



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Families,

Last Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 11:25–30) contains some of Jesus' most comforting words: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Jesus reminds us that we do not have to face challenges alone and that, through faith, kindness and supporting one another, we can find strength and peace.

As another busy school year draws to a close, this Gospel feels particularly fitting. It reminds us of the importance of looking after one another, celebrating all that has been achieved and taking time to rest and recharge. Here at school, we encourage our children to be ready, respectful and safe, knowing that when they feel supported and valued, they are able to flourish. The care our staff, families and children show one another is one of our greatest strengths, and this week's reflection is a wonderful reminder of that.

Firstly, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children this week. The exceptionally hot weather has made learning and playing more challenging than usual, yet they have shown remarkable resilience, maturity and positivity throughout. Thank you also to our families for ensuring children have come to school prepared with water bottles, sun hats and sun cream where needed.

It has truly been a wonderful week in school. Our Sports Day was a fantastic success, full of enthusiasm, encouragement and team spirit. A huge thank you to Evo and Mr Richardson for all the hard work that went into organising such an enjoyable event. It was lovely to see so many families there supporting the children.

Our Reception children had a joyful trip to Cleethorpes, creating memories that I'm sure will stay with them for years to come. At the other end of the school, our Year 6 children wowed us with their brilliant performance of Robin Hood. They performed with confidence, humour and great talent, and we couldn't have been prouder of them. Seeing our youngest children enjoying their first school trip and our oldest children taking to the stage so confidently is a wonderful reminder of the incredible journey our children make during their time with us and the rich experiences they enjoy along the way.

Finally, I would like to offer huge congratulations to Mr Richardson, who has been recognised with this year's Senior Leader in an Active School Award. This is a thoroughly deserved achievement and reflects his passion and commitment to ensuring that physical activity is at the heart of school life. Sports Day was a perfect example of this, as are the many sporting opportunities and tournaments our children enjoy throughout the year. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated member of staff, and I know you will join me in congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition.

As we approach the end of term, I would also like to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have truly been a Year 6 class to remember. Throughout the year they have led by example, embraced every opportunity and shown kindness, resilience and a real sense of community. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and of the young people they have become.

While we will miss them greatly, we know they are more than ready for the next stage of their journey. We wish each and every one of them every happiness and success as they move on to secondary school. They will always be a valued part of our school family, and we hope they look back on their time here with great fondness.

We are looking forward to enjoying our final week of the school year together before breaking up for the summer holidays. Please note that there will be no newsletter next week, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have celebrated achievements, supported one another through challenges and continued to build the caring, ambitious and joyful community that makes our school such a special place.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer with your families. Thank you, as always, for your support, kindness and partnership. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

God bless

Mrs Clements

School Calendar

Mon 13th July – Y3 & 5 Synagogue Visit

Weds 15th July – Pre-school Family Fun Day (Pre-school closed)

Fri 17th July – 14:15 Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Mon 20th July – Inset day (No pupils in school)

Tues 21st July - Inset day (No pupils in school)

Additional Inset day information

Please see the attached letter regarding an additional inset added to our 2026/27 calendar.

Toys in School

Just a reminder that toys and cards (for example Pokémon) are not allowed in school. If you feel that your child needs a fidget toy from home to support their learning, please contact Miss McKay, our SENCO to discuss this.

senco@st-tc.co.uk

Immunisation drop in clinics

Some children and young people may not be up to date with the current national immunisation programme. The School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) provides regular drop-in clinics across Sheffield, offering parents and carers a convenient way to access vaccinations.

Further information about the service, including clinic locations and times, can be found here:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-age-immunisation-service/>

Lunchtime Supervisor job advert

Please see in the attachments a current job role we have advertised.

School diners and milk for Autumn Term

Meals and milk are now available to book on Parentpay for Autumn term.

Parent sponsored walk for Sudden unexplained death in childhood

Please see the attached poster about a sponsored walk some of our parents will be doing to raise money for SUDC UK.

Location of our lion cub!

The Sheffield Children's Hospital Pride of Yorkshire trail has officially started. We are pleased to let you know that our lion cub will be located at The Circle on Division street. More information about our lion cub's location can be found here: https://prideofyorkshire.org/trail_item/nurturing-with-nature/

Information about the whole trail can be found here: <https://prideofyorkshire.org/>

Myclothing.com discount code

We're pleased to share that parents and carers can enjoy 10% off school uniform at www.myclothing.com . Simply use code INTAKE26 at checkout. Valid until 31 July 2026.

Cakes/Sweets for birthday celebrations

We understand that parents/carers would like to send their child with a cake or sweet treats to celebrate their birthday with their class. Please can we ask that any food items sent in are shop bought in original packaging, with full ingredients list and also individually portioned for example, cupcakes, small packets of sweets etc. Going forward we will be unable to accept whole cakes that need to be cut and wrapped up to be sent home.



Uniform

White or red embroidered polo shirt

- Red embroidered school sweater (round neck) or cardigan
- Red gingham dress
- Black trousers, black skirt or black pinafore dress
- In warm weather, black formal shorts, just above the knee, may be worn.
- Black leather fitted school shoes
- White or black socks or black tights

PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White or red embroidered round neck t-shirt
- Black jogging bottoms
- Grey embroidered hoodie
- Trainers for games

One stud earring may be worn in each ear as long as this can easily be removed by the child for PE but no other jewellery. Makeup, including nail varnish, may not be worn.

Children may wear a watch for school if they wish. Children may not have lettering, lines or other designs in their hair. We also ask that, for health and safety reasons, long hair is tied back.

Due to the weather, if children are wanting to play football/sports on the field, they must bring change of shoes.

Free School Meal Eligibility

We have seen an unprecedented rise in FSM eligibility in schools across Sheffield in the last few years.

As the school will receive additional funding based on the number of children who receive FSMs, not only will your child receive a FSM and free school milk but also financial support towards school trips.

With this in mind we want to make sure that our parents are aware of how to check their eligibility.

Even if you don't think you are eligible, it is worth your while to check.

<https://shorturl.at/x3ess>

Parking around school

We have been contacted multiple times recently regarding cars that are parking illegally near school. This can be dangerous and could cause an accident.

As a school we send out reminders to our parents and carers regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We also forward complaints to our contact at the local parking enforcement team. They will be doing spot checks and will give out fines to anyone parking illegally.

The following are examples of incorrect parking that can be reported to the enforcement team:

- parking on yellow lines, including adjacent to footways and verges
 - stopping on zig zag lines by a crossing or outside a school
 - using a disabled bay without a valid Blue Badge double parking
 - dropped kerb access – in front of driveways
- If you see a car that is causing danger to other road users or pedestrians then please use this link to report them.
- <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/parking/report-incorrectly-parked-vehicle>

Summer Term PE Days

Reception	Friday AM
Year 1	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 2	Tuesday AM & Wednesday PM
Year 3	Thursday PM & Friday PM
Year 4	Tuesday AM & Thursday PM
Year 5	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 6	Wednesday AM & Thursday AM

AM - children come to school in their PE kit and bring their uniform to change into.

PM - children should come dressed in their uniform, with their PE kit to change into.

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **Chocolate**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/ZDHHpRft-iw?si=rktgHAOmVn9r-LFf>



Half 'C' shape hand makes two small movements on chin towards dominant side

Golden Broom Winner

Each week, our caretaker chooses a class to win the Golden broom for having the tidiest cloakroom.

Year 4

Whole School Attendance

Class	Last Week	This week
Year 1	100%	
Year 2	98.9%	
Year 3	96.2%	
Year 4	96.3%	
Year 5	94.6%	
Year 6	93.8%	

SEND *Coffee Morning*

MEET • GREET • CHAT



Informal drop-in between
9-10 AM

Friday 10th July

Any parents are welcome

Your child doesn't have to be on
the SEN register.

Come along for a cuppa, meet other parents
and our friendly SEND team, and have a chat
about any queries or concerns you may have.

 Please let us know if you plan to join us
by speaking with the staff in the school office.

*We look forward to
seeing you there!*



September (22 Days)						
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October (18 Days)						
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November (20 Days)						
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December (15 Days)						
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April (14 Days)						
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May (15 Days)						
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June (22 Days)						
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July (14 Days)						
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August						
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Bank Holiday	Autumn 1	Monday 1 st September 2025	to	Friday 24 th October 2025	40 days
	Autumn 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	to	Friday 19 th December 2025	35 days
School Holiday	Spring 1	Monday 5 th January 2026	to	Friday 13 th February 2026	30 days
	Spring 2	Monday 23 rd February 2026	to	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	29 days
Staff Training	Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2026	to	Friday 22 nd May 2026	24 days
	Summer 2	Monday 1 st June 2026	to	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	37 days



A Safeguarding Policy Front Sheet

Name of Education Setting: St Thomas of Canterbury School Academic Year 2025 - 2026

We all have a statutory duty to "safeguard and promote the welfare of children", ([Working together to safeguard children, DfE 2015, page 5](#))

If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues such as a child's appearance, hygiene, general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

However, if you think that a child, a young person or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed, please talk to one of the people below immediately.

You can ask any member of staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.

The people you can talk to are:



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Name: Mrs L Clements

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy for under 5's is:

Name: Mrs R Hanson

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Ms D Swain

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mr M Richardson

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An allegation or disclosure involving someone working with children in a paid or unpaid capacity **must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher, Principal or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Body or Management Committee.



The Safeguarding Children Team in your setting includes:

Headteacher : responsible for implementing policies & procedures, allocating resources to the safeguarding team & addressing staff safeguarding concerns.

Name: Mrs L Clements (Headteacher)

Tel no: 01142745597

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): a member of senior leadership team responsible for addressing safeguarding issues, providing advice & support and liaising with the local authority & other agencies.

Name Mrs L Clements (Headteacher)

Tel no: 01142745597

Designated Safeguarding Deputy (DSD): a teacher or support worker (not admin or finance worker) who works with and covers for the DSL role above.

Name: Ms D Swain

Tel no: 01142745597

Name: Mr M Richardson

Tel no: 01142745597

Name: Mrs R Hanson

Tel no: 01142745597

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo): provides advice, liaison & support for staff & agencies working with pupils with special education needs & disabilities and their families

Name: Miss L Mckay

Tel no: 01142745597

Learning Mentor (or equivalent): supports pupils to reach their full potential by addressing their behaviour, attendance, achievement, timekeeping, homework and some safeguarding issues

Name: Ms D Swain

Tel no: 01142745597

Looked After Children (LAC) Designated Teacher: promotes the educational achievement of 'looked after' children and young people by helping staff understand issues that affect how they learn and achieve

Name: Miss L Mckay

Tel no: 01142745597

E-Safety Coordinator: develops and maintains an e-safe culture within a setting

Name: Mr M Richardson

Tel no: 01142745597

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Lead: develops and maintains policies & staff awareness of CSE, the Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board responsibilities and the Sexual Exploitation Service key priorities

Name: Mrs L Clements

Tel no: 01142745597

Your Safeguarding Children Team also links with the:

Safeguarding Governor: helps the Governing Body to have safeguarding policies & procedures in place, ensures they are followed and addresses general safeguarding issues that staff and parents raise

Name: Mrs B Popplewell

Email: b.popplewell@st-tc.co.uk

Tel no: 01142745597

Chair of Governors: addresses allegations of abuse made against the Head Teacher or deputy headteacher (and other members of staff when the Head Teacher is not available), liaises with the Local Authority; and works with the Head to ensure safe recruitment practices

Name: Mrs Molly Baxter

Email: chairofgovernors@st-tc.co.uk

Tel no: 01142745597

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Pre-School

Places still available for September 2025 for 3- and 4-year old's



Children benefit from access to an extensive outdoor learning environment which is zoned to reflect the areas of learning within the early year's curriculum.

St Thomas of Canterbury Pre-school is for 3 and 4-year-old children. This newly established and purposeful environment provides a stepping stone into developing key skills that will make children confident learners in preparation for starting school. We value the importance of learning being exciting, new and innovative, creating opportunities for children that will inspire them to be lifelong learners.

Phonics and numbers are taught through adult led sessions. By the end of Pre-school, we hope children will be secure in their knowledge of numbers to 5 and their initial sounds.

For information about session times, application forms and our nursery admission policy, please visit the school website at www.st-tc.co.uk/our-nursery

Our outdoor space with a growing garden, extensive woodland, a mud kitchen, a giant sandpit with climbing equipment and a play house.



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