

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 – 2025

We are so proud of how well the children settled into school life last half term – they made a fantastic start to Reception and have already shown great enthusiasm for learning. Thank you for all your support during our first half term together.

We have lots of exciting events and activities to look forward to in the run-up to Christmas, so please make a note of the following dates:

Important Dates

- **Friday 5th December – Mrs Lockley’s Shop and the Christmas Fair**
- **Friday 12th December – Reception Nativity: A Twinkly Nativity**
 - Two performances at **9:30am** and **2:00pm**.
 - Each family will be allocated **two tickets** and can choose which performance to attend.
- **Monday 15th December – Visit to St Thomas’ Church**
- **Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day!**

Our Learning This Term

Developing a love of reading and exploring a variety of texts will as always be a key feature in our learning. Our focus text will be *Star in the Jar* by Sam Hay. This beautiful story will inspire our children to develop their writing, comprehension, and storytelling skills. We’ll also be building confidence in speaking and listening through role-play and discussion, supporting our ongoing work on oracy development.

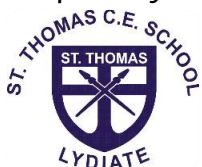
In Phonics, we’re focusing on blending sounds to read simple words. Please continue to use the QR codes sent home for RWI (Read Write Inc.) practice – these really help reinforce the sounds children are learning in class.

In Maths, we’re continuing with NCETM’s Mastering Number to strengthen understanding of number. We also encourage regular use of Numbots at home to support fluency and number confidence.

This half term, we’ll also be exploring the exciting themes of space, celebrations, and seasons. The children will learn about the changing world around them as we move into winter, noticing how the weather, plants, and animals change with the seasons.

As part of our Understanding the World curriculum, we’ll discover what it might be like to travel into space, learning about astronauts, planets, and stars — linking beautifully with our

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story Star in the Jar. We'll also explore a variety of celebrations including birthdays, Diwali, and Christmas, helping children understand and respect different traditions and cultures while enjoying plenty of creative, hands-on activities.

Thank You and Reminders

A big thank you to our Mystery Readers – the children love guessing who's coming in next!

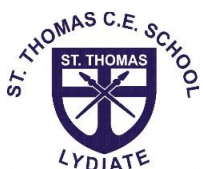
We've really enjoyed sharing your Tapestry updates – they are a wonderful way to strengthen communication and language links between home and school.

Please remember the resource list shared at Parents' Evening. If you have any items at home that could support our classroom activities, we would be very grateful for any donations.

We're looking forward to another busy and joyful half term filled with learning, laughter, and festive sparkle!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Baumber and Miss Gibson



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