



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 25th March 2024

GOODBYE TO MRS MULVIHILL

This week we have said farewell to Mrs Mulvihill after an impressive 39 years at St Mary and St Thomas'. Mrs Mulvihill has always exemplified dedication, commitment, and an unwavering passion for education. Her tireless efforts both inside and outside the classroom have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless students, colleagues, and families. Her selflessness and compassion have always shone through, as she consistently prioritised the needs of others above her own. We wish Mrs Mulvihill a long and happy retirement and sending lots of love and good wishes on her new adventures! You will be very missed!

EASTER AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

The Easter Day service at St Thomas' Church takes place at 9:30am on Sunday 31st March – all welcome and bring a bell! Please see the leaflet attached for the rest of their services.

EASTER BINGO

All the children had a brilliant time at Easter bingo. Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and as always a big thank you to all teachers and staff who helped set up and run the event.

Y4 EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

Y4 led a lovely Easter service this Thursday morning, well done! Thank you to all parents and carers who came to watch and support the children.

PARENTS / GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS

Parent / guardian consultations will be taking place the week commencing Monday 15th April (our first week back) with the exception of Y2. These meetings are the opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher, get an update on their progress and celebrate some of the wonderful work they have completed this term. Please book a slot via [arbour](https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4060/Holiday-activities-and-food-programme) as soon as possible.

HAF CLUB

Funded by the Department for Education, the aim of the HAF programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition, as well as be more engaged with school and other local services. Please visit the below link for more information.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4060/Holiday-activities-and-food-programme>



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BIKE RIGHT FREE LESSONS

BikeRight are offering 3 free Learn to Ride sessions on the 12th April for age 7+ (Y3 upwards). The location is Taylor Park. To sign your child up please use the below link:

<https://www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group/>

BACK AFTER EASTER HOLIDAYS

Thank you to all staff and pupils for a great half term, we have fit so much in! The first day back after the Easter holidays is **MONDAY 15TH APRIL** and we hope all children and their families enjoy the break and look forward to hearing about all it when we return.

ANNUAL PLANNER

Please take some time to read our 2023/2024 monthly planner on this newsletter and make a note of the important dates over the next few months.

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FAMILY OF FAITH

A reflection from...Charlie and Jaxon Y6

Today we have visited Church for our Easter service. Y4 led the service and they told us about the story of Jesus's death, how he was sacrificed for us and rose 3 days later. This gives all Christian's hope as we know that Jesus will forgive our sins again and again and again. We are set free by his love to live in freedom. We wish everybody a Happy Easter!

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

Hope

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

Isaiah 15:13

“ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

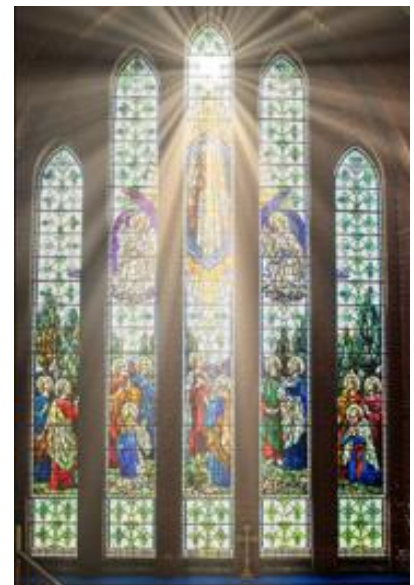
St Thomas Church

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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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!

Headteachers Award Winners

N - Rion for growing in confidence.

R - Freya for working hard in reading and writing

Y1 - Emily for a fantastic zoo enclosure

Y2 - Daryl for working really hard

Y3 - Mune for how amazing he is doing at swimming

Y4 - Nicoleta for super performance in Church

Y5 - Imogen for an amazing attitude towards school

Y6 - Nevaeh for always striving to do her best

Lunchtime Award Winners

YR - Tommy

Y1 - Alysia

Y2 - Cameron

Y3 - Hallie

Y4 - Taelynn

Y5 -

Y6 - Mariam



**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...

95.1%

Whole school attendance last week...

93.4%

Class attendance winners...

Y5 with 96.7%

Class Attendance

YN - 86.0%
YR - 91.3%
Y1 - 94.7%
Y2 - 93.3%
Y3 - 91.2%
Y4 - 94.8%
Y5 - 96.7%
Y6 - 95.3%

2023/24 PLANNER

ST MARY & ST THOMAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

JANUARY

Thursday 1st:
Y2 Parent Insight morning
Friday 2nd:
Y3 Family Learning
Tuesday 6th:
Valentine's Disco & Safer internet day
Friday 9th:
Y6 Family Learning
Thursday 22nd:
Y3 Family Worship
Friday 23rd:
Y5 Ash Wednesday service @ St Thomas
Y4 Slavery Museum
Thursday 29th:
Y2 Family Worship

FEBRUARY

Friday 1st:
YN Stay and Play
Wednesday 6th:
Rec/Y1- Dear Zoo trip
Thursday 7th:
Y1 Parent Insight morning
Friday 8th:
World Book Day
Friday 15th:
Y4 Sleepover
Wednesday 20th:
Rec trip to Transport Museum
Thursday 21st:
Reception stay & play
Friday 22nd:
Reception stay & play
Tuesday 26:
Easter Bingo
Thursday 28th:
Y4 Easter church service

MARCH

Monday 15th:
Y1/2 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 16th:
Y3/4 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 17th:
Y5/6 Parent Consultations
Thursday 25th:
Y1 Family Worship
Friday 26th:
Y2 Family Learning

APRIL

OTHER INFO

Half Term Dates:
Friday 9th February
Children break up for half term
Monday 19th February:
Children return to school
Thursday 28th March:
Children break up for half term
Monday 15th April:
Children return to school
Wednesday 22nd May
Children break up for half term
Monday 3rd June
Children return to school
Tuesday 23rd July
Children break up for half term
Wednesday 4th September 2024
Children return to school



JULY

Wednesday 3rd:
BAS Award night
Monday 8th:
Sports Day
Friday 12th:
Mini Police visit to the Museum
Thursday 18th:
Reception end of year assembly
Friday 19th:
Y6 Leavers' Service

JUNE

Monday 3rd:
Y4 Multiplication test period
Wednesday 5th:
Whole school Eucharist
Tuesday 11th
Y6 Moving on service
Thursday 13th
Y2 Eureka
Friday 14th:
Nursery stay & play
Tuesday 18th-20th
Y6 London Residential
Friday 21st:
Class photos
(Change for Life week)
Tuesday 25th:
Y3 to Rock & River
Wednesday 26th:
Y1 Liverpool Beatles tour &
Thursday 27th:
PSE Day

MAY

Tuesday 7-8th:
Y5 Petty Pools
Wednesday 8th:
Y3/4 Horrible Histories' @ Theatre Royal
Thursday 9th:
Y3 Ascension Day service
Monday 13th -16th:
KS2 SATs
Tuesday 21st:
Y3 Parent Insight



ST THOMAS ECCLESTON

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

9:30am Mass with Blessing of Palms

Monday 25th March

10:00am-2:00pm Exposition of the Holy Sacrament, Quiet Prayer & Reflection

7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:45pm

Tuesday 26th March

10:00am-2:00pm Exposition of the Holy Sacrament, Quiet Prayer & Reflection

7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:45pm

Wednesday 27th March

12:00pm Midday Mass

7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:45pm

Maundy Thursday

12:00-3:00pm Exposition of the Holy Sacrament, Quiet Prayer & Reflection

7:00pm Mass & Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing

8:00pm Vigil Watch in the Lady Chapel

Good Friday

9:30am Morning Prayer in the Small Chapel

3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion & Holy Communion

7:00pm Maria Desolata

Holy Saturday

6:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9:30am Mass for Easter Day - Bring a Bell!!

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Mental Health Support Team

WELLBEING WEBINARS



Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN

4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE

Zoom

(link will be emailed)



To register please email which
webinar you want to attend to
events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available
for safety purposes.

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