



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy

Newsletter – Friday 13th February 2026



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Last day of term!

This term has been a busy one and I know the children (and staff) are looking forward to a well-earned break. As spring draws in, we can hopefully look forward to some brighter / warmer days ahead.

We are, as always, very proud of all our pupils, they have worked so hard this term and deserve this break to recharge their batteries ready for our second spring term.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

Thank you to all our parents/guardians for their continued support again this term.

Have a lovely break.

Mrs Sherwood
Head of School



Weekly Class Attendance

FS1 – 96.5%	FS2 – 93.3%	Year 1 – 98.8%	Year 2 – 97.2%
Year 3 – 99.2%	Year 4 – 91.7%	Year 5 – 96%	Year 6 – 98%

Congratulations to **Year 3**, who are this week's attendance winners. Well done.

The whole school attendance this week was **96.3%** - above our target of 95%, well done 😊



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!**
Everyday. On-time.

To promote 'Good' attendance in school. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance; and are in school on time each day will have their name put into a prize draw each week at Monday's assembly. The child who has their name drawn will get to choose a prize from Mrs Sherwood dip box.

Reading Awards

The following children have achieved their **Silver** reading badges. Congratulations to you all.

Axle-Anthony
Harper R
Maddox
Rueben



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Be Respectful Assembly

Rev Huw came into school this week to deliver an assembly to our pupils about respect. The children really enjoyed it and had lots of fun engaging with Bernard in his box!



Valentines Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentines Disco on Wednesday, the children (and staff) had a great time.

Thank you to our 'Friends of St Thomas PTA' who ran a tuck shop at the disco, the candy floss, bunny jelly beans and light up items were very popular with the children.

A big thank you also to Tesco's at Wath who, as part of their community fund, donated 100 hot dogs and buns to us. Thank you so much!

We raised an amazing £300 which will be used to purchase much needed resources for our pupils in school.

Thank you again for supporting this event and Happy Valentine's Day for tomorrow.





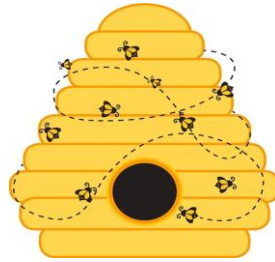
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Nectar Winners

Our lucky winners who were drawn out of the hive boxes on Thursday got to spend some time with Mrs Sherwood playing games, drawing and enjoying a hot chocolate treat.





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Pancake Fun Day – Friday 13th February 2026





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Athletics Event at Swinton Academy

Our year 3 pupils visited Swinton Academy this week to take part in an Athletics event along with Brookfield Academy. The children were amazing and we are so proud of the way their represented our school. Well done!





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Reporting a Child's Absence

A reminder to parents/guardians:

If your child is going to be absent from school, can we please ask that you contact the school by 9.15am.

You can either leave a message via voicemail or by e-mailing the school.

Tel: 01709 570297 – press option 1 to leave a voicemail, state your child's name and the reason they will be absent.

Alternatively, you can e-mail: enquiries@stp.dsat.education

If you fail to contact the school by 9.15am, we will try to contact you by telephone / email. If we do not hear back from you by 10.30am the school will be forced to do a home welfare check. Please understand this procedure is in place to safeguard all our pupils.

Please click on the link below for helpful NHS guidance on when you shouldn't send your child to school if they are ill.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your co-operation.

FS2 Eye tests

The Optometrists Team will be in school during the morning of the 14th April 2026 to offer eye tests to all children in FS2. Consent forms should have been sent home with the children this week but if you haven't received one or require another, please contact the school office.

Please note, without a signed consent form your child will not be offered the eye test so please ensure you complete the form and return it to school asap. If you do not wish your child to have the test can we please ask that you still complete and return the form.

Thank you.
School Office

Wonderlicious 'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bars

As part of our world book week, our Friends of St Thomas PTA will be selling their 'Wonderlicious' chocolate bars where lucky pupils who find a golden ticket will be rewarded with some great prizes. More details to follow soon!





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Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2

- 23rd February 2026 – School re-opens to all Pupils at 8.40am.
24th February 2026 – School Nurse in school to do FS2 and Y6 Height and Weight checks (AM)]
W.C. 2nd March 2026 – World Book Week – See poster overleaf
5th March 2026 – 9.00am – Under the Sea Workshop (Y2) details to be published on Class DOJO
10th March 2026 – Year 5 – Family Tree Planting Event – details to be published on Class DOJO
W.C. 16th March 2026 – Book fayre in school all week
18th March 2026 – Global Recycling Day
19th March 2026 – FS2 workshop – Bringing Books to life – details to be published on class DOJO
20th March 2026 – Comic Relief and World Water Day
24th March 2026 – Swinton Academy in school to read with Year 1 pupils
25th March 2026 – Rock Steady Band Concert (9.30am) – further details to follow
27th March 2026 – Easter Service at St Thomas' Church Kilnhurst – details to follow
27th March 2026 – Break up for Easter Holidays at 3.10pm





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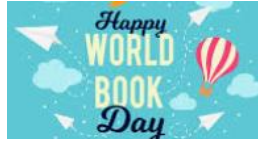


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World Book Week – Week Commencing 2nd March 2026

Throughout the week our wellbeing team will be running an adult book stall at the end of each school day!

Monday 2nd March 2026



World book day activity.

The class teacher will choose a fun World book day activity for the children to complete in class on this day.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026



Parents are invited into school to share a book with your child. Please let the class teacher know if you will be taking part.

EYFS, class 1 and class 2- 9.00am-10.00am

Class 3, class 4, class 5 and class 6- 2.00pm- 3.00pm

Wednesday 4th March 2026



No outsider's day – Dress to Impress – Wear what makes you happy and unique.

Each class will rotate around each class teacher throughout the day completing different activities linked to book that addresses protected characteristics.

Thursday 5th March 2026



Get Comfy and read day. Children to come in comfy clothes/home clothes or if they choose fancy dress as a book character.

DEAR day (Drop Everything and Read Day). Children to also bring in a book from home on this day to join in with drop everything and read throughout the day.

Friday 6th March 2026



We are celebrating International Women's day (Sunday 8th March). Each class teacher will plan an activity linked to a book celebrating women that the children will complete in class. The children will also get to enjoy a film afternoon. The children will watch a film linked to a book. Children can bring in popcorn or their own snack for the film afternoon.



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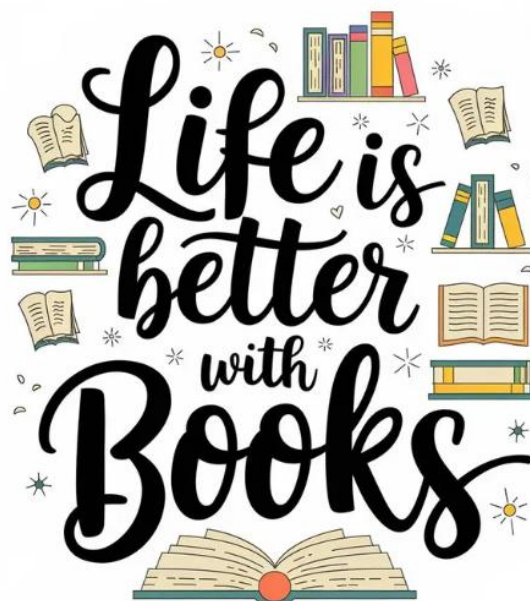
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Book Fayre 2026

Our Annual Scholastics Book Fayre will take place week commencing **16th March 2026**.

Each child will be given a £1 book token which they can use against any of the books on sale at the fayre; or they can be used at participating retail outlets. We will also be selling some stationery items (prices start from 50p).

The fayre will be from **Monday 16th March to Friday 20th March 2026** during the morning before class registration and after school each day. Further details to follow nearer the time.





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Colour Run

Celebrate the festival of Holi with us in a colourful fundraiser for all the family!

rotherhamhospice.org.uk/colour-run
or call 01709 966 000

3pm

£12 early bird

Phoenix Pavilion

Saturday 7th March 2026

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“Togetherness Course”



**For Parents and Carers of
School-age children**

“Togetherness” – a course for parents and carers.

Understanding your child's behaviour



- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like to improve the way you and your child communicate to prevent conflict?
- Would you like a chance to talk about these issues with other parents or carers?

We are delivering a 10-week programme for parents and carers of school-age children who want to understand more about parenting, ages and stages of development and understanding children's behaviour.

It will include some peer discussion, information-sharing and things to try at home. We will explore subjects such as:

Communication

Behaviour

Parenting styles

Having fun with your children

The next session will be at:

**Brookfield Family Hub and Children's Centre,
Lime Grove,
Swinton.
S64 8TQ
Thursday 26th February, 2026
12.30 – 2.30pm**

This is for 10 weeks but sessions do not run through school holidays.

The programme is FREE and includes refreshments.

Please contact Family Help Workers, Judith Sanders 07824436573 or Amanda Shutt 07748143333 for a chat or more information.



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Printed copies are available from the school office. Entries can be handed into your child's class teacher or the school office. Good Luck!

**LIVING
STREETS**

LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL

Badge design competition 2026

WOW - the walk to school challenge

WALK the SENSES

WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?
What do you see, hear, smell, taste or feel as you walk or wheel to school? Have you spotted a fluffy cloud in the sky or a cute dog passing by? Maybe you like the sound of feet walking. Or do you like the smell of flowers or wild garlic on the journey to school? Maybe it's the taste of your favourite yummy snack or it could be feeling the rain on your skin.

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Seeing a tree, a rainbow or wildlife
- The sound of birds singing or people talking
- The smell of flowers or food from a shop
- Tasting your favourite snack on the journey to school
- Feeling sun or snow on your skin

WHATEVER WAKES UP YOUR SENSES, DRAW IT!

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES

Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

CLOSING DATE
TUESDAY 24 FEB 2026

PUPILS

Pupil name:

Age:

What did you draw? How does your picture use one of your senses?

TEACHERS

School email:

School name and address:

Local authority:



At St Thomas, We Celebrate Everyone



At St Thomas, we are proud to be an inclusive school where every child is valued. We celebrate and understand both our similarities and our differences—because they make our community stronger.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by recognising the diverse needs of our children. Your empathy and understanding help us create a safe, respectful environment for all.

Together, we are role models of kindness, showing our children how to treat others with compassion and respect.

Thank you for being part of our caring school community.



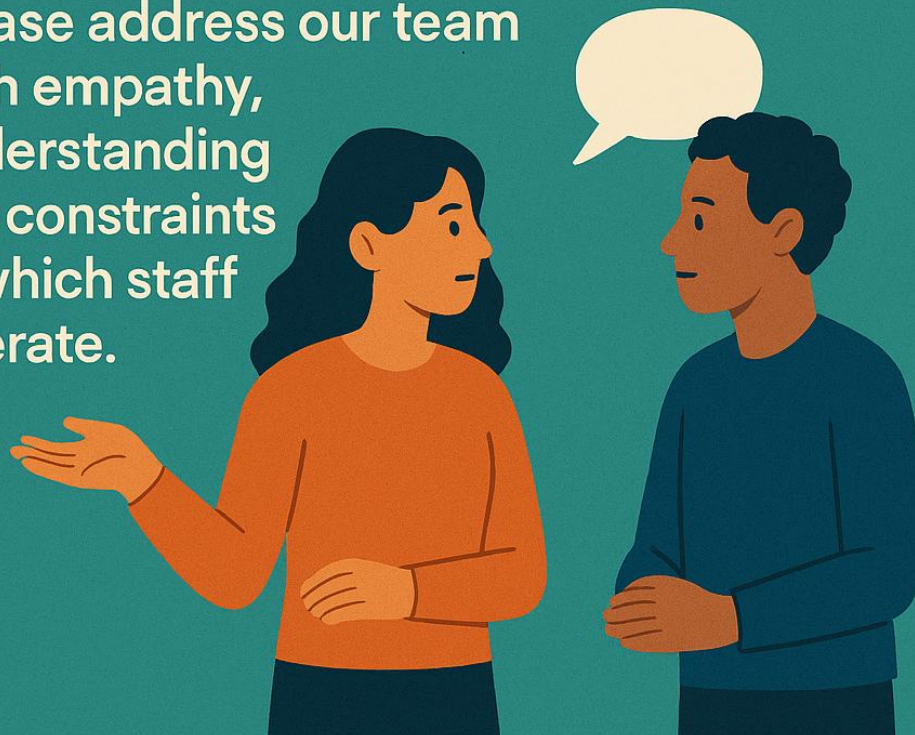


In our school, we use kind words and calm voices

Thank you for setting a great
example for our students.

If you have a concern, we want to help.

Please address our team
with empathy,
understanding
the constraints
in which staff
operate.





Did you know that pharmacies can now offer **clinical appointments** with medication available if required for four **clinical conditions** particularly relevant to **school age children**?



- ✓ Earache (Children aged 1-17)
- ✓ Sore throat (Over 5 years)
- ✓ Infected insect bites (Over 1 years)
- ✓ Impetigo (Over 1 years)



THINK 'Pharmacy First'



GP practices are busy, and it can be difficult to get a same day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local Lo's Pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist, receive advice and even medication if needed. Meaning children could be on the road to recovery and back to school as soon as possible.

Walk in's welcome



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**Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre pick up children from St Thomas' daily.
If you are interested in your child attending, please get in touch with them.**

**Pops Ranger Kids is unique club for children looking for adventure.
What better way to end your School day by taking part in our After
School Adventure Club? Packed full of activities, games and bushcraft to
help you become an amazing outdoor adventurer!**

Every Day After School Until 6:00pm

**Pops Outdoor Adventure Centre
– Rawmarsh**

The Bowling Green Pavilion,
Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh,
Rotherham. S62 7FL

Rawmarsh: 01709 527023

info@popsoutdooradventure.co.uk