

**St Thomas CE (VC)
Primary
Newsletter
12th April 2024**

Diary Dates:

- **Friday 19th April: Music specialist assembly, violin demonstration**
- **Wednesday 1st May: Parent's Evening R-Y5**
- **Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday**
- **Year 6 SATS: Mon 13th- Fri 17th May**
- **May Half Term: Monday 27th -31st May**



**Headteacher's
Message**



Welcome back to Summer term, hopefully the weather will catch on to the fact it's supposed to be getting warmer/drier and we will have lots of opportunities to take our learning outdoors.

This week, many families in our community celebrated Eid. It's been heart-warming to witness the joy shared over traditional attire, gifts, food, and, most importantly, the cherished moments of prayer and family togetherness. The rich tapestry of diversity within our school is truly something to celebrate, and the genuine respect and curiosity our students exhibit towards each other's cultural traditions is inspiring. At our school, the ethos of mutual respect is ingrained in our students' daily lives, serving as a beacon of hope for us all.



**Collective
Worship**

We started the half term with a reminder about our behaviour expectations and celebrating our dojo golden ticket winner. Children won prizes of extra playtime and extra puddings. Mrs Meade was lucky to host a hot chocolate and cookie treat with 6 golden ticket winners.



We have cases of chickenpox in school. We are sharing this information to help protect our vulnerable staff and pupils,

Reception




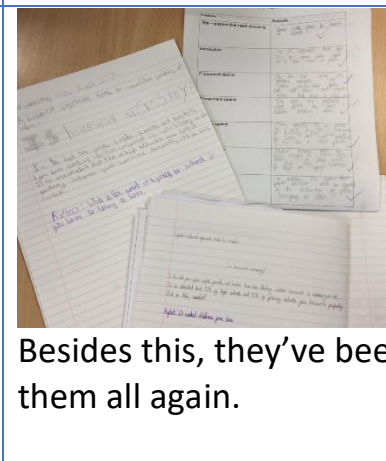
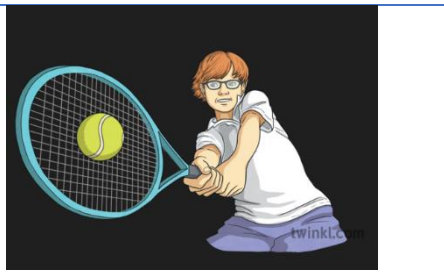

This week in reception we have introduced our new main project Sunshine and Sunflowers. We explored our environment by going on a Spring walk and looked for signs of Spring. We looked at the plants, trees and wildlife around us. We spotted some tadpoles in our outdoor learning area pond!



Year 1



Year 1 have enjoyed maths this week. We have been learning about length and height. We have been measuring classroom objects with cubes and then moved onto learning how to use a ruler.

<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Year 2 have been learning about staying healthy in our PSHE lessons. This week we made delicious, rainbow fruit kebabs. The Year 2 children really enjoyed them and have been writing instructions as part of their English work.</p>	
<p>Year 3</p>		<p>This week Year 3 started their new topic Emperors and Empires by making Roman shields to display on our corridors.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>This week in Year 4 we have been completing our vistas. We have been considering warm and cold colours when blending to create the colours we needed for our landscapes along with atmospheric perspective. We are very proud of our finished pieces and displayed them in a class gallery for everyone to see.</p>	
<p>Year 5</p>		<p>Year 5s English has been a really fun way to start the half-term. We've been studying "balanced arguments" and are currently writing one under the heading; "Should homework be banned?" It's generated some excellent, mature discussions and has been interesting seeing pupils' views changing as different points are raised.</p> <p>Besides this, they've been full swing back into lessons and it's lovely to see them all again.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Year 6 have been lucky enough to have a specialist come into school this week to teach us tennis. We practised our handing skills and challenged ourselves to keep the ball within a tight area.</p>	
<p>Attendance</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Attendance Matters</p>  <p>Every Day Counts....</p>