



St Thomas's

CE Primary School

June 2026 Newsletter

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Message from the Head of School



I just wanted to start by saying a massive well done to all staff and children at St Thomas's as we have been awarded the silver accreditation for all the work we have put in to being a Rights Respecting School this year.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish Mr Grover well in his secondment to Christ Church Ainsworth starting in September for 12 months. Mr Grover has already been working closely with the school and although we will miss him he will be welcomed by Christ Church Ainsworth to continue his support over there.

Mrs Bamford will be taking up a temporary position with us and will be teaching in Y2B. I hope you will wish her well in her new role at St Thomas's.

If you haven't already could you sign up to the Arbor app. It is essential you are on the app as this is our main communication system between home and school.

As we move towards the end of term I encourage you to please recognise the importance of good school attendance. Please keep sending your children to school as our curriculum runs all the way to the last day of term. Plus we have lots of exciting things going on as you can see below and the children will not want to miss out!

Thank you for all your support during the recent heatwave. Hopefully the temperatures will now remain at a more pleasant level for us to operate at.

I look forward to seeing you at all our up and coming events. Please see below for all the dates.



Attendance and Punctuality



Our school gates are open from **8:40am** until **8:55am**, and open again at **3:10pm** when school finishes.

The register for the first session will be taken at 8:55am and will be kept open by the class teacher until 9:00am. Following this, any late arrivals will be recorded by staff in the office who will record and update any changes on arrival.

Absence

Parents must notify the school on each day of absence by 8:45am or as soon as practically possible.

When phoning school to inform of your child's absence, please press 1 on the menu unless you need to speak to the office staff. When leaving a message, please clearly state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

If your child has sickness/diarrhoea, they must not attend school for 24 hours after the bout of symptoms.

Medical or Dental Appointments

Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence if the office has been informed of the appointment in advance.

However, we encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

We request that an appointment card is shown at the office in advance of the appointment so the class teacher can be informed.

Holidays During Term Time

Taking holidays in term time will affect a child's schooling as much as any other absence and we expect parents to help us by not taking children away during term time.

If you need to request a holiday during term time, then you will need to complete a Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from the school office.

Although the school will look at each request for leave on its own merit, requests will only be authorised for exceptional circumstances.


When taking your child out of school when a holiday is not authorised/requested, you may face legal action under Section 444 (1) or (1A) of the Education Act 1966 or be issued with a Penalty Notice under Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Penalty Notices are issued **per parent, per child** at £80 each if paid within 21 days and rising to £160 each if paid within 28 days. Failure to pay a Penalty Notice will result in the Local Authority taking legal action against you under Section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1966.

The full version of our attendance policy can be found on the school website. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting your child's attendance and punctuality. Regular school attendance enhances their learning experience and helps them achieve their full potential.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Together, let's ensure every school day is filled with enriching educational experiences for our children.

ATTENDANCE




WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80



£160

2


IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160


4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

3

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid within 21 days

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If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280


No discount for early payment

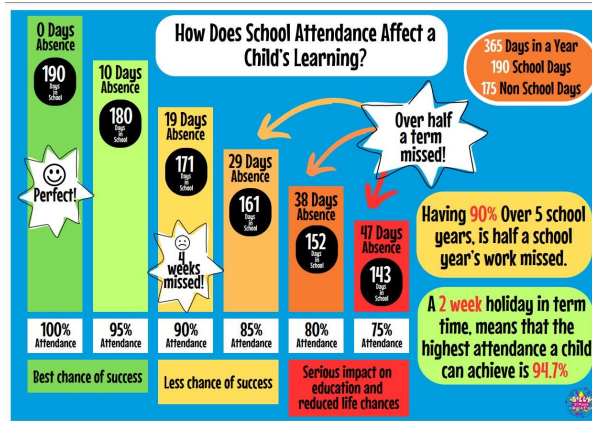
THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000





Rights Respecting School Award



At St Thomas's, we are proud to be working with UNICEF UK to put children's rights at the heart of school life.

By being a Rights Respecting School, we are able to create an environment where relationships are positive, wellbeing is prioritised, and all children learn about their rights and the rights of others locally and globally.

We are pleased to announce that we have now achieved our Silver Accreditation for being a Rights Respecting School! This is a great achievement for our school and we will be continuing to ensure that children's rights are central to everything that we do as we work towards our Gold Accreditation.

Thank you to all of our pupils, staff and families for making this possible.



Classes from September 2026



We have been very busy in school preparing for the coming year and looking carefully at our staffing structure to ensure all our children get the best possible opportunities going forward and continue to build on their achievements from this year.

From September, we will be welcoming Mrs Bamford as a new member of staff. We are sure that she will have a very successful and happy time with us at St Thomas's.

From September 2026, our class teachers will be as follows;

Nursery - Miss Lee

Reception A - Mrs Taylor

Reception B - Miss Birks

Year 1A - Mrs Worrell (Monday to Wednesday) & Mrs Mitchell (Wednesday to Friday)

Year 1B - Miss Logue

Year 2A - Mrs Hussain (Monday to Wednesday) & Mr Hyde (Wednesday to Friday)

Year 2B - Mrs Bamford

Year 3A - Miss McCoy

Year 3B - Mrs Williams

Year 4A - Mrs Lewis

Year 4B - Mr Lawson

Year 5A - Miss Heyes

Year 5B - Ms Carney (Monday to Wednesday) & Miss Edge (Thursday and Friday)

Year 6A - Mrs Thomas

Year 6B - Miss Shah

Children met their new teachers during our transition morning on Thursday 25th June. Classes will be moving up into the corresponding letter for the next year group, i.e. the children currently in Reception A will move up into Year 1A, with the exception that Year 5A will be moving into Year 6B and Year 5B will be moving in Year 6A.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Summer Fair



Our Summer Fair will be held on Thursday 2nd July from 3:30pm, and we will be holding the following stalls;

- Balloons
- Pin the Tail on the Donkey
- Ice Cream Stall
- Treasure Island
- Beat the Goalie
- Hook a Duck
- Splash the Teacher
- Food and Drink
- Chocolate and Bottle Tombola...

...Plus many more! Please ensure that you bring plenty of loose change with you for the Fair as we will be unable to give change for large notes.

We've been requested by parents for more food on our food stall this year, and we are asking parents if they would kindly donate food or provide a £1 donation to help buy food.

If you're able to donate either pakoras or chaat, please inform the school office. Food will need to be brought into school for 10am on Thursday 2nd July.

Sports Days



Sports Day will be held on the following dates and times for each class;

Tuesday 14th July

Year 2 - 9:15am to 10:15am

Year 1 - 10:30am to 11:30am

Reception - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Wednesday 15th July

Year 3 - 9:10am to 10:10am

Year 4 - 10:20am to 11:20am

Year 5 - 11:30am to 12:30am

Year 6 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Please note that these dates are weather dependent, and we will communicate any changes via email.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their Sports Day. Children **must** bring a water bottle to school so that they can keep hydrated.

Children should have sunscreen on, applied at home prior to school, and they can bring a sun hat for when they are outside.

Dates for the Diary



Our key dates for the diary are listed below, please note that these dates may change and reminders for upcoming events will be sent via email

Wednesday 1st July - Year 2 Trip to Lytham St Annes Beach

Thursday 2nd July - Year 6 Leavers Service at Manchester Cathedral

Thursday 2nd July - Summer Fair from 3:30pm

Wednesday 8th July - Harbour Trip to Little Lux Play Centre

Thursday 9th July - Year 6 Peter Pan Production

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Bowling Trip and Disco

Tuesday 14th July - EYFS/KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 15th July - KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am

Friday 17th July - School Closes at 2pm for the Summer Holidays

Wednesday 2nd September - School Reopens for Autumn 1

Term Dates for 2025/26

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2025-2026						
	PUPIL DAYS			PAD DAYS		SCHOOL DAYS PER HALF TERM
	BANK HOLIDAYS					
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	25	26	27	28	29	Autumn Open
Sept 2025	30	2	3	4	5	38 days
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	1	2	3	
October	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	Autumn Half Term
November	3	4	5	6	7	34 days
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
December	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	Autumn Close
Jan 2026	29	30	31	1	2	30 days
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	
February	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	Spring Half Term
	23	24	25	26	27	29 Days
March	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
April	30	31	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	Spring Close
	20	21	22	23	24	24 days
May	27	28	29	30	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	Summer Half Term
June	1	2	3	4	5	35 days
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
July	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	Summer Close
TOTAL PUPIL DAYS						195

Term Dates for 2026/27

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2026-2027						
	PUPIL DAYS			PAD DAYS		SCHOOL DAYS PER HALF TERM
	BANK HOLIDAYS					
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
	24	25	26	27	28	Autumn Open
Sept 2026	31	1	2	3	4	38 days
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	1	2	
October	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	Autumn Half Term
November	26	27	28	29	30	35 days
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
December	30	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	Autumn Close
Jan 2027	21	22	23	24	25	30 days
	28	29	30	31	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
February	25	26	27	28	29	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	Spring Half Term
	15	16	17	18	19	24 Days
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	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
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	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	
May	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
	31	1	2	3	4	
June	7	8	9	10	11	Summer Half Term
	14	15	16	17	18	30 days
	21	22	23	24	25	
July	28	29	30	1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	

TOTAL PUPIL DAYS

195

Prayer



Dear God,

As we approach the final weeks of this school year, we pause to give thanks for all that has been accomplished within our school community.

Thank you for the learning that has taken place, for the talents that have grown, and for the kindness, perseverance, and joy shown by our children each day. We are grateful for the dedication of our staff and the support of our families, which help our school to flourish.

In these busy final weeks, help us to finish well—with focus, pride, and care for one another. As we begin to look toward a time of rest, guide us to reflect on all we have achieved and all we have learned.

May that reflection inspire us to continue to grow, to build on our successes, and to return with renewed energy, ready to thrive even more.

Bless our school community and keep us in your care.

Amen.

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