



**St Thomas
CE(vc)
Primary
School
Newsletter**



**Autumn 1
Week 3
22.9.23**

Diary Dates

- **Monday 25th October-** Belong House celebration (please see email/DH message below).
- **Monday 2nd October-** Training Day- school closed to pupils
- **Tuesday 3rd October-Tuesday 10th October-** Scholastic Book Fair in school.
- **Wednesday 18th October-** Flu Vaccinations
- **Thursday 26th October-** Individual and sibling photographs
- **Friday 27th October-** End of half-term

Deputy Head Message



I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all the families who came in for the open house/meet the teacher event on Wednesday evening. Those who attended all commented on how lovely it was to see the classrooms and the school, as many of you haven't had that opportunity. The staff all enjoyed showing you the fantastic work your child/ren have already done this year. There was a real sense of pride of being a St Thomas staff member, family and child. It was lovely.

I would also like to say a thank you from Mrs Meade to all of you who have asked and enquired about her and her husband. She truly feels the love from you all, and although she is still taking the family time she needs, she misses us all. A personal thank you also from me, for the kind words and hugs of encouragement and thanks. You really don't know how much that means to me, so thank you.

An email has been sent to all about the Belong House celebration on Monday. House T-shirts can be worn, but unless it is a PE day, rest of uniform should be worn. I will post pictures of the day on the school's X/Twitter account which can be found at <https://www.stthomas.org.uk/tommynews>

Have an enjoyable weekend,
Mrs Goddard ☺

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Collective Worship



In Collective Worship this week we have been continuing to explore our value of 'Belong'. In our whole school 'Welcome to the Week' we looked at how if we get loose our way in school, and things aren't right, just like the shepherd in the parable of the lost sheep, instead of being angry and cross about what has happened, we can forgive and learn. We looked at different scenarios and linked them to our behaviour levels. We thought about



what we could do and reflected that we forgive with our hearts but can still have consequences! In our class based worships we thought about what it might be like if we don't belong and how this can affect us and how we can work to make everyone feel belonging at St Thomas Primary School.

'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'

Reception



Reception have begun their PE lessons- they looked great in their PE Kits. We are very proud of them.

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been looking at materials in science. Here we are matching objects that are made from natural and human made materials.



Year 2	<p>This week in RE the year 2 children had a walk around the school grounds and looked at places in school they may not have visited before. The children enjoyed playing in the key stage 2 playground.</p>	
Year 3	 <p>This week year 3 took on a watercolour challenge in art. Children were given a painting by an artist to study the use of primary and secondary colours. They then had to try and re-create the same colours onto a background and add painted shapes.</p>	
Year 4	<p>This week in year 4 we have been learning about discrimination and inclusion in PSHE. We have been discussing how discrimination might make a person feel and the value that inclusion brings to us all in society.</p>	
Year 5	 <p>In 5JF the children have started their swimming lesson. Mrs Jones says- what a brilliant swimming lesson they had this week. The water confidence of all has vastly improved in just 3 weeks. Now that the excitement of the swimming lesson has past, pupils are listening well and skills are already improving. We started week 1 with only 5 children in the deep end and now there are 10 :)</p> <p>Across Year 5s are studying Earth and Space, so went on to the school field to understand how the planets orbit the sun, and their distances. The front pupil represents the Sun - the others are planets in our Solar System - can you name them?</p>	
Year 6	<p>Year six have been enjoying reading our new novel Gorilla Dawn by Gill Lewis.</p>	

Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and we are identifying 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





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Teachers, did you know Blue Peter have launched a Book Club?

Aimed at 7–11-year-olds, it's a great way to get them into reading. They can also earn their [#BluePeter](#) Book Badge, which has been designed by [@QuentinBlakeHQ](#).



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