



Key diary dates for Autumn term (so far...)

New additions in red

Thur 17 th Oct	PSA Discos R/1/2 6-7pm 3/4/5/6 7:15-8:15PM
Fri 18 th Oct	9am Whole school Worship followed by Y6 coffee morning.
Mon 21 st Oct	City Music concert for children in school
Mon 21 st Oct	2pm - Y5 SHINE session in school
Tuesday 24 th October	Parents Evenings 3:30 - 6:30pm
Wed 23 rd Oct	Year 2 trip - Trentham Gardens
Thursday 24 th October	Parents Evenings 3:30 - 6:30pm
Fri 25 th Oct	9am Whole school Worship followed by Reception coffee morning.
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - HALF TERM	
Monday 4 th Nov	School re-opens after half term.
Mon 4 th Nov	Year 6 topic launch day
Thur 7 th Nov	Non Uniform day for bottle donations for PSA Christmas Fayre
Fri 8 th Nov	9am Whole school Worship followed by Y2 coffee morning.
Mon 11 th Nov	2pm - Y3 SHINE session in school
Mon 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Fri 15 th Nov	9am Whole school Worship followed by School Council coffee morning.
Mon 18 th Nov	2pm - Y1 SHINE session in school
Wed 20 th Nov	Non Uniform day for chocolate donations for PSA Christmas Fayre
Thur 21 st Nov	Paul Sturgess (WOW Basketball) rearranged visit.
Fri 22 nd Nov	9am Whole school Worship followed by nursery coffee morning.
Mon 25 th Nov	2pm - Reception SHINE session in school
Fri 29 th Nov	9am Whole school Worship followed by Year 1 coffee morning.
Fri 29 th Nov	PSA Christmas Fayre - 17:30pm start
Mon 2 nd Dec	2pm - Nursery SHINE session in school
Tue 3 rd Dec	Year 5 INSPIRE session-St Thomas' Church 1:30pm
Fri 6 th Dec	9am Whole school Worship followed by year 3 coffee morning.
Mon 9 th Dec	2pm - Year 6 SHINE session in school
Tues 10 th Dec	EYFS nativity - 9:30am Year 1 & 2 nativity - 13:45pm
Fri 13 th Dec	9am Whole school Worship followed by Eco Council coffee morning.
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas dinner in school
Thur 19 th Dec	7pm - KS2 Carol Service at St Thomas' Church
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025 Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6 th Jan 2025	School re-opens after Christmas holidays

Parents Evenings -

Following on from parents evening last year, we have decided to split parents' evenings this year over 2 nights and offer a 15-minute slot per child. This will enable you to have a more in-depth discussion with your child's class teacher. All classrooms will be open, for you to take a look around and view your child's books either before or after your appointment. **If you have not yet booked a slot, please book via Arbor.**

PSA DISCO - This Thursday 17th October!

6pm - 7pm for Reception/ Years 1 & 2
7:15pm - 8:15pm for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Reception, Year 3 & 4 to enter through reception classroom.
Year 1 and Year 5 to enter through year 1 classroom.
Year 2 and Year 6 to enter through year 2 classroom.
All children are to be collected at the end of the discos from the front office.

Remembrance Sunday - 10th November

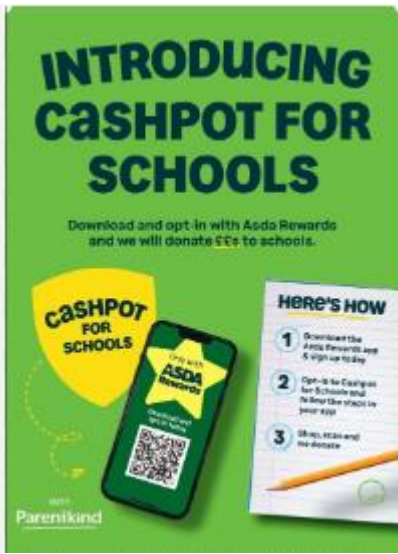
St Thomas' will be taking part in the Kidsgrove Remembrance Parade on Sunday 10th November. We would love as many of our children as able to join us. Please let Mrs Taylor know if your children will be able to join in the parade and we can send out further information. Year 2 and above only please.

TA Apprentice Vacancy. We are pleased to say that we currently have a TA apprentice vacancy in school. This is 37 hours a week on a term time contract. Please follow the link below to see more information and apply.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148401/EDV-2024-STCPA->

Harvest Thank you for all of your wonderful Harvest donations. Today we held a Harvest Celebration in school and talked about the importance of Harvest and a chance to reflect on things we are thankful for. We spoke about the importance of community and supporting others. We are still collecting for St Thomas' foodbank - if you are able to donate, please bring items into school by the end of Thursday 17th October. We will be taking them to the foodbank on Friday. Thank you.

Asda - Rewards App



Lateness and attendance.

A polite reminder, in light of recent Government changes to attendance, for any child who is arriving late to school (after 8:50am), parents will need to bring their child(ren) to the school office and sign their child(ren) into school using the dedicated IPAD in the front office. It is vital that parents or guardians (over the age of 18) bring the children into school if they are late, children are unable to sign in themselves. **This is with immediate effect.** Thankyou

Walk to School

We have teamed up with MODESHIFT to launch their walk to school initiative. We are encouraging all of our children to walk to school or walk and stride. (Parking more than 3 streets away.) Each morning when children arrive, they need to record how they have travelled to school. Reward badges are handed out each month for children that have walked/ parked and strolled. Please try and help us reduce traffic around school by walking where possible.

PSA future events

Our wonderful PSA have been very busy behind the scenes, planning a wonderful array of fundraising events over this academic year. Please save the following dates....

- Thursday 17th October - Discos
- Thursday 7th Nov - Non Uniform day - bring a bottle for PSA Christmas Fayre.
- Wednesday 20th November - Non Uniform day - bring chocolate for PSA Christmas Fayre.
- Friday 29th Nov - Christmas Fayre - 5:30pm start
- Thursday 13th February - Glow party disco
- Thursday 6th March - Beetle Drive
- Tue 8th/ Wed 9th April - Easter Egg Hunts
- Thursday 22nd May - Discos
- Friday 27th June - Summer Fayre.

Save the dates - Christmas Celebrations.

Christmas season will be here before we know it and we are aware of how busy diary's get at this time of year so please save the following dates...

- Tuesday 10th December - EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity @ 9:30am
- Tuesday 10th December - KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Nativity @ 13:45pm
- Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner day
- Thursday 19th December - KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Carol Service at St Thomas' Church - 7pm.
- Friday 20th December - Friday Worship at 9am followed by coffee and mince pies.
- Friday 20th December - Treat for the children in school in the afternoon. (Details to follow)

RRS - Focus right of the fortnight.

As we continue with our Rights Respecting journey, we will be introducing 'Right of the fortnight'. This will be our focus right for 2 weeks, this will enable everyone to have a deeper understanding of all of the different articles in the convention.

Article 6

Introducing Article 6 (life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



Worship Focus

As we journey through Autumn, we take the time to celebrate Harvest. Below is a prayer that we have been saying as a school during our Harvest celebrations.



Dear God,
Thank you for the celebration of harvest.
Thank you for our food,
Thank you for the rain, the soil,
the sun and the farmers who
grow our crops.
Help us always remember to say
thank you.
Please help us always to think
about the needs of others.
Amen.