



NEWSLETTER

Another great week

Celebrations this week at St. Thomas' include:

- Our Reception class starting their first phonics sessions and dough disco—we are very proud of them
- Year 1 have the highest attendance again this week and so our attendance bear, Tom, will stay with Year 1 for a second week
- French learning across Key Stage Two
- Computing learning across Key Stage One



Collective worship

It has been lovely to begin collective worship this term as we learn and reflect about our school value of Respect. Below is an overview of our themes each week this term—we hope that this supports you to have discussions at home about respect.

Week	Theme
1	What is respect?
2	Remembering to pray for others 'Always keep on praying for all God's people' Ephesians 6.18
3	Valuing difference
4	Valuing others as we would like to be valued 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' Matthew 7.12
5	Valuing special places
6	Valuing different opinions 'Show proper respect to everyone' Peter 2.17

INSET DAYS

The dates for all of our INSET days have now been decided. School will be closed to pupils on:

Tuesday 4th January

Monday 28th February

Monday 25th April

Please note that the Summer term will end on Friday 22nd July (this differs to previous information shared). Full term dates information can be found on our school website.

Parent questionnaire

We have now been back at school for three and a half weeks and we would love to receive feedback from you about how the start of term has been for you and your child/ren. We would love to hear about all of the positives and also if there are any areas of school life that we can improve.

The survey includes questions about the start and end of the day, school communication and homework. Please complete a separate Form for each of your children.

To access the questionnaire please use the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aRA24azYE0SgJYZ0DbR4viNOWQkKTY1NkyCZksXtDAfURTNER1dJUudXM1MxMVdGWjkkTkpBV0M1OS4u>

The questionnaire will be active through until Friday 1st October.

Parent Voice group

As part of the questionnaire, you will also be asked if you would be interested in joining a parent voice group. The plan will be to meet once a month with Mrs Jones and other school leaders for either a 'tea and toast' morning session or a 'coffee and biscuits' afternoon session. There will be a specific focus for each of the sessions and there will be an opportunity for parents to contribute via email if they are unable to attend in person.

Look out for further information in the next couple of weeks if there are enough parents interested in being a part of this.

Save the date

Soccer 2000 will be hosting parent 'stay and play' sessions for our children in Reception and Year 1. More information will follow soon but save the date for now:

Reception Monday 11th October 9—10am

Year 1 Monday 8th November 9—10am

