



Summer Term 2

GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

WELCOME



Welcome to the last terms edition of our magazine for this academic school year - time has gone so quickly.

We ended last term with a fantastic sports week where all the children and staff enjoyed many activities. Team Extreme amazed us all with the stunts and abilities at the showcase at the NIA.

We are looking forward to starting this final term with our Take One Picutre topic, you can find out more information about it on p14.

Roll on the summer...

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Executive Headteacher



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Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery & Reception



INSPIRE!

*Wed 21 June:
9:00am - 10:00am*

Please come along and
support your child.

PE DAY

Wednesdays

Please leave your PE kit on
your peg and take home
at the end of term for
washing.

Shared
Library

3.10pm every
Monday

Handwriting Mornings

We will be having handwriting
mornings every Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday from 8.45am –
8.55am. All parents are
welcome to stay with their
child and do their handwriting

Last Term's Highlights



We have enjoyed our topic on the life-cycle of a butterfly and we have loved observing and talking about the different stages of the caterpillars. We were all very excited when the caterpillars started to spin their cocoons and there was even more excitement when the butterflies came out of their cocoons. Children named the butterflies before releasing them into the wild!

We visited St John's Church and Birmingham Progressive Synagogue. They learned some new songs and acted out a wedding and took part in lots of activities.



We enjoyed taking part in different activities during Sports Week, and loved cheering for our friends in the other teams on Sports Day and had fun trying the Bungee Trampolines. Some were a bit hesitant to have a go at first but by the end they all wanted to do it again.



Topics This Half Term:

This term we be looking at Take One Picture, Summer, Zoo Animals with a visit to Dudley Zoo planned (more details to follow).



Key Stage 1

Years 1 & 2



INSPIRE!

PE DAY

Monday & Thursday

Please leave your PE kit on your peg and take home at the end of term for washing.

Thurs 15 June:
9:00am - 10:00am
Please come along and support your child.

Guided Reading starts at 9:00am prompt - don't be late for school.

Last Term's Highlights



We enjoyed creating our own footprints by using salt dough and paint. Although it was a bit smelly, we had great fun pretending to be Neil Armstrong on the moon.



We also enjoyed making rockets and creating fact files about Neil Armstrong's life.



We have learnt a lot about plants and had a great time completing our very own experiments like planting seeds.



Topics This Half Term

We will be focusing on our Take One Picture topic and learning about the seaside.



Lower Key

Stage 2

Years 3 & 4



INSPIRE!

PE DAY

Tuesday & Wednesdays
Please leave your PE kit
on your peg and take
home at the end of term
for washing.

*Wed 14 June:
9:00am - 10:00am*

Please come along and
support your child.

Guided Reading
starts at 9:00am
prompt - don't be
late for school.

Last Term's Highlights



We have thoroughly enjoyed our sports week. The Bungee trampolines were tremendous fun and scootering with ramps was an experience. Our time at Sunset Park and the NIA, showed off our good sportsmanship skills, when we cheered each other on.



Our Year 3 children gave a performance to the rest of the school by playing their cornets, demonstrating how far they've come since September. Well done everyone.



We are so proud of ourselves for raising over £100 in our phase. We showed great business enterprise and empathy towards others for the Comic Relief day.

Topics This Half Term

Take One Picture looks set to be a topic full of interesting things to do and as is indicative of our school, we look forward to getting fully involved by enjoying a banquet and working together with our friends at St John's and St Peter's. The electives in Year 4 will be taking part in a musical performance at Symphony Hall in the Ladywood Showcase and we can't wait to go and watch them on stage, along with lots of other schools! Our Inspire workshop is nearly upon us and will have a maths focus and should incorporate our Take One Picture painting as well.



Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 & 6



INSPIRE!

Tues 13 June:
9:00am - 10:00am
Please come along and
support your child.

Guided Reading
starts at 9:00am
prompt - don't be
late for school.

PE DAY

Thursday & Fridays
Please leave your PE kit on
your peg and take home
at the end of term for
washing.

Last Term's Highlights



Last term we overcome SATs exams and showed bravery and determination to succeed to the best of our ability! Well done Year Six!

Sports week was a huge success with Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoying the scooter workshop and displayed skill and control.



The children were keen scientists, looking at chemical changes, creating slime and developing an understanding of chemical and physical change.

Topics This Half Term

Take one picture starts when we return, where will be visiting Warwick Castle to support our learning! The end of year production will be..... The Wizard of Oz and all of UKS2 will be involved. Auditions will be held soon!



Social & Emotional Learning

This half term our SEL focus is Self Awareness

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the way in which we teach our children to develop fundamental life skills.

At St Thomas CE Academy we believe it is important to teach the **WHOLE CHILD** and not just focus on academic learning.

Self-awareness plays a critical role in how students make sense of life experiences. Once children can recognise their own emotions and identify their strength and weaknesses, they can see themselves as individuals. This empowers children to be able to make decisions within friendships and learning.

Key Stage One

Learning Objectives

- To explore feelings
- To understand how to make friends. To set a simple personal goal
- To understand that our thoughts, feelings, and behaviour are linked

Success Criteria

- I can recognise my feelings and talk about them
- I know what qualities make a good friend
- I know that I am responsible for my behaviour and choices

Lower Key Stage Two

Learning Objectives

- To know how to feel good about yourself
- To explore feelings : recognising, labelling and understanding your own emotions

Success Criteria

- I know what makes me feel good and can discuss this.
- I can talk about and recognise my own emotions

Lower Key Stage Two

Learning Objectives

- To identify put-downs and possible conflicts
- To know some ways of managing uncomfortable feelings
- To explore feelings: recognising, labelling and understanding your own emotions

Success Criteria

- I can recognise possible conflicts and apply problem solving strategies
- I can use strategies to help me manage my feelings
- I can vocalise how I'm feeling

Self-Awareness
Self-Awareness

Take One Picture

“Take One Picture is a nationwide initiative run by the National Portrait Gallery and is the inspiration for our creative curriculum”

Each year as a school we chose a different painting and produce three weeks of learning based on themes and images within the artwork.

Quite often the best ideas for projects come from the children themselves and we encourage them to take ownership of their own learning within the project.

"The Banquet" 1882 by J.D.Linton



The All Saints Banquet

We are looking forward to celebrating our own All Saints Banquet on *Friday 23 June* at St John's and St Peter's CE Academy. Look out for more information about it.

St Luke's Church



ST LUKE'S CHURCH

It was really wonderful to have sports week at the end of last half term. This term will also see lots of fun things. I'd like to set you a challenge, I'll call it the 'Thankfulness Challenge', to look at the things around you and to be thankful and grateful. There will be sunshine, children's achievements, nice food, family laughter and so many things. Lets try and notice all the good things and be thankful. There are so many issues and difficulties in our country and our world, we can't ignore these, but alongside them we can look for the good things no matter how small.

Here's some of the fun things at St Luke's church that I'd love to invite you to them

MONDAY MORNINGS – every Monday there is the opportunity to drop your child at school and then come into St Luke's for a cuppa, some toast and a chat. We also have a food project and you could join in baking or cooking a meal. It's very relaxed and lots of fun. Come for as long or as little as you wish.

FIRST SATURDAY FUN – activities for all the community, lots of fun planned.

Saturday 1 July Games and fun 1-4pm

Saturday 5 August BBQ and stalls 1-4pm

Free entry, small donation for refreshments. You are most welcome.

ANY ISSUE, ANY TIME – As the Vicar, the Pastor, the Parish Priest I'm always available for a chat, a prayer, a coffee, something you'd like help with, anything you want to 'get off your chest' just pop into church or see me outside school. Be assured of my prayers for staff, children and parents of St Thomas'

Rev Amanda

Sports Week



After School Clubs

Mondays

Fashion Designers

Year 3-4-5-6

Martial Arts

Year 1-2-3-4-5-6

Tuesdays

Capoeira

Year 1-2-3

Dodge Ball

Year 4-5-6

Mandarin Club

Year 1-2-3-4-5-6

Wednesdays

Designers

Year 1-2

AVFC Football

Year 3-4-5-6

Thursdays

Multi-Sports

Year 1-2-3

Ready, Steady, Cook!

Year 4-5-6

Fridays

Roller-Disco

Year 1-2

Vigour Boarding

Year 3-4-5-6

Club Francais

Year 3-4-5-6

More information along with a downloadable sign-up form can be found on the Extended Clubs page of the school website.

Dates for Your Diary

June

- 5** Take One Picture
Monday 5- Friday 23 June
- 8** School closed to pupils for voting
Teacher training day
- 13** UKS2 Inspire Workshop
9:00am
- 14** LKS2 Inspire Workshop
9:00am
- 15** KS1 Inspire Workshop
9:00am
- 21** EYFS Inspire Workshop
9:00am
- 30** EYFS Assembly
9:00am - St Thomas CE Academy, all welcome

July

- 4** Y6 Leavers Service
13:15pm - St Martin's in the Bullring
- 12** LKS2 Cornet Concert
14:30pm - St Thomas CE Academy, parents welcome
- 19** Drop-in Parents Eve
15:30pm
- 20** UKS2 Performance
14:00pm - St Thomas CE Academy, parents welcome
- 21** UKS2 Performance
9:15am - St Thomas CE Academy, parents welcome
- 25** Leavers Celebration
14:00pm - St Thomas CE Academy, parents welcome

Parents / Carers are welcome to come along and join in the Inspire Workshop's at St Thomas CE Academy.

Term Dates

Monday 5 June - Tuesday 25 July

End of term Stars



MOST IMPROVED READER OF THE TERM

Nursery: ARJUN
 Reception: SANAÁ
 Year 1: MEDHANSH
 Year 2: RIDWAAN

Year 3: LORENZO
 Year 4: RUFTA
 Year 5: FAVOUR
 Year 6: JOHN



Nursery: BASMA
 Reception: TYLER
 Year 1: REAIAH
 Year 2: KARTIKEYA

Year 3: ARTAN
 Year 4: IMANI
 Year 5: HUSSAIN
 Year 6: EDISON

MOST IMPROVED WRITER OF THE TERM

MOST IMPROVED MATHEMATICIAN OF THE TERM

Nursery: JODIE
 Reception: VERNECIA
 Year 1: KHALID
 Year 2: AYAAN

YEAR 3: KAVIS
 YEAR 4: JOSHUA
 YEAR 5: TRISZTAN
 YEAR 6: AARUN



NURSERY: JESSICA
 RECEPTION: ZION
 YEAR 1: REHAN
 YEAR 2: ADRIANNA

YEAR 3: SUMAYA
 YEAR 4: CORTEZ
 YEAR 5: AMEI
 YEAR 6: MALIK

SPORTSPERSON OF THE TERM

Citizenship Award

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Ananya

Ananya is a very determined girl and she always wants to do her best. She helps the other children to follow the school rules and always makes the right choice herself. She loves writing and she is very proud of her literacy work.



Nursery

May 2017



Citizenship Award



Asawer

He tries his best and he has made excellent progress in all areas of his learning. He has gained more confidence especially in his social and emotional skills. In the morning he comes in and says "Good morning" to the adults and he is aware of what is expected of him and he tries to make the right choices all the time.



Reception

May 2017





Citizenship Award

Hannah

Hannah is a delightful, young lady who enjoys coming to school and helping other children. She always has a huge smile on her face and challenges herself within lessons. She is a pleasure to teach!



Year 1

May 2017



Citizenship Award

Nadir

Nadir has grown enormously in self-confidence and is now able to freely communicate with his peers and with members of staff. He has a fantastic attitude and enjoys coming to school and trying his best. Even if he finds something difficult, he never gives up. He is a good role - model for the boys in Key Stage One and a pleasure to have in our phase.



Year 2

May 2017

Citizenship Award



Citizenship Award

Nahlah

She is a smiler! Always ready to try her best in all aspects of the school day. Nahlah is a polite and well mannered young lady with a positive outlook. She does not give up but 'has a go'.



Year 3

May 2017



Citizenship Award

Mahdi

Mahdi has shown what its like to be a real model. He always comes in with a smile on his face and is very supportive to his peers. He is willing to help others succeed and always try's his best at everything he does even when things get tough. He is a real pleasure to have around.



Year 4

May 2017





Citizenship Award

Umaiza

After recently joining the school, she has settled in extremely well and is already a fantastic role model for the school and all of our values. She is extremely motivated and achieves the best at her ability! We are happy to have you here in our phase!



Year 5

May 2017



Citizenship Award

Miracle

Has always tried hard within school and become so much more independent, a happy, fun-loving child who always has a smile on their face. She has shown confidence and courage in her preparation for secondary school.



Year 6

May 2017





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