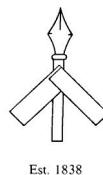


St Thomas' CE Primary School

Inspiring faith, love and learning



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BOOKS GALORE

We are having a real focus on reading and literacy this year. Some of our Year 5 pupils are library monitors; they help to make sure our school library is well-stocked, trial any new books we receive and produce some wonderful book reviews to help other pupils with their choices. We are fortunate to be supported by the PTA, who regularly buy new books to ensure there is always a broad selection for all our pupils to choose from, whatever their interests. We are very grateful for this, it makes a real difference.



During World Book Week we had our #getcaughtreading competition, with pupils being photographed reading in an array of unlikely places. Well done to all who took part, prizes are being awarded this week.

To encourage pupil's reading at home, we have a book fair starting on Tuesday. This time we're using the Book People, who offer a fantastic range of great value books, from modern classics to new favourites, fun-filled activity books to the best in kids' fiction, plus a range for parents too. They will be on display in the KS1 corridor every day after school from Tuesday and throughout grandparents' afternoon. Please support it if you can; our school receives commission on every purchase, which will go towards more books for guided reading and our library.



DIARY DATES

All this week:
Book Fair after school

Tuesday 2nd April
Y4: Active Experience day
Y1: Trip to Tatton Hall

Wednesday 3rd April
Grandparents' Afternoon 1.30pm
Chocolate Bingo 3.30pm

Friday 5th April
Easter Service 2.30pm
Break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 23rd April
Summer term begins

Please can we remind parents to respect the double yellow lines and zig-zags when parking on Parkgate Road; we have received complaints from residents recently. Thank you.

“I am with you always” Matthew 28:20

FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Last week we sent home a letter explaining the current plight at St Thomas' and indeed at schools across the country. As the amount of funding per pupils drops, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find further savings to balance the books while still maintaining the broad curriculum and enhanced opportunities that children currently enjoy, which is why we've turned to parents to ask for your support.

We are fortunate in that some families already give a regular donation to the school; combined with the new pledges we received in response to our letter, this will generate an income of £165 per month. We are hoping to see this reach £600

over the next few weeks. Any financial support you can give will really help support our school and ensure that your children continue to access enhanced curriculum opportunities. Please can any forms be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. We will keep you updated regarding the financial situation; many thanks in advance for your understanding and support.

Thanks to your generosity for charitable causes, we raised £178 for Cheshire Down Syndrome Support Group with our Odd Sock Day and gingerbread biscuit sale.

We break up this Friday with an Easter service at St Thomas' church starting at 2.30pm. If any parents able to walk there with us from school, please come along at 2pm. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Every Friday, our attendance trophy is given to the class with the best attendance for the previous week. This half-term our runaway winners have been Years 1 & 4 who have shared the top spot consistently, with both classes achieving attendance of 100% at least one week. Well done!

Please can we remind parents that, in line with Local Authority guidance and our school's attendance policy, we are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term-time.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL IN ACTION

This week, Years 5 & 6 will be going to St Thomas' church to learn about the Eucharistic journey, exploring the different parts of a communion service, and what they represent.

Over the Easter holidays, the church will be open daily from 11am—3pm for the Easter Experience, an interactive prayer walk to learn about Holy Week.

For younger families there are Family Fun & Craft Afternoons at St Thomas' church hall from Tues 9th—Thurs 11th April, 2-4pm.

If you like hot cross buns, come along to St Mary Magdalene's for a family event on Good Friday, 19th April from 10—12. There will be craft activities, worship and of course hot cross buns, as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross.

On Easter Sunday we commemorate Jesus' resurrection in a joyful celebration. Children will be able to join in with an Easter egg hunt during the service, which begins at 10.45am.

We hope many of our families will be able to take part in this important time in our church calendar.

For more details on any of the above please contact:
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