

Friday 15th October 2021



NEWSLETTER

Thank you!

Our first school term of the year comes to an end today and on behalf of our staff I would like to thank all of our parents and families for your continued support throughout the past six and a half weeks.

Our St. Thomas' children have settled so well in to their new year groups and the progress being made across school makes us all feel so proud.

It has been lovely this week to welcome Reception parents in to school for a Stay and Play session with our sports coaches and to also host part one of our Parents' Evening—it finally feels that school is returning to a sense of normality after the past two school years.

Another return to normality will be the return of our after school clubs which are all proving very popular. At the start of next term, look out for a ParentMail where you can be added to our club list for Spring term if you didn't manage to secure a place for your child.



Behaviour and relationships

Last week, our school governors approved our new Behaviour and Relationships policy. Our school rules of Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Safe are included along with the 'over and above' culture that we are building across our school. The policy outlines all of the ways that we recognise children for doing the right thing and also details our restorative practice approach for when children do make a poor choice.

If you would like to take a look then you can find our new policy on our school website within our policies section. You can also use the below link:

Be Respectful

Be Ready

Be Safe

[St. Thomas' Behaviour and Relationships policy.pdf \(stthomasceacademy.com\)](https://stthomasceacademy.com)

Parent voice group

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to complete our Autumn term parent questionnaire. Following on from this, we will be hosting our first parent group on Friday 12th November at 9am—please contact the school office if you plan to attend (so that we ensure we have enough seats!). The focus for our first meeting will be our new Behaviour and Relationships policy detailed on the first page of this newsletter.



Half term physical activity challenge

Next term, we are going to be creating a whole school display all about Physical Education at St. Thomas'. We are hoping that a section of this display will be all about 'Physical activity' that our children are involved in outside of school—this could be family bike rides, playing for a football team or enjoying some gardening. During half term, we would love to receive photographs of children taking part in physical activities so that our display can take shape—please email your photographs to info@stthomasceacademy.com



Reception class—September 2022

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022? Do you have family or friends with a child who is due to start school? Next term, there will be two dates when we are inviting prospective parents in to our school to find out all about St. Thomas' and to have a quick peek inside our Reception classroom. The dates are:

Wednesday 17th November at 9.30am
Wednesday 1st December at 9.30am



If you are interested, or know someone who is, please encourage them to contact our school office on 01902 558 963 or email info@stthomasceacademy.com to book a place on one of these sessions.

Half term begins—new gate timings

We break up for a two week half term today—we hope that all of our families enjoy a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 1st November. Our school email (info@stthomasceacademy.com) will be looked at on Friday 29th October ahead of our return to school.

Starting on Monday 1st November, our school gate will open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am each morning.