

**St Thomas CE (VC)
Primary School
Newsletter
3rd May 2024**

Diary Dates:

- **Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday**
- **Year 6 SATS: Mon 13th- Fri 17th May**
- **May Half Term: Monday 27th -31st May**
- **Tuesday 4th June – Y4 Trip**



**Headteacher's
Message**



It's wonderful to reflect on the children's learning as we come to the end of the week. The dry weather has allowed lots of our learning to take place outdoors which has really been enjoyed by all.

Here's to a lovely long weekend, take time to enjoy and we will see you all on Tuesday!

**Collective
Worship**

This week we continued our theme of love and looked at empathy.



FOST

We will be holding a sponsored Wacky Olympics event in school during the week of 20th May. Sponsorship forms with information will be distributed on Friday. Children who collect sponsors will receive a certificate, medal and a prize when money is collected.

S.O.S



Please can I ask that pupils STOP bringing backpacks to school. Packed lunches need to be in small lunch bags. We are not trying to be spoilsports but we just don't have the storage capacity for larger bags on shelves or in the classrooms.

This is not a new policy and has been explained in previous parent information.



Reception






This week the children have been busy learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly! We created our very own butterfly feeders with various fruit on to attract butterflies. Reception have also enjoyed creating our very own leaf and petal imprints using various tools in clay. We will be painting these next week to take home. Lastly, we have also really enjoyed looking at and holding some baby rabbits and were able to ask lots of questions!



Year 1



Year 1 have been very busy this week investigating different types of leaves as part of their science lesson.

<p>Year 2</p>	<p>This week in Year 2 the children have linked English and Science together by making micro habitats. The children learnt how animals and plants survive in their habitat and then wrote about them in English. They had lots of fun.</p>	
<p>Year 3</p>		<p>Year 3 had Claire from Want 2 Be workshops in this week and we took part in a Roman Day. Over the course of the day, we took part in a drill to be Roman soldiers, dressed up in their uniforms, played games that children would have played at the time including Knucklebones, built a Roman arch to make an aqueduct, and did school activities on a wax tablet. What a day! We all had a fantastic time with lots of experiential learning taking place. Thank you for your support in making this happen.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>In Year 4, we have been learning about the 5 Pillars of Islam. This week we focused on Sawm – why Muslims fast. We created a Ramadan box that we decorated with words and pictures that represent Ramadan. We filled the boxes with notes about something we would like to give to somebody else.</p>	
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>The Artwork continues to amaze in Year 5 whilst studying Expressionist Art! Here are a small selection showing the impressive overlay technique, which all began with a black and white photo.</p> <p>We'd also like to bid farewell to Denzel who sadly leaves us today to start school nearer to his home in Dewsbury. He is such a lively character and will be missed.</p>	
<p>Year 6</p>		<p>HUGE shoutout for all the Year 6 revision attendees, we are so impressed with their attitude, effort and commitment.</p> <p>THANK YOU.</p>
<p>Attendance</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Attendance Matters</p>  <p>Every Day Counts....</p>