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St Mary and St Thomas Weekly Newsletter

Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.
–Matthew 5:16

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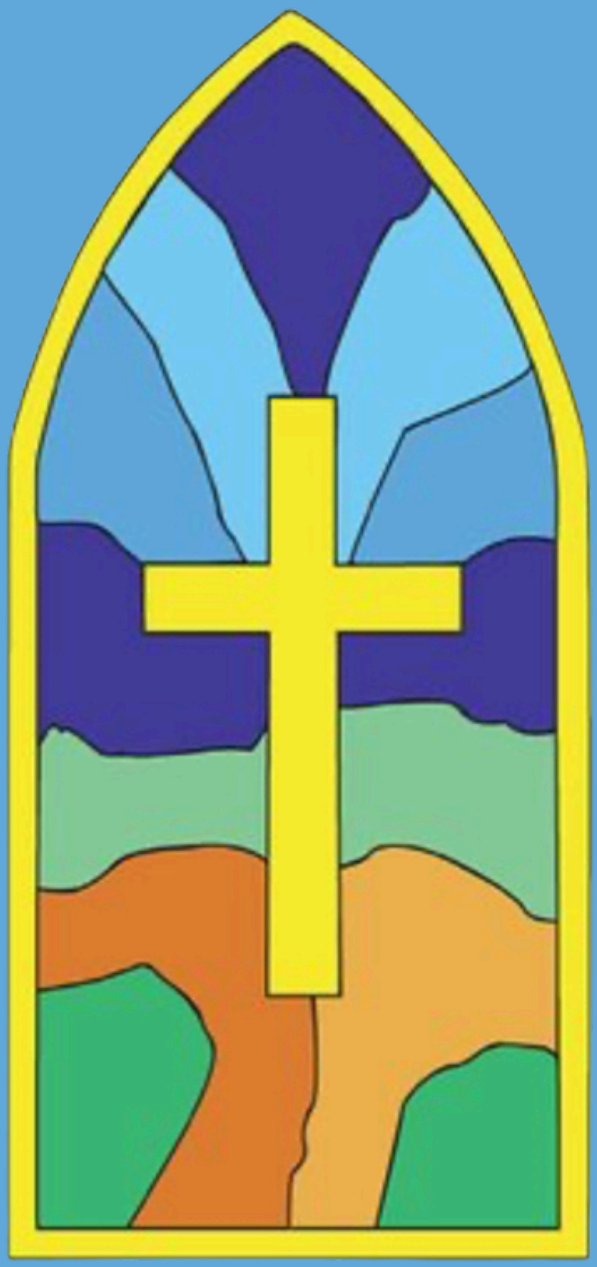
Headteacher Reflection

What another wonderful week it has been in school. Our corridors have been filled with smiles, laughter, and that unique buzz that only comes from a community learning, growing, and enjoying time together.
A definite highlight was seeing everyone,children and staff alike embrace the joy of wearing pyjamas for the day. There was something incredibly heart-warming about seeing cosy slippers padding down the hall and hearing the excited chatter about favourite patterns and characters. If only getting ready for school each morning was as easy as rolling out of bed in your comfiest PJs!
Beyond the fun, weeks like this remind me how special our school family is. When we come together, try something different, and allow a bit of silliness into our routines, it strengthens the sense of belonging that makes this place so vibrant.

Mr Pow
Headteacher



Safeguarding Spotlight

We want to remind all families that school is here to support you and your children. If you have any worries or concerns—big or small—please speak with a member of school staff or contact our Designated Safeguarding Team, listed to the left of this message. Thank you for working with us to keep every child safe and supported.

Safeguarding Leads at SMST

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Pow

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Miss Shields

"Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility."
Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025

Family of Faith

A reflection from...
Mrs Hall

As we step into the first week of spring, we are reminded of the fresh start this season brings. The brighter mornings and signs of new life encourage us to look forward with hope and kindness.

This week, as we celebrated World Book Day, we saw compassion in action across the school. Older year groups walked hand in hand with younger children to the Book Stop, making sure everyone felt safe and included. Small acts like these show our children that caring for others is just as important as enjoying a good story.

Compassion is something we see every day in the little moments that matter most—children helping friends, classmates working together, or staff supporting one another during busy days. When someone is facing a challenge, noticing, listening, and offering help makes our school a place where everyone feels valued.

As the new season begins, it reminds us that kindness helps people grow, just like the flowers beginning to appear outside. When we lead with compassion, we help our whole school community flourish.

Our Christian Value this half term is...

Compassion

Mr Pow' Golden Book

Each week, staff celebrate children who have truly gone above and beyond by adding their names to Mr Pow's Golden Book. It's always a special moment when these names and the reasons behind them are shared during our celebration worship.

Headteacher's Award Winners

Nursery	Jesse for independently
Reception	All of Reception for being so sensible on our walk to the Book Store
Year 1	Nadia for showing amazing independence
Year 2	Arthur for super effort
Year 3	Joseph for fantastic History work and participation!
Year 4	George for working so hard this week
Year 5	George C for being kind and considerate
Year 6	Noah for some fantastic writing

Lunchtime Award Winners

Reception	Arthur
Year 1	Iris
Year 2	Sophie
Year 3	David T
Year 4	Melia
Year 5	Jacob G
Year 6	Emmanuel

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts!

Our school day starts at 8.45am; that's when the doors open! Children should arrive at school on time, so they don't miss any learning! Regularly missing lessons can have a negative impact on wellbeing and on your academic achievement too. Being on time is such an important skill and sets you up for a life of success and positive wellbeing! Children should be in school EVERY DAY... unless you're poorly. Every day counts! Every minute in school is a learning minute. The research tells us that children who are in school every day achieve more, and their wellbeing is better too! Please let school know if you'll be absent before 9.15am or we'll have to contact you to check in.

Whole school attendance this year to date... **93.8%**	**Class Attendance Last Week** Nursery- **97.4%** Reception- **95%** Year 1- **94.8%** Year 2- **95.7%** Year 3- **100%** Year 4- **89.7%** Year 5- **92.9%** Year 6- **95.7%**
Whole school attendance last week... (week before half-term) **95.7%**	
Class attendance winners last week... **Y3 with 100%**	

Important Date or Events

WORLD BOOK DAY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

What a wonderful day we have had celebrating World Book Day today!!! We hape the children enjoyed wearing their pyjamas and world book day outfits as well as all the book related activities we have done over this week.

Over the past two days, the children have enjoyed a trip to The Book Stop in St Helens, where they were able to choose a book and enjoy some time reading and exploring different books.
We hope this experience will encourage the children to discover and develop a love of reading and the joy that books can bring. Thank you for your continued support in helping to promote reading at home. 😊

Y2 PARENT/ TEACHER MEETINGS 11TH MARCH 12:30-5:30PM

Please ensure you have booked your 10 minute slot with Mrs Murphy on Class Dojo if you wish to see her next Wednesday 11th March. However please note the next set of Parent/ Teacher meetings are due to take place in April so some parents may not wish to double up. Please use these next meetings as an opportunity for any parents who wish to speak to Mrs Murphy about any issues they may have or to discuss support plans from the Autumn Term.

WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY NEXT FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

On 13th March 2026, it would have been Bobby Colleran's 18th birthday. Bobby attended Blackmoor infants school (part of the Three Saints Trust) and was just 6 years old when his life was tragically taken. Bobby's legacy continues to shape road safety, both locally and nationally. Schools across our Trust will be taking part in "Wear Blue for Bobby" on Friday 13th March to remember Bobby and help reinforce important road safety messages with our children. We invite all children to wear something blue alongside their usual uniform to show their support and help us mark this important day. Together, we can remember Bobby and continue sharing the message of staying safe on our roads.

RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

To celebrate Red Nose day we are inviting children to come to school wearing something red on Friday 20th March.

Important Date or Events

SPRING DISCO NEW DATE TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

We are pleased to announce the new date for the Spring Disco is Tuesday 17th March. All tickets will automatically carry over to this date so you dod not need to buy a new one if you have already purchased one for the Valetines Disco. Please contact the school office if you would like a refund.

Rec/KS1 disco is 3:15pm-4:15pm, please can reception and KS1 children bring their party clothes in a bag to school so they can get changed at home time and go straight to the disco.

The KS2 disco will take place from 4:20pm-5:20pm. They will need to be collected at normal time and brought back to school for 4:20pm (unless they are in wraparound). If you would like your child to attend both wraparound care and the disco please book them on to wraparound the usual way and let the office know they would like to attend the disco. If attending both you do not need to book or pay for the disco, please just let the office know so we can ensure there are enough refreshments for every child.

NURSERY STAY AND PLAY THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

Miss Bell will be organising 2 nursery Stay and play sessions on Thursday 19th March, one in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. Keep your eye on class Dojo as she will be posting more details out next week.

Y1 FAMILY LEARNING THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

All Y1 families are invited to attend a Y1 Family Learning on PHONIC on Thursday 19th March at 2:25pm.

EASTER BINGO

We are happy to announce that Easter bingo tickets are now in sales for Reception to Year 6 children to buy under TRIPS on Arbor. It will take place on Tuesday 24th March in he school hall straight after school and will finish at 4:30pm. Tichets are priced at £2 per child which includes all their bingo games and an Easter egg.

OWN CLOTHES DAYS FOR EASTER EGGS

We are having 2 own clothes days in the coming weeks in exchange for donating an Easter egg. They will be WEDNEDAY 11TH MARCH and WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

Information

REMINDER ABOUT WATER BOTTLES

A reminder to parents and carers that every child in school has their own school water bottle provided by the school. These bottles are sterilised daily to prevent the build-up of bacteria, and they are refilled each day with fresh water from our school water fountain.

For this reason, children do not need to bring a water bottle into school.

The only exception is for children who bring a packed lunch, who may bring a drink to have with their lunch.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our hygiene routines in school.

Y6 LONDON RESIDENTIAL TRIP INSTALLMENT DUE

If your child is due to go on the Y6 Residential to London then please ensure the next installment is paid and a total of £120 should have been paid towards the trip by this point. Where possible, we recommend paying more than the minimum amount to help reduce the size of the final instalment. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding payment, please speak to the school office or Mr Pow, who will be happy to help. A Class dojo was sent out yesterday regarding the deadline and individual texts will be sent out next week to chase up payments.

Thank you for your continued support.

CLUB BOOKING REMINDER

Please ensure that you do not book your child onto two after-school clubs that take place at the same time. Places in these clubs are very limited, and it is unfair for one child to take a place if they are unable to attend.

If you have accidentally double-booked your child, please remove them from the club they will not be attending so that the place can be offered to another pupil.

Thank you for your continued support.

A REMINDER ABOUT COMMUNICATION

To help us respond to your queries as quickly and efficiently as possible, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not email staff directly or contact individual members of staff via Class Dojo. All communication should be made through the school office by calling 01744 734 320 or by emailing stmarythomas@three-saints.org.uk. The school email account is monitored regularly, ensuring that important information can be dealt with in a quick and timely manner. If you would like your message to be passed on to a particular member of staff, please state clearly who it is for the attention of, and the office team will ensure it is forwarded appropriately. Please note that staff Class Dojo accounts and individual teacher email addresses are not monitored constantly, so messages sent this way may not be seen promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Information

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

We are still noticing that our school uniform policy is not always being followed. School uniform plays an important role in creating a positive and focused learning environment for our children. Wearing the same uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride in the school community. It also encourages equality, ensuring that all pupils feel included and valued regardless of background.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to continue ensuring that children attend school wearing the correct uniform, in line with the school's uniform policy (please see the next page for full details).

At St Mary and St Thomas, we are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for all members of our school community. We kindly remind parents and carers that abusive language, aggression, or disrespectful behaviour—towards staff, pupils, or other families—will not be tolerated. Our staff work hard to support every child and family, and we expect all interactions to reflect the values of courtesy and mutual respect. Thank you for helping us uphold a positive school environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

UNIFORM LIST

UNIFORM

- Black trousers, shoes, skirt or pinafore
- Navy round neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo. If you would like the school logo, you can purchase these from Price & Buckland's website)

- Blue and white checked dress/ pinafore and or black shorts (summer term only)

- White polo shirt (with or without school logo. If you would like the school logo, you can purchase these from the Price & Buckland's website)

- Black or white socks
- Black tights
- Black shoes, low heels, not boots or trainers
- No jewellery is permitted
- Due to restricted space in school we do not allow backpacks.

PE UNIFORM

On the day your child has PE they can come to school in their PE kit so long as it is correct as re-iterated below. From Tuesday 6th June, if your child does not have the correct colour PE kit they will need to come into school in their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit into school to get changed into before their PE lesson. After their lesson they will then get changed back into their school uniform. PE kit should be kept in a small school PE bag labelled with your child's name if they are getting changed in school. For After School Sports clubs the PE uniform still applies.

- White T-Shirt

- Black shorts/black leggings/black jogging bottoms

- Pumps
- Trainers can be worn for sport outside

LABELLING

All uniform and PE kit should be clearly labelled with child's name and class.

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

Term	Open on:	Close on:
Spring Term	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term	Monday 13th April 2026	Thursday 21st May 2026
	Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026

Easter Bank Holidays:

Good Friday: 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: 6 April 2026

Bank Holidays during term time:

May Day: Monday 4 May 2026

CPD Days:

22nd May 2026 2025

20th July 2026 2025

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Term	*Open On:	*Close On:
Autumn term 2026	2nd September 2026	23rd October 2026
	4th November 2026	18th December 2026
Spring term 2027	5th January 2027	12th February 2027
	22nd February 2027	25th March 2027
Summer term 2027	12th April 2027	28th May 2027
	7th June 2027	21st July 2027

Bank Holidays during term time:
May Day: Monday 3 May 2027

CPD Days

1st September 2026

2nd November 2026

3rd November 2026

20th November 2026

4th January 2027