



Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father. – Matthew 5:16



St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School Newsletter

w/b: Monday 9th October

MUSIC APPRECIATION DAY

Today, the whole school took part in our annual Music Appreciation Day. The theme was 'The Genres', with each class focussing on a different style of music and learning all about the artists and the era. We had Disco, RnB, Jazz, Rock and Roll and even Synth Pop! The star of the show has to be Mr Jones who even decided to dress in theme! Be sure to ask your child all about it: what they have learned and what fun they got up to!

AUTUMN DISCO

Our KS1 and KS2 Autumn Discos are fast approaching! On Tuesday 24th October, all children are invited to attend this fun-filled evening: 3.15-4.10pm for KS1 children and 4.15-5.10pm for KS2 children. It is available now to book via Arbor and costs £3 per child.

EYFS PJ PARTY

We are pleased to inform you that £49.25 was raised at our EYFS pyjama party for Children's Trust Charity. We are sure our donation will have an impact on children who are in need. The children had such a lovely day listening to lullabies and listening to stories by torch light. Thank you for all your donations.

GOLDEN BOOK

Well done to this week's golden book winners who were celebrated again in our whole school assembly. Please make sure you ask your child if they were one of the chosen winners this week for respect, resilience or readiness!

Y5 MINI POLICE

Our first team of Y5 mini police headed out for their physical practice this week. The pupils completed a challenging hike at Rivington Pike with the police officers and got a beautiful day for it too! The next group will be taking part on Thursday of next week.

Y2 HARVEST SERVICE

Well done to the Y2 children who led a wonderful Harvest service this week at St Thomas' Church. We were so glad when the little old man managed to pull out that turnip with the help of his friends! Thank you to all the families who joined us for this special occasion.

Y5 DEBATE ACADEMY

Some of our Y5 children have been chosen to take part in a debate workshop over at Mansion House on Monday. We can't wait to hear about what they get up to.

Y4 FAMILY WORSHIP

Next Thursday, Y4 family worship will take place from 9am in the school hall. Families of Y4 children are invited to attend this lovely event, where you will hear about life in Y4 and all the fun they are having!

YR FAMILY LEARNING

Families of Reception class children are invited to join us for another family learning session next Friday at 2.15pm. It was great to see so many people last time and we really hope all and more can join us for this session. It will help families understand how their children can be supported in their learning, and this collaboration has such a huge impact on the children. Thank you in advance for attending!

PE

The table below details the PE for children across the school. Information was sent out this week regarding the changes to PE sessions as they may now be required to be in PE kit for two days. Children should attend school wearing their PE kit on their allocated days, which must consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and black trainers. Details and pictures of the appropriate kit can be found on our school website. Please be aware that

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children are **not permitted** to wear football kits or branded clothing. We have a limited amount of spare kit in school and children will be asked to change into this prior to their PE session where necessary. Please note, Y4 will still be attending swimming on Mondays and therefore should have appropriate swimming kit on this day.

PE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YN	Y1	Y1	Y5	Y2
YR	YR	Y4	Y6	Y3
Y5		Y2		
Y6		Y3		

WHATEVER THE WEATHER

At this time of year, it's often hard to tell in the early morning how the weather will pan out throughout the day. Therefore, can we ask that children arrive to school with a coat just in case a sunny morning turns into a rainy lunchtime. It is so important that children have the opportunity to get fresh air – it's good for their wellbeing and helps them with their learning too!

READING 5 TIMES

We simply LOVE reading at SMST and we know how important it is to foster this love for reading in our children. Our school rule on reading at home is that children must read 5 times each week. Those that do get 5 dojos and an extra playtime - not to mention the fact that their brains get BIGGER and more filled with wonder. It's a win-win! We thank you in advance for your support in this and ask that a record of each time your child reads is noted in their reading diary as opposed to one comment per week.

ARBOR

Can we please urge parents to log onto Arbor and check the following:

- *all your child's details are correct (address, phone numbers, doctors' details etc)
- *the list of people who are able to collect your child (you are able to add more to the list or delete people from the list.
- *the consents for your child and update accordingly.

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FAMILY OF FAITH

A reflection from... *Luke in Y1*

I sometimes find numbers tricky. In school, we do maths and sometimes I forget what to do with the numbers. To help me, I ask my friends like Joseph and Maddie. They're on my table. I always keep trying even when numbers are hard.

At home, my sister Sophie-Louise helps me with my reading. That can also be tricky! I listen to hear read to, which might help her. I am so patient.

Miss read me the bible verse and it said God gives us power and love to be brave. I am brave lots of the time!

Our **Christian value** focus this half term is...

Perseverance

Our school **bible verse** of the week is...

Deuteronomy 31:6

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

St Thomas Church

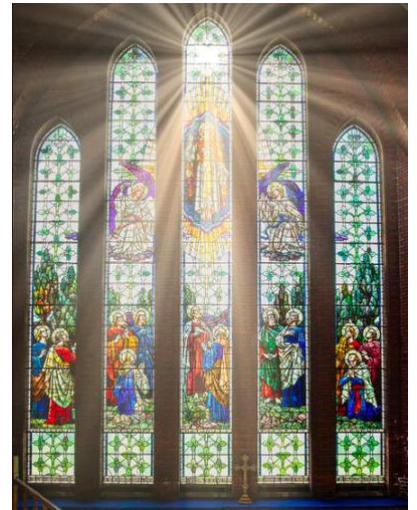
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Sunday Services

Parish Mass: 9.30am – 10.30am

Evening prayer: 6.30pm

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2022/23 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 13th September:
Individual & sibling photographs
Friday 22nd:
Y2 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 26th:
Interfaith Day
Thursday 28th:
Y6 Parent Insight morning
Friday 29th:
Rec Family Learning (2:15pm)

OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th:
Y5&Y6 Eucharist
Thursday 5th:
Y5 Family Worship
Friday 6th:
Y1 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Wednesday 11th:
Y2 Harvest Service @ St Thomas
Thursday 19th:
Y4 Family Worship
Friday 20th:
Rec Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 24th:
Autumn Disco
Wednesday 25th:
Y4 & Y6 Trip to Clonter Opera

NOVEMBER

Thursday 9th:
Y5 Parent Insight morning
Thursday 16th:
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory trip
Friday 17th:
Y3 Family Learning (2:15pm) &
Children in Need
Thursday 23rd:
Y4 Parent Insight morning
Friday 24th:
Rec Stay & Play
Thursday 30th:
Y5 & Y6 Eucharist

DECEMBER

Friday 1st:
Nursery Stay & Play
Friday 8th:
Christmas dinner
Tuesday 12th:
KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14th & 15th:
Rec&KS1/KS2 Pantomime & Party
Monday 18th:
Y1/2 Parent-teacher consultations
Tuesday 19th:
Y3/4 Parent-teacher consultations
Wednesday 20th:
Y6 Christmas Service @ St Thomas
Thursday 21st:
EVFS carols around the Christmas Tree
Y5/6 Parent-teacher consultations

OTHER INFO

Half Term dates:

Tuesday 5th September 2023:
Children return to school
Thursday 26th October 2023:
Children break up for half term
Monday 6th November 2023:
Children return to school
Friday 22nd December 2023:
Children break up for half term
Tuesday 9th January 2024:
Children return to school
Friday 9th February 2024:
Children break up for half term
Monday 19th February 2024:
Children return to school
Thursday 28th March 2024:
Children break up for half term
Monday 15th April 2024:
Children return to school
Wednesday 22nd May 2024:
Children break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024:
Children return to school
Wednesday 23rd July 2024:
Children break up for half term

Additional Dates:

27th/28th September & 16th October:
Y5 Debate academy
Tuesday 10th October:
Flu jabs

JANUARY

Wednesday 17th:
KS2 Eucharist
Thursday 18th:
Y3 Parent Insight morning
Friday 19th:
Y4 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Friday 26th:
Rec Stay & Play

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st:
Y2 Parent Insight morning
Friday 2nd:
Y5 Family Learning (2:15pm)
Tuesday 6th:
Safer Internet Day & Valentine Disco
Wednesday 7th:
Y5 Ash Wednesday Service @ St Thomas
Friday 9th:
Y6 Family Learning
Thursday 22nd:
Y3 Family Worship
Thursday 29th:
Y2 Family Worship

MARCH

Friday 1st:
Nursery Stay & Play
Thursday 7th:
Y1 Parent Insight morning
Friday 8th:
World Book Day
Friday 22nd:
Y4 Sleepover
Tuesday 26th:
Easter Bingo
Wednesday 27th:
Y4 Easter Church Service @ St Thomas

APRIL

Monday 15th:
Y1/2 Parent-teacher consultations
Tuesday 16th:
Y3/4 Parent-teacher consultations
Wednesday 17th:
Y5/6 Parent-teacher consultations
Thursday 25th:
Y1 Family Worship

MAY

Friday 3rd:
Rec Stay & Play
Tuesday 7th - 8th:
Y5 Petty Pools trip
Thursday 9th:
Y3 Ascension Day Service
Monday 13th:
KS2 SAT's week
Wednesday 22nd:
Sports Day

JUNE

Wednesday 5th:
Whole School Eucharist
Tuesday 11th:
Y6 Moving on service
Friday 14th:
Nursery Stay & Play
Tuesday 18th - 20th:
Y6 London Residential
Friday 21st:
Class photos
Thursday 27th:
RSE Day

JULY

Wednesday 3rd:
Believe, Achieve, Shine awards evening
Thursday 18th:
Rec end of year assembly
Friday 19th:
Y6 Leavers' Service



TEARDROPS SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY PRESENTS

SPOOK SPECT-DRACULA HALLOWEEN FAYRE



FREE ENTRY

**SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER
11AM TILL 4PM**

TEARDROPS HUB, 110 CRAB STREET, ST .HELENS, WA10 2DJ

JOIN US FOR A SPELL

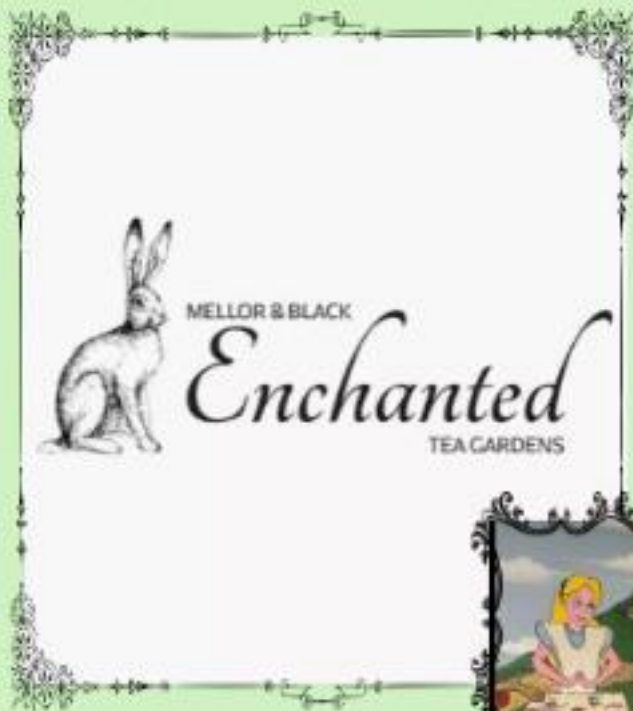
FREAKISHLY GOOD FOOD
SPOOK-TACULAR STALLS
DEVILLISH DJ
GHASTLY GAMES
RRAAAH-FFLE

CAULDRON CANDY FLOSS
PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION
CHILDRENS COSTUME COMPETITION

TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE EMAIL FLORENCE@TEARDROPS.ORG.UK



OPENING SOON..



Cafe and Restoration and upcycling shop opening in St.Helens soon.



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First Steps Toddler Group



Toys, singing, dancing, crafts and fun for everyone!
Every Wednesday during term time

1:30pm-2:30pm

St Thomas

Church Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB

All under 5's welcome, free to everyone

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Well done to the following children, who have won the Headteacher's Award this week!

Year	Head Teacher's Award	
N	Paul	Fantastic number recognition.
R	Oakley	For growing in confidence!
1	Lillie-Mae	For being a super star in Year 1
2	Anna	For her brilliant non-fiction writing
3	Oscar Kaye	For trying really hard to improve his hand-writing
4	Isabelle H	For trying really hard in maths
5	Rocco Crehan	For fascinating, inspiring writing.
6	Isobel Glover	Her continued improvement and effort

Year	Lunchtime Award
R	James
1	Brodey
2	Maddison
3	Olivia
4	Noah
5	Joshua
6	Alfie

Year	Attendance this week	ATTENDANCE AWARD
R	95.7%	Whole school attendance this week was 95.6% Well done to Year 4 with 99.7% , they have won the class attendance award this week! Well done everyone!
1	97.2%	
2	96.6%	
3	95.9%	
4	99.7%	
5	95%	
6	94%	

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