

A photograph of three young children standing outdoors in a grassy area. They are wearing bright blue and red raincoats with hoods and pink rain boots. The child in the center is smiling at the camera, while the child to the right looks off to the side. A brick building with windows is visible in the background.

Autumn Term 2

GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

WELCOME



Welcome back from your Autumn half term break, I hope you had a fantastic week. In this magazine, we have pages of exciting information about what is coming up in this half term.

Miss Sutton recently went on maternity leave and I am delighted to congratulate her on the birth of her daughter!

There are so many things to look forward to such as our renowned trips to Bilberry , LIEP trips to the Pagoda and Synagogue, the EYFS Inspire Workshop and of course the all important run up to Christmas.

Mr D Lassetter
Executive Headteacher



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Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery & Reception

PE DAY

Wednesday

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 activity with them.

INSPIRE!

Wed 02 November:
9:00am - 10:00am

Please come along and
support your child.

Last term's highlights

We have learned a lot about ourselves and our community. We made clay faces and painted our self-portraits. We enjoyed drawing around our friends and labelling the parts of the body.



We enjoyed our Black History topic this term. We had lots of fun cooking Jamaican dumplings, banana fritter, soup and tropical fruit salad. We also listened to some Jamaican music.

The Inspire Workshop was a great success! We enjoyed working with our parents in the morning.



Topics this half term:

This half term the children will be learning about 'Autumn and Bonfire Night', 'Light and Dark' and 'Christmas'.



Key Stage 1

Years 1 & 2



PE DAY

Tuesday & Friday

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

LIEP

Ladywood Interfaith Education Project

Wed 2 & Thurs 3 Nov
Trip to the Pagoda

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

Last term's highlights



Last term we went on a community walk, finding out about the local area.



Spicy Fingers visited the school and helped us perform songs, poems and stories for our 'Black History' topic.



For our 'Sensing Seasons' topic, we had to sort clothes practically for each season.

Our SEL topic last term was Our Community and we all made a target that we have been checking on a weekly basis to see if we have improved.



This half term

This half term we will be visiting a Pagoda as part of the R.E curriculum, looking at everyday materials in science, learning about Christmas and chocolate!



Lower Key Stage 2

Years 3 & 4

PE DAY

Tuesday & Wednesday

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

LIEP

Ladywood Interfaith
Education Project

Mon 21 & Thurs 24 Nov
Trip to the Pagoda

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

Last term's highlights



We celebrated the 100th Birthday of Roald Dahl and we had frobscottle milk and snozzcumpers!



In science, we thought carefully about the best conditions for seed germination and how they are dispersed.



We are very proud of our part in the Harvest assembly. We role played families in need receiving food bank help.

This half term

This half term we will be learning about Ancient China, become 'Rock Detectives' and have a trip to the Pagoda for RE.



Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 & 6

PE DAY

Monday & Wednesday

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

LIEP

Ladywood Interfaith
Education Project

Tues 29 & Wed 30 Nov
Trip to the Synagogue

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

Last term's highlights



Last half term was a great start for UKS2! We enjoyed experimenting in Science, looking at the viscosity of ketchup and which brands were the best.



We created fantastic model bobsleighs for our Jamaican Black History week!



Finally, well done to all the children in the harvest festival, reading out to the whole school.



This half term

This half term we will be at Bilberry again, exploring survival science! We will also be looking at the rainforests in our Mayan topic and creating some of our own chocolate!



Social & Emotional Learning

A photograph of three children in school uniforms (two girls and one boy) playing with a blue hula hoop on a grassy area. The children are in profile, looking towards the right. The background shows a wooden fence and a brick wall.

This half term our SEL focus is Managing Feelings

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.

We cannot "teach" these skills as a one-off. There is a need to revisit and develop the concepts, understanding and skills over time, building on what has been learned previously.

When we give pupils regular, planned opportunities to refer to and make appropriate use of Social and Emotional Learning across the curriculum, and in the choices they make about their behaviour and attendance - only then can we honestly say we have equipped our pupils with the skills they need to realise their potential.



Managing Feelings

Key Stage One

Learning Objectives

- To play in a group.
- To know my emotions.
- To understand what makes a happy playtime.

Success Criteria

- I can have more than one friend.
- I can say how I feel, when I'm feeling...
- I can talk about my playtime.

Lower Key Stage Two

Learning Objectives

- To identify and express my feelings.
- To explore ways to overcome different emotions.
- I understand what makes a quality playtime.

Success Criteria

- I can talk about how my body feels with different emotions.
- I can talk to an appropriate adult about how I am feeling.
- I can talk about my playtime and realise it is acceptable to disagree

Lower Key Stage Two

Learning Objectives

- To understand that my behaviour is my responsibility.
- To form an opinion.
- To understand situations can bring up different emotions.

Success Criteria

- I can control my reactions.
- I can stand up for what I think after listening to others and making my own choice.
- I can explain how I am feeling even if I have mixed feelings.

Jamaica

Mr Lassetter - Executive Headteacher



"It was a privilege to lead a really strong team on our visit to Jamaica this year. Highlights for me include; seeing the team develop professionally, enhancing our relationship with McIntosh and spending time with the children. I look forward to seeing the impact of our visit positively shaping life at All Saints Multi Academy Trust."

Miss Shumeek-I Blake - KS1 Class Teacher

"As I am of Jamaican heritage, personally the trip to Jamaica was both an honour and a privilege."

"Our trip to Jamaica had both personal and professional benefits as I was able to visit my grandmother; build new relationships with our global partners as well as bonding and strengthening relationships with members of staff. In addition, I was able to deepen my understanding of the Jamaican culture and curriculum making comparisons to ours and share best practice."



Mr Walton - UKS2 Class Teacher

"Jamaica was such a fantastic experience, it was interesting to see the similarities and differences between our own school and McIntosh Memorial Primary. It was brilliant to see such self confidence in young children especially when it came to drama and music."

"It is an experience I will never forget."



Miss Lynn Chapman - LKS2 Class Teacher

*"An experience of a lifetime - there really is no doubt,
Wonderful children, inspiring staff - that's what it's all about.
Devotion gave me goosebumps - the emotion and the joy.
Songs and prayers and poems performed by every girl and boy.
A different world in many ways from our very own.
I loved the teaching experience and the new culture I was shown.
But through it all, one common thread unites McIntosh and the MAT,
The love and kindness, support and care - we always all share that.
I feel lucky and so proud to have been a part of the Jamaican team,
Learning from each other and sharing this great dream."*



Miss Caines - LKS2 Higher Level Teaching Assistant

*"What I enjoyed the most was the inconceivable
welcome that we all received on the first day at
McIntosh Memorial school.*

*Seeing the children's faces light up as though we were
celebrities. It was truly amazing! I see going to Jamaica
as a blessing, God has created a colourful world full of
beautiful children. We must love and teach them as
knowledge is the key to success.*

*The lord will keep us together as a family and our
relationships will be more fruitful than ever."*





Celebrate

Christmas

at St Thomas CE Academy

Carol Service

Tuesday 6 December 6pm

St Luke's Church

All Welcome

School Nativity

Wednesday 14 December 2pm

Thursday 15 December 9.15am

All Welcome

Children's Christmas Party

Thursday 15 December 1.30pm

Christmas Lunch

Friday 16 December

Free for children

St Luke's Church & St Thomas CE Academy



It is great to see the links between school and church blossoming. I have loved coming in to do assemblies and it was great to celebrate Harvest together in church. We have had lovely coffee 'drop ins' at church and the Baking Demonstrations have proved to be lots of fun. Plus it is always lovely to chat with children, parents and teachers.

This half term sees our run up to Christmas. I'd like to specifically invite you to:

ADVENT CALENDAR MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 26 November

Morning session 10.30am – 12.15pm

Afternoon session 2pm - 3.45pm

We had lots of fun making these last year.

No charge. ALL WELCOME

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 6 December 6pm in Church

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES 'DROP IN'

Thursday 8 December after dropping your children in school



ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 18 December 11am Come and sing Carols

Saturday 24 December 4pm Crib Service
11pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25 December 10.30am Christmas Day Service

Please also remember I'm happy to talk with you or pray with you anytime.

Rev Amanda Howett 0121 622 7034

Dates for your diary

November

2

EYFS Inspire Workshop

9:00am - St Thomas CE Academy, parents welcome

14

UKS2 Bilberry Residential

Monday 14 - Friday 18 November

24

UKS2 Phase Assembly

2:00pm - All welcome

December

1

School Closed to pupils

Staff training day

2

School Closed to pupils

Staff training day

6

Christmas Carol Service

6:00pm at St Luke's Church - All welcome

14

School Nativity

2:00pm

15

School Nativity - 9:15am

Childrens Christmas Party - 1:30pm

16

Celebration Assembly - 9:00am

Christmas Lunch - 11:30am



After School Clubs

Mondays

Art & Design

Year 3-4-5-6

Martial Arts

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

Tuesdays

Construction Club

Year 1-2

Capoeira

Year 3-4-5-6

Wednesdays

Art & Design

Year 1-2

AVFC Football

Year 3-4-5-6

Thursdays

Gymnastics

Year 1-2-3

Ready, Steady, Cook

Year 4-5-6

Fridays

Roller-Disco

Year 1-2

Vigour Boarding

Year 3-4-5-6

End of term Stars



MOST IMPROVED READER OF THE TERM

Nursery: XI
Reception: ETHAN
Year 1: AMERAI
Year 2: RICO

Year 3: SUMAYA
Year 4: IMARNI
Year 5: RAYAN
Year 6: JAHQUAN



Nursery: AASHVI
Reception: ZAYNAB
Year 1: LEEN
Year 2: HYERIN

Year 3: ISATOU
Year 4: L'NAYAH
Year 5: ARMAN
Year 6: AARUN

MOST IMPROVED WRITER OF THE TERM

MOST IMPROVED MATHEMATICIAN OF THE TERM

Nursery: EBRAIMA
Reception: AARIZ
Year 1: ELIORA
Year 2: HADEEL

Year 3: KAVIS
Year 4: ZAKIRA
Year 5: REECE
Year 6: DEARNO



NURSERY: ZACHARIAH
RECEPTION: KADE
YEAR 1: MAITHAM
YEAR 2: SIENNA

YEAR 3: SANCHAYAN
YEAR 4: RUFTA
YEAR 5: KATHERINE
YEAR 6: AARUN

SPORTSPERSON OF THE TERM

Citizenship Award

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Oisin

Oisin is always happy and smiling when anyone talks to him. He is kind to his friends and always shares. He is a role model for all the Nursey children.



Nursery

October 2016



Citizenship Award



Gia

Gia is always on task. She has a wonderful curiosity and she wants to find out more. She is funny, kind and a super role model for the reception children.



Reception

October 2016





Citizenship Award

Rehan

Rehan has come into his own in Year 1. He is a great role model to other students. Rehan is always ready to learn and he is a super asset to our class community.



Year 1



October 2016



Citizenship Award

Louie

Louie is responsible, mature and has a fantastic attitude to learning. He helps other children and takes pride in everything he does. He is a great role model to others.

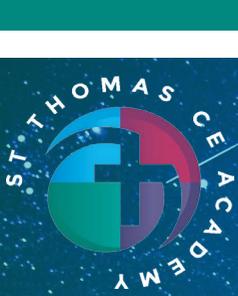


Year 2



October 2016

Citizenship Award



Citizenship Award

Khamani

He is a superstar who always does the right thing! He is polite and well mannered and always willing to 'have a go' without a fuss.



Year 3



October 2016



Citizenship Award

Amir

He is a lovely, pleasant young man. He follows instructions with a smile. Nothing is too much trouble. He is a fantastic role model all the time!



Year 4



October 2016



Citizenship Award

Liam

Liam is a lovely boy. He tries his best in all areas of learning. When confident to do, he is beginning to volunteer his ideas more.



Year 5



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Citizenship Award

Yasmeen

Hard working and focused throughout the half term. She is always helping teachers around the classroom and making the right choices.



Year 6



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