



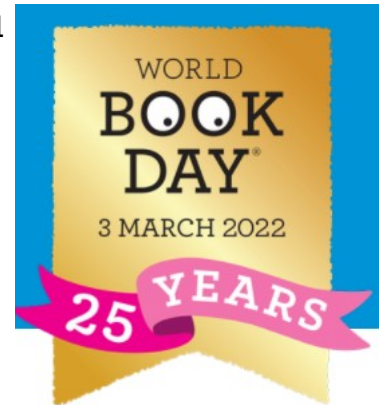
NEWSLETTER

World Book Day

St. Thomas' will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March with a 'non-fiction' focus. We invite children to come in to school for the day dressed up linked to a non-fiction text. Here are a couple of examples to get you started:

- a historical figure linked to a history text
- an animal linked to a text about science
- a famous person linked to the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series of books
- a costume representing a country from a geography text

We look forward to seeing all of the ideas that our children have for this day. School are planning a range of activities as part of the day.



Mental health week

This week, a national 'Children's Mental Health' week is taking place with the theme of 'Growing Together' - a focus on how both children and adults can grow emotionally and find ways to help each other to grow. This week at St. Thomas' we have shared an assembly and completed follow up discussions in our classrooms. We have encouraged all of our children to think about five people in their lives, both at home and at school, who they would turn to if they felt worried. The following link has many ideas for parents on how to support your child at home:

[Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Of course, if you have any worries about your child's mental health then do talk to us here at school—we can work with you and offer your child support from their class teacher, a member of support staff or from our Family Support Worker, Mrs Powell.



Pupil conference

A huge well done to our Head Boy and Head Girl team and our Pupil Leadership Team in KS2 who represented St. Thomas' at a conference with all of our other Manor MAT schools. They created a video about St. Thomas' to share as part of the conference and were great role models for our school throughout the whole day (see page 2 for photos).



Memorable experiences at St. Thomas'

Here are a few photos from the Manor MAT Pupil Leadership conference—definitely a day to remember for the 12 children who attended:



Singing workshops

This week, children in Years 2, 3 and 6 have taken part in a singing workshop delivered by Wolverhampton Music Service. Lots of fun was had by all of the children who took part:



Swimming and music

Next week, Year 4 and Year 5 will have their final swimming and music lessons of the year before they swap over after half term. Year 5 have made fantastic progress playing their violins and Year 4 have developed their swimming skills.



Art fortnight

This week children across school have been very creative as part of the first week of our art fortnight—this includes:

Year 1: Investigating collage

Year 2: Investigating the world of colour

Year 3: Stone Age murals and sculptures

Year 4: Sculpture and pottery

Year 5: Creating masks and puppets

Year 6: World War II landscapes

Next Friday, children will share their art creations as part of a whole school gallery so that we can celebrate the pieces of art work created within each class. An exciting week ahead!

