



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



**Autumn 2  
Week 1  
10.11.23**

## Diary Dates

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Odd sock day- Anti-bullying week- (more info to come)**
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day**
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- School closed for pupils**
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- End of term**

## Acting Head Message



Good evening all.

Welcome back to a new half-term, I do hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break.

We have had a very busy week in school this week, with our OFSTED inspection (report to follow). Your children were yet again amazing, and thank you to all the parents and pupils who contributed through the survey links sent out- it is very much appreciated.

We also had a very exciting visit from the Huddersfield Town Foundation, and the manager Darren Moore. The children were very excited to meet him and the foundation shared this quote with us: 'I can't remember the last time I visited a school that was so welcoming with such politeness displayed by all the pupils – they really were a credit to you and the school and all the Club comms staff, journalists, and Darren himself commented on that'. Thank you HTAFC foundation and Darren Moore.

I am pleased to share our now published SIAMS report, which you read and access from this link. We are rightly very proud of the lovely comments within the report and as always, we will ensure we work on the areas for development. <https://www.stthomas.org.uk/inspectionreports>

On Monday we will start our anti-bullying week where we will look at what bullying is, who can help and what we can all do to prevent it. We are asking the children to come in odd socks- It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

#teamthomas

## Collective Worship






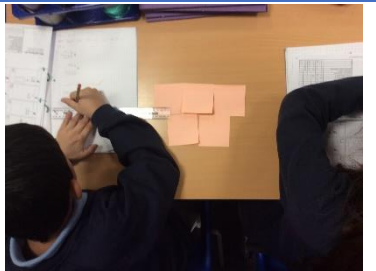


In our Collective Worship this week we introduced our new value- Hope. We will be looking at symbols of hope over the half-term, and this week we looked at how The Poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. We also looked at the symbol of flames and light and how these are symbols of hope in many religions.

**'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'**

## Reception

This week in reception we learnt about remembrance and also made a large poppy after drawing round our hands and cutting it out.



Year 1		This week in maths Year 1 have been looking at number bonds. We made paper chains to represent different ways to make 10.
Year 2	Year 2 made poppies using collage materials after our Collective Worship.	
Year 3		In music this week, year 3 have started learning glockenspiel stage one. They learned to play while following notes E and D on a stave.
Year 4	In year 4 we have been using post it notes to help us learn area. We moved the post its around to make different shapes with the same area	
Year 5	 Taotie Sketching	Year 5. What a wonderful day - starting with a fun collective worship by Reverend Ian (picture 2) and ending with some fantastic sketching of Ancient Chinese Taotie
Year 6	This week, year 6 met Darren Moore, the manager of Huddersfield Town. He came in to do a special assembly about his job as a football manager. He also worked with one class to do a PE lesson. We learnt a lot about having resilience and confidence. Also, what it takes to be a good footballer.	

## 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



