

During the day, We hope to run a Reading Café, that will be open at different times for different year groups. This is to allow parents the chance to come into school and read with their child, while enjoying a brew and a pastry 😊

Watch this space.



In the meantime, please can you e-mail into school (year5@stthomas.org.uk) any pictures of your child carrying out any extreme reading, that will be shared during assembly on World Book Day. Extreme reading is all about reading in unconventional or surprising locations or situations.