

**St Thomas CE (VC)  
Primary School  
Newsletter  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

**Diary Dates:**

- Sports Day (provisional date) - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Non uniform day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – donation for the Summer Fayre
- Summer Fayre - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- SEND Offer event Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Disco – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Leaver’s Assemblies – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July



**Head Teacher’s Message**



I hope you are well. This week, I want to focus on gratitude and the enriching experiences we've shared.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone in our school community. Your support, whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply being involved in your child’s education, makes a big difference. We are grateful for our dedicated staff, enthusiastic students, and supportive parents and carers.

This week, our students participated in activities for Windrush Day, learning about the significant contributions of the Windrush generation. Through stories and history, the children have gained a deeper appreciation for the Caribbean community’s impact on British society. Their curiosity and respect have been truly inspiring.

**Collective Worship**

This week we focused on Windrush Day to introduce our theme day which took place today.

**FOST**

We will be holding a tuck shop and selling raffle tickets for the Summer Fayre every Wednesday & Friday after school, in the front playground. Any tombola or teddy donations for the fayre can also be brought to FOST on these days. There will be a display of some of the wonderful prizes on offer, it’s well worth buying a ticket!

FOST will also be holding a tuck shop, **for parents only**, on Sports Day.

Our next event is the Summer Fayre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter giving information about our Big School Bake Off. We are also holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June in exchange for donations of chocolate for the tombola.

**Reception**

In Reception this week we have been learning all about different places around the world. We created habitat backgrounds to enhance our small world play with various collage materials.



**Year 1**

Year 1 have had great fun this week practicing and preparing for Sports Day next week. We can’t wait to show you all our skills! Let’s hope the sunny weather continues.



**Year 2**

Year 2 have been looking at levers this week in Design and Technology. We discovered that levers are used to move objects in an arch shape. The children learnt that a lever is on a bar and has a pivot. They learnt that a lever could make their person wave their hand or kick the football. Year 2 did some super cutting and used a split pin for their pivot.





## Online workshops for parents/carers

Summer 2024



Join our online information sessions offering tips and advice to help improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of your child.

**All sessions are free to book and will last around an hour. Topics include:**

- Introduction to children's mental health and wellbeing
- Supporting your child during the summer holidays
- The teenage brain
- Preparing for the return to school
- Managing big emotions
- Self-harm
- Transition to high school
- Sleep hygiene for primary school children
- Sleep hygiene for secondary school children
- myHappyMind - a tour around the app and how best to use it
- Supporting your child through GCSE/A Level exam results

**To book, visit:**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/kirklees-keep-in-mind-86185654843](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/kirklees-keep-in-mind-86185654843)

If you require a copy of this information in any other format or language please contact the Trust.

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Introduction to children's mental health and wellbeing	Tuesday 23 July at 10:30am Thursday 8 August at 2:30pm Wednesday 21 August at 10:30am
Supporting your child during the summer holidays	Thursday 25 July at 10:30am Wednesday 31 July at 2:30pm Monday 5 August at 10:30am
The teenage brain	Tuesday 30 July at 10:30am Thursday 15 August at 2:30pm Friday 30 August at 2:30pm
Preparing for the return to school	Friday 26 July at 2:30pm Wednesday 7 August at 10:30am
Managing big emotions	Thursday 1 August at 10:30am Wednesday 28 August at 2:30pm
Self-harm for parents/carers	Thursday 1 August at 4pm Tuesday 13 August at 12:30pm
Transition to high school	Tuesday 20 August at 2:30pm Thursday 29 August at 10:30am
Sleep hygiene for primary school children	Wednesday 24 July at 2:30pm Thursday 22 August at 10:30am
Sleep hygiene for secondary school children	Tuesday 6 August at 10:30am Tuesday 27 August at 2:30pm
myHappyMind- a tour around the app and how best to use it	Tuesday 27 August at 10am
Supporting your child with their exam results	Monday 12 August at 10:30am Tuesday 20 August at 3:30pm

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## Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and identify 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





# St Thomas Primary

Register your child for **FREE** at:

<https://readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/IJVR-7RXL-F0AH>

- ★ **Free for children** over the 3 months of summer – June until August
- ★ Safe and easy for your child to use **without supervision**
- ★ Independent Read-Aloud App with instant feedback
- ★ Helps **maintain and improve** reading skills – and helps beat the 'summer slump'
- ★ Uses **games, competition, leaderboards** and **prizes** as a proven method to **engage children in a fun competitive way**
- ★ Encourages a love for reading, fires up their imagination and improves their reading age
- ★ Winning schools get 4 places to a fully funded day trip to London for an awards ceremony hosted by **Clare Balding CBE** at Amazon HQ



Reading is fuel for our imaginations and reading well out loud is all about confidence so let's get going.

**Clare Balding CBE**  
Fonetti Brand Ambassador



**#BeProudReadAloud**

**DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE  
CROWNED A STAR BAKER ??**



**Bake anything of your choice  
a whole cake, buns, biscuits, cookies, flapjack,  
brownies - everything is accepted!!**



**ALL ENTRIES TO BE  
BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL  
ON THURSDAY 4TH JULY**

**Prizes for the best !  
KS1 will have 3 winners !  
KS2 will have 3 winners !**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE  
SUMMER FAIR !!!**

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