



**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 16<sup>th</sup> October**

### **AUTUMN DISCO**

Our KS1 and KS2 Autumn Discos are next week! On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 to book via Arbor and costs £3 per child.

### **POPPY APPEAL**

This week, we have been selling items ahead of Remembrance Day next month such as poppies, snap bands and keyrings. If your child would like to purchase an item, can we ask that you send the donation in to school in a sealed envelope with their name on. We will continue to sell these items next week and in the first week of next half term.

### **CLONTER Y4 & Y6**

Next Wednesday, two very lucky classes are heading over to Clonter Opera to enjoy what we know will be a day filled with music, fun and theatre. This is such a special trip and one that we have been taking part in for a number of years. We can't wait to hear all about it!

### **Y5 MINI POLICE**

Our second team of Y5 mini police headed out for their physical practice this week. The pupils completed another challenging hike at Rivington Pike with the police officers and we hear it was pretty windy! The final group will be taking part on Thursday of next week.

### **Y5 DEBATE ACADEMY**

It was a busy Monday for Y5 this week as some of the children headed over to Mansion House, along with other children from our multi-academy trust, to take part in the debate academy work. They had a great morning and learned some brilliant new skills. We may have some future MPs amongst us!

### **Y4 FAMILY WORSHIP**

Thank you to the families who joined us for the Y4 family worship all about the digestive system. The children loved sharing their Science learning and delivered the assembly beautifully. Great job, Y4!

### **YR FAMILY LEARNING**

Thank you to the families who joined us for the Reception class family learning session this afternoon. We hope you found the session and resources useful. As always, we are always eager to work in collaboration with families to secure the best outcomes for our pupils and these sessions are a huge part of that.

### **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.

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## FAMILY OF FAITH

**A reflection from... Miss Heaton**

What a cold and rainy week we've had! Autumn is certainly here. This week's bible verse mentions 'self-discipline' and I don't think I'll be alone in saying that I think I've needed lots of that to get up and get going this week!

It's wonderful to remember that the spirit of God can gift us that self-discipline that helps us to persevere.

By speaking to God through the power of prayer, we can draw his spirit closer. By reading his word and reflecting on the truth, we can draw his spirit closer.

By being the hands and feet of God through kindness and compassion, we can draw his spirit closer.

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

## Perseverance

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

### 2 Timothy 1:7

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

### St Thomas Church

Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB  
01744 732463 / stthomaseccleston@gmail.com

#### Sunday Services

Parish Mass: 9.30am – 10.30am  
Evening prayer: 6.30pm

*"Seeking to love God and neighbour in the community of which we are part."*



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# ST MARY & ST THOMAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 2022/23 PLANNER

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

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

## OTHER INFO

### Half Term dates:

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

### Additional Dates:

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

## JANUARY

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

## FEBRUARY

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

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

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

## MAY

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

## JUNE

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

## JULY

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Believe, Achieve, Shine awards evening  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
Rec end of year assembly  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
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](mailto:FLORENCE@TEARDROPS.ORG.UK)**



**teardrops**  
Supporting  
Your Community

# FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP

Toys Singing Crafts Dancing

Fun for Everyone!

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Every Wednesday During Term Time

**St Thomas' Church**

Peter Street, St Helens, WA10 2EB

all under 5s welcome

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# BEHAVIOUR MATTERS!

*Ready, Respectful, Resilient*



## Mrs Lewis' Golden Book

Each week, staff write the names of children who have gone above and beyond in Mrs Lewis' Golden Book. It is so exciting when the names and reasons are read out in our celebration assembly!

It may be that a child has been ready to learn every moment of every day. Maybe they have been incredibly respectful to a visitor or a friend. Or maybe they have been resilient in a way that has wowed the staff!

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

### READY

"WE ARE ALWAYS  
READY TO LISTEN  
AND LEARN!"



### RESPECTFUL

"WE SHOW RESPECT  
TO EVERYBODY IN  
SCHOOL AND IN THE  
COMMUNITY!"



### RESILIENT

"WE NEVER GIVE  
UP AND TRY  
OUR BEST IN  
ALL WE DO!"



## Class Dojos

Children can receive Dojo points for being ready, respectful and resilient throughout the school day. They receive 5 Dojos if they read five times, which they should do every single week.

Each child has their own Dojo character and milestones are celebrated with certificates and prizes each time they meet one.

We celebrate milestones such as 100, 200 and 300 dojos in assembly too!

## Headteacher's Award Winners

YN - Maria for being really helpful at tidy up time

YR - Ellis for excellent work in phonics!

Y1 - Wynter for some beautiful artwork!

Y2 - Iris for super writing

Y3 - Olivia L for super maths

Y4 - DJ for super effort in swimming lessons

Y5 - Acacia for outstanding grammar knowledge in her writing

Y6 - Ruby for consistently being ready to learn

## Lunchtime Award Winners

YR - Sophie

Y1 - David T

Y2 - Jason

Y3 - Luke

Y4 - Temmy

Y5 - Acacia

Y6 - Viet-Anh



**ALWAYS ON TIME  
TONI**

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



**ALWAYS IN SCHOOL  
SANDY**

**TONI SAYS,**

"Our school starts at 8.45am; that's when the doors open!

Children should arrive at school on time, so they don't miss any learning! Regularly missing lessons can have a negative impact on wellbeing and on your academic achievement too.

Being on time is such an important skill for life and sets you up for a life of success and positive wellbeing!"

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

School and **future success** starts with good attendance!



Remember - your education is important - **don't miss out!**

**SANDY SAYS,**

"Children should be in school EVERY DAY... unless you're poorly. Every day counts!

Every minute in school is a learning minute. The research tells us that children who are in school every day achieve more, and their wellbeing is better too!

Please let school know if you'll be absent before 9.15am or we'll have to contact you to check in."

**Whole school attendance this year  
to date...  
95.5%**

**Whole school attendance this week...  
95.7%**

**Class attendance winners...  
Y2**

### Class Attendance

YN - 87.9 %  
YR - 93.7%  
Y1 - 96.6%  
Y2 - 99.3%  
Y3 - 92.7%  
Y4 - 96.8%  
Y5 - 96.7 %  
Y6 - 98.0%