

St Thomas' NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

Thursday 7th May – Class Worship
Monday 11th May – KS2 SATS
Week.

Wednesday 20th May – Y1 Trip-
Martin Mere

Thursday 21st May – Mrs Lockley's
Garden Party
(Mrs Lockley is currently selling her
hanging baskets and pots. Please
bring yours into the school office,
clearly labelled, if you would like
them filling).

Upcoming Events



This year, we will once again celebrate World Bee Day on Wednesday 20th May. This day is very close to our hearts, as we celebrate in memory of Mrs Wainwright's niece, Bebe and supporting Bebe's Hive. World Bee Day is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the importance of pollinators. To mark the occasion, each class will spend time exploring important global environmental issues, such as climate change, habitat loss, and pollution. Children are welcome to come to school with something yellow added to their uniform.

A message from Mrs Alty

Welcome back to the Summer term! It has been wonderful to see pupils looking so smart and well-presented in their summer uniforms; thank you to parents for your continued support. Our high uniform standards remain in place, including no jewellery or earrings, long hair tied back, no trainers (unless it is a PE day), and wearing the correct PE kit.

We are delighted that attendance continues to improve and are especially proud to have the highest attendance across all 19 schools in the LDST. Thank you to our parents for your support in maintaining this high standard!

Half-Term Highlights

This week, our Year 2 class visited Liverpool Anglican Cathedral as part of our Five Be Experiences. This visit links to our 'Be an Advocate' strand, which focuses on developing pupils' understanding of local history and geography—making visits to significant local landmarks an important part of this learning. During the trip, pupils enjoyed a guided tour of the cathedral and took part in engaging workshops on stained glass windows and baptism. It was a truly enriching experience and a wonderful way to bring their learning to life.

We have lots of Five Be Experiences planned for the rest of the Summer term!

Spotlight on ... Values

We are very excited about our new vision statement, *"Let Your Light Shine."* It reminds us of God's light within us and reflects how deeply each child is valued in our school community. Our next step is to review our Christian values to ensure they are meaningful, relevant to our school context, and aligned with our vision and current challenges. We are aiming to identify six core values. For any parent who hasn't yet shared their feedback, we would greatly appreciate your input on any new values you feel would be appropriate for our school. These may replace some or all of our existing values. Please follow the link below:

[St Thomas' Values – Fill out form](#)



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A Letter from the Rector

The Rector writes:

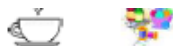
There are moments, which are easily missed, when the beauty of creation reveals itself with a clarity that stops us in our tracks. I was reminded of this recently while watching a greater spotted woodpecker, on the bird feeder in the vicarage garden. Its plumage, finely patterned in black and white with a striking touch of red, seemed almost too intricate to be accidental. Testament to the richness and detail woven into the natural world around us.

Encounters like this invite us not only to admire but also to reflect. The countryside we are privileged to share is not simply a backdrop to our lives; it is a living, breathing community of which we are a part. From the smallest bird to the oldest tree, each element plays its role in a delicate balance that has been shaped over generations. Yet this balance is not guaranteed. The landscapes we cherish depend on thoughtful care and stewardship. Farmers, in particular, carry a heavy responsibility, working the land not only to produce food but also to maintain the health of the countryside.

As a community, we each have a role to play. Whether it is choosing to support local produce, respecting footpaths and wildlife habitats, or simply taking the time to notice and value what is around us, these small acts contribute to a larger culture of care. By working together, we can help ensure that future generations will also have the chance to witness the quiet beauty of a woodpecker and to feel that same sense of wonder.

We seem to be living through a time of huge uncertainty in so many areas of our lives. Now more than ever we need to create spaces and times when we can pause, ponder and look to God our creator and sustainer. Maybe you could even join in the Dawn Chorus walk on 2nd May?!

Every blessing, Susan



Every Tuesday 10am to 11.30am (approx.)

Memorial Hall, Halsall (whilst work on path is ongoing)

Come and chat, have a brew, ponder life and, if you want to, bring your own craft to make.

Meet old friends and make some new ones



Tuesdays in term time, 10.30am -12 midday St Thomas's Parent and Toddlers, Millennium Centre.

£4 a family towards refreshments and craft



**Every Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm (approx), In the Millennium Centre
St Thomas' warm welcome.**

A simple lunch followed by time to chat, laugh or simply be. All welcome.



Saturday 2nd May 4.00am, Dawn Chorus walk.

Meet at the Lychgate at St Cuthbert's. See Sue Goldstraw for more information



Friday 15th May 7.30-9.30pm, Line Dancing

St Thomas' Millennium Centre. £5 a ticket.

Whether a novice or expert come along and join in the fun. See Val Blakemore for more information.



Monday 25th May 1pm to 5pm at The Saracen's Head, Halsall

Duck Race with St Cuthbert's School.

Stalls, music and fun for all. Come along and get your own back on the Rector!

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PTA News



St Thomas PTA HELPING HANDS
SUMMER FAIR - HELP NEEDED!

Friday 26th June

We're looking for support to make our Summer Fair amazing – can you help?

STALL HOLDERS WANTED

- Arts & Crafts
- Cakes & Bakes
- Food Stalls
- Books & Pre-loved Items
- And more!

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Bouncy Castle
- Inflatable Obstacle Course

ENTERTAINMENT WANTED

- Can you offer something fun for the children?
- We'd love to hear from:
 - Singers & Performers
 - Singers & Music Acts
 - Dancers & Cheerleaders
 - Acrobats
 - Martial Arts Displays
 - Any other exciting talents

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!
✉ helpinghands.stthomas@gmail.com



St Thomas PTA HELPING HANDS
SUMMER RAFFLE - PRIZES NEEDED!

Drawn at Summer Fair – Friday 26th June

We're collecting raffle prizes to help raise funds for our school – can you help?

PRIZE DONATIONS WANTED

- Gift sets & hampers
- Vouchers (shops, meals, experiences)
- Bottles (wine, fizz, soft drinks)
- Chocolates & sweets
- Toys & games
- Beauty & pamper items
- Books
- New, unused items
- And more!

WHAT WE'RE RAISING FUNDS FOR

- New classroom furniture
- Creating better learning spaces for our children

HOW TO DONATE

- Drop items into the school office
- Or contact us via email ✉

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Thank you for supporting our school! ✨



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TEDDY DONATIONS

We are looking for teddy donations for our upcoming summer fair.

Please drop off any teddy donations on **Fridays** by the school office

TEDDY TOMBOLA



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BREAK THE RULES DAY!

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

RULES THAT CAN BE BROKEN:

- Trainers/non school shoes
- Temporary tattoos
- Banned hair styles/ glitter/colours
- Unhealthier snacks – but please **NO NUTS**
- Squash/juice in water bottles
- Take a teddy to school
- Nail varnish
- Make up allowed

FINE'S:
£1 PER RULE BROKEN
OR
£5 FOR ALL RULES TO BE BROKEN

Fines can be paid by cash in **NAMED ENVELOPE** or **CARD MACHINE** available at drop off on the day

SUPPORT OUR NEW EVENT!