



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



**Autumn 1  
Week 7  
20.10.23**

## Diary Dates

- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October- St Thomas Church Coffee morning**
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Fire Service visiting Reception**
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – School SIAMS inspection**
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October- Police visiting Y5/6 Bonfire Safety**
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October- Individual and sibling photographs**
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October- FOST bake sale 2.30pm onwards- front playground**
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October- End of half-term**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Start of term**

## Acting Head Message



Good evening all.

We have had a lovely week here at St Thomas and have been busy with so many things, including: trips, our faith day, our first FOST meeting (thank you to all that attended) and our book fair (thank you to all that purchased books).

Our Belong day today was such fun. We were able to show all the other places we belong to outside of school such as family, faith and cultural traditional dress, a whole host of sporting clubs, other clubs such as cubs, dance and gym as well as special belonging to our school. Thank you for supporting it.

Next week we have our SIAMS school inspection where we are going to celebrate all the things that make our school such a special place, and showing how our vision and values are lived out here in school as well as in the wider community. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you as soon as we can.

This Saturday, St Thomas Church is hosting a coffee morning 10am 'til 1pm, with cakes and crafts to purchase too. All proceeds will be going to the school. It would be lovely if you could come and support us. Thank you-Rev. Ian Jamieson

Have an enjoyable and safe weekend,  
Mrs Goddard ☺

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## Collective Worship



In our Collective Worship this week we looked at the parable of the lost sheep through the eyes of the sheep. We imagined some of the obstacles that might have got in the way of the sheep finding its own way home. We thought about what things are obstacles in our own daily lives and how we can help each other as a whole school community. We heard some scenarios and thought about what we could do. We linked this to how in our life there may be some obstacles when we want to connect with God, but there are lots of ways we can overcome them.

We also had a special Faith Day collective Worship lead by Ian, who taught us more about the meaning of the Holy Trinity and why it is so special to Christians.

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

## Reception

This week in reception we have celebrated faith week by exploring the meaning of the Holy Trinity. We created holy trinity pictures with representations for God the father, God the son and God the holy spirit.



Year 1		In science Year 1 have been making bunting to investigate which material is the strongest. We have hung it outside and next week we will see which material has lasted the longest.
Year 2	Year 2 went on an Autumn walk this week for inspiration for our poems next week. We found lots of crunchy, colourful leaves, juicy, ripe vegetables in the school garden and silky spun cobwebs. The children really enjoyed our walk.	
Year 3		For Faith Week Year 3 had discussions about God being 3 parts of a person that comes together as one. To represent this they made a spinner and decorated it with 3 parts showing a symbol of a Cross, a Dove and a Heart.
Year 4	On Thursday, Year 4 visited St Thomas Church. Rev. Ian told us all about the things we can see there, such as the font and chalice, and told us the meanings behind them. We will use our information to deliver a presentation in class next week.	
Year 5		In history Year 5 have been learning about Fu Hao. She was the wife of a Shang Dynasty King and became a warrior queen and the commander of the military- one amazing woman!
Year 6	Year 6 have been getting in the spirit of our belong day and come to school wearing a range of different outfits to show all the fabulous sports, clubs and activities they are involved in.	

### 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



# FOST Bun Sale



Thursday 26th October

From 2-30pm

Front playground

Donations of buns, cakes and biscuits  
welcome on Thursday morning

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