

Reception Half-Termly Newsletter – Autumn 1

A New School Year – September 2025

Welcome to Reception

It has been such a joy welcoming the children into Reception and beginning this exciting new chapter together. The children have already impressed us with their confidence, enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness, and are settling well into their new routines. We are really looking forward to getting to know each child as an individual, supporting them as they make new friends, explore new ideas, and grow in independence.

Reception Team

Mrs Baumber – Class Teacher

Miss Gibson – Class Teaching Assistant

Miss Murphy – PPA Cover – Tuesday AM and alternate Tuesday PM's.

Meet the Teacher

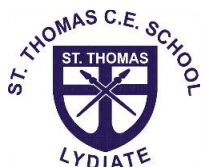
We'd love to see you at our Meet the Teacher meeting on Wednesday 17th September at 3.40pm in the Reception classroom. This will be an opportunity to share lots of important information about the year ahead and answer any questions you may have.

Reception Welcome Blessing

We would like to invite you to join us at the Reception Welcome Blessing service on Wednesday 24th September at 9.05am in the school hall. Further information will be shared at the Meet The Teacher meeting.

Reading

You will receive a Learning Journal for your child in due course. As the year progresses, your child will take home sheets and books from our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. and they will have regular opportunities to choose a book from the library. Please use this journal to record when you have read with your child. This can also include books you have shared together from your home.



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Tapestry

We use an online learning journal called Tapestry to share your child's learning journey with you. It's a lovely way for us to capture the special moments, big and small, that happen in Reception – from first friendships to exciting discoveries. You'll be able to see photos, videos and notes about what your child has been getting up to, and we'd love for you to add your own from home too. This way, we can celebrate your child's learning and experiences together, both in school and beyond.

PE

PE in Reception will take place every Wednesday morning and children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits on this day. All children must wear the St Thomas' PE kit and are not permitted to wear alternative sportswear.

Housekeeping

The children are gaining independence when entering and leaving our classroom. We kindly ask that parents remain on the playground, rather than come up the ramp, to allow a clear line of vision for the adult welcoming or dismissing the children.

Please label water bottles, bookbags, uniform and coats clearly. We ask that book bags have no more than one small keyring. Please ensure that toys or soft teddies are not attached, as they make the bags difficult to store tidily.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and feel incredibly privileged to teach your child. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via the school office or feel free to come and speak at the door at the end of the day once the class have been dismissed.

Kind regards,

Mrs Baumber and Miss Gibson



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