



# St. Thomas'

C.E. (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning for life with Jesus

# NEWS

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Sports Day seemed to be a great event once again judging by how many people turned out and the involvement of the children. The events were super and there was a good level of competition from all the teams.

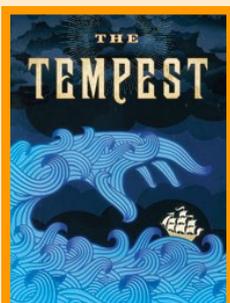
Well done to Wade who were this year's winners .

Thanks to everyone who turned up to lend your support or even take part in a race and, of course, to the PSA for supplying ice pops for the children. Particular thanks must go to Mr Nixon, for coordinating the morning so well.



We had a super time at the summer fair with so much going on from the outside football activities, the fabulous class stalls, the raffles and tombola's to the ever popular soak-the-teacher stand, where we ensured there were many rather soggy staff members by the end of the evening - none more so than Mrs Swift who seemed to endure the longest time stint of the evening!

Amazingly, all our fun and games and your generosity and support, managed to raise over £1500 which is just brilliant and will help enrich our curriculum activities throughout the year! My thanks as ever to the PSA and all who made this happen by baking cakes, serving tea, sweeping up, setting up and manning stalls - it can't happen without this brilliant team work. Thank you.



Year 5 have brought their wonderful Shakespeare endeavours to a conclusion over the last few weeks. It culminated in a final presentation of The Tempest at The New Vic Theatre where our children got to link with other primary schools in retelling the story.

I can't speak highly enough of the part our children played. They were amazing!! They spoke so well, acted so professionally and wowed the audience with the opening scene. All of their hard work from over the term was displayed for all to see. Many thanks to Miss Ackerley for making this happen — for all of the late night meetings which made it run so smoothly.



We are in the final stages of preparing for our awesome KS2 end of year show, ' Alice The Musical'. As ever

Mrs French and Mrs Farnworth are pushing the children to new heights to make sure it all comes together so we know it's going to be good. Thanks to everyone who is supporting on the prop and costume front—it does make the task a little bit easier.

Performances will be on Wednesday 12th July at 10am and 7pm, and on Thursday 13th July at 7pm. Tickets will be available to order via Parentmail by the end of today.



We will be holding a '**Book People' Book Fair on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July**, in the school library at the end of the school day. Leaflets advertising a selection of the books that will be on sale have been handed out to the children today but there will be over 160 titles to choose from, starting from as little as £3, with up to 75% off publishers prices! It's a fantastic opportunity to stock up on summer reading material and, as the school receives a commission, it also helps us restock our library! We hope you are able to join us.



On Friday 7th July, Year 4 will be holding a 'Panda' treat sale.

In past years we've had a toy sale to raise money to save an acre of the Rainforest, but this year the children have chosen to adopt a Giant Panda, through the WWF. So, on the day, there will be a variety of 'Panda' themed treats (cakes, cookies, fudge etc) for sale, that Year 4 have prepared and any pupil wishing to support the project will need to bring in 50p. Each class will be given the opportunity to go into Year 4 during the day to make their purchases.

# Wonderful Work Wall

## Stars of the Week

09 May

Lilly-May Tudor  
Nathaniel Griffiths  
Theo Mayer  
Caleb Cross  
Harrison Simms  
Hayden Sandywell  
Annaleigh Beckensall  
Lucy Austin  
Harry Cresswell  
Thomas Poynton  
Thomas Robinson  
Tyler Whitehurst  
Scarlett Blandford

16 May

Emily Tatton  
Macie Murfitt  
Chloe Bostock  
Oliver Lear  
Bethany Beech  
Fliss Buckle  
Darci Scott  
Joseph Vaughan  
Eva Bolea  
Sophie Hall  
Bronwyn Holdcroft  
Emily Bridgett  
All Year 6

23 May

Quisha Murphy  
Ffion Bell  
Felix West  
Harry Sandywell  
All Year 2  
Lexi Simcock  
Scarlett Norcup  
Bethany Chell  
James Caswell  
Morgan Phillips  
Callum Rye  
Rena Hillman

06 June

Ezekiel Rome  
Theo Sestic  
Sally Churchill  
Daniel Cooper  
Aeron Murinas  
Oscar Whitehurst  
Jessica Becker  
Owen Holdcroft  
Elise Richards  
Sophie-Mae Crowther  
Jack Robson

## Now on display in the hall:

Reception—**Riley Phillips**  
Super Sunflower

Year 1—**Olivia Hall**  
Marvellous message in a bottle

Year 2—**Sophie Willatt**  
Lovely Ladybird

Year 3—**Darci Scott**  
Splendid Skara Brae research

Year 4—**James Crompton**  
Great geometric design

Year 5—**Isobel Reeve**  
Brilliant biography of Amelia Earhart

Year 6—**Tyler Whitehurst**  
Magnificent Mayan mask design

13 June

Sophie Ikin  
Charlie Lievesley  
Isabelle Whitehurst  
Aeron Murinas  
Sophia Crowther  
Dusty Coleman  
Dale Proudlove  
Megan Ferneyhough  
Jack Tatton  
Bronwyn Holdcroft  
Thuxmie Dharmaraj

20 June

Brooke Scott  
Jenna Tatton  
Max Austin  
Isaac Birchall  
Sophie Rye  
Cleo Mason  
Esme Greatbatch  
Thomas Poynton  
James Crompton  
Darcey Grocott  
Jamie Willatt  
Michael Tams

27 June

Evie Salt  
Aran Dharmaraj  
Joshua Gannon-Smith  
Corey Bloor  
Alex Cook  
Annaleigh Beckensall  
Lexie Anderson  
Isobel Walley  
Ryan Colclough  
Joe Jones  
Maisie Pope

## Changes to Charges!

At the last Governing Body meeting, the school's charging policy was reviewed and the following changes will be applicable from September:-

**Music** 🎵 The fee for music tuition will be increased to £7.75 per lesson (£11.60 for a half hour lesson). This was last increased in 2013 and still represents excellent value in comparison to private music tuition. Booking forms for lessons in the next academic year will be coming home with the children in Years 2 to 6 who have expressed an interest and will also be available from the office. In addition to the optional individual lessons, pupils in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive whole class tuition on violin and brass respectively, in the autumn term and as a follow on will be given the opportunity to continue their learning in heavily subsidised, large group classes.

**After School Club** From September sessions will be charged at a rate of £4.40 until 4.30pm and £6.60 until 5.30pm. There will be no separate rates for booked or ad hoc sessions, both will be charged at the same rate, but sessions should still be booked in advance to guarantee a place. After School Club charges were last increased in 2009 and, even at this higher level, are considerably lower than equivalent provision elsewhere.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that the school has a 'no debt' policy and overdrawn balances on ParentPay put added pressure on the school's budget and resources available for education.

We are therefore very grateful to all parents who ensure that fees are paid in a timely manner and keep ParentPay accounts topped up so that funds are available when services, lunches and snacks etc are taken. Thank you.

St Thomas' has signed up to take part in a 'Mathletics' challenge, which will run between the 3rd and 16th of July. By taking part in maths activities on a free online app, pupils can not only brush up on their maths skills but earn themselves certificates and help the school win prizes. Look out for further details coming home today, along with the user details required for your child to log on.



NEW MATHLETICS 2017

LAUNCH CHALLENGE

**STOP PRESS!!!** Congratulations to our KS2 Athletics team who took part in a Kidsgrove schools' athletics meeting at Northwood Stadium yesterday and came home with trophies as overall WINNERS of both the combined and the girls competitions. A big WELL DONE to them all!!!