

Spring Term 1

GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

WELCOME



Welcome to the Spring edition of this half terms magazine.

There was lots to celebrate last term, UKS2 had a fantastic residential trip learning about survival science at Bilberry, whilst EYFS enjoyed writing letter's to Santa and KS1 had a great time visiting Cadbury World. We were delighted that our SIAMS inspection judged us to be outstanding: SIAMS is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

On pages 20-24 you will see the amazing children who were awarded the Citizenship Award for the last term. There are more trips and Inspire workshops taking place this term. Look out for the dates on the pages of each Key Stage to find out when they are happening.

I hope you enjoy the new term - Happy New Year.

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.

Last Term's Highlights



We have enjoyed going on Autumn walks, rustling through the leaves and observing all the changes in the Autumn season. For our light and dark topic children enjoyed building and playing in the dark den. They also made shadow puppets using cards and the interactive whiteboard and used their body shapes to create body shadows using a white sheet and a projecting light.

In SEL we have discussed different feelings such as happy, sad, angry, worried and excited. Children have enjoyed listening to stories, circle times, making worry wands, feelings traffic lights and decorating the rainbow fish.



We were excited to receive a letter from Santa. The children replied by writing their own letters to Santa telling him what they would like for Christmas. The children were fantastic in the Nativity when they sang 'Away in a Manger' and we had lots of fun singing, dancing and playing games at our Christmas party.

Topics This Half Term:

This half term our topics are Winter, Senses, SEL Week and International topic.



Key Stage 1

Years 1 & 2

PE DAY

Monday & Thursday

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

LIEP

Ladywood Interfaith Education Project

Tues 14 & Thurs 16 Feb
Trip to the Church

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

INSPIRE!

Tues 17 January:
9:00am - 10:00am

Please come along and support your child.

Last Term's Highlights



We enjoyed visiting Cadbury World as part of our chocolate topic. We learnt about local history and had a great time!



Key Stage One carried out their first scientific investigation for the year. We helped the three bears to find the best material to fix their curtains.



Another amazing highlight was our Key Stage One Nativity play. Everyone did so well and it was the best one yet!



Topics This Half Term

This term, we will be looking at our new SEL topic and continuing with science - looking at animals. We look forward to SEL week and our International Topic too.



Lower Key Stage 2

Years 3 & 4

INSPIRE!

*Thurs 19 January:
9:00am - 10:00am*

Please come along and support your child.

PE DAY

Tuesday & Wednesdays

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

LIEP

Ladywood Interfaith Education Project

*Mon 9 & Tues 10 Jan
Trip to the Church*

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

Last Term's Highlights



We all really enjoyed discovering more about Ancient China and learning about their culture through a dance workshop.



Mary Seacole was one of the main focuses during our topic last term and the children had a brilliant time learning and performing the song about her.



The Cornet Concert was a real highlight of the term, it was great to see everyone have so much fun the audience loved it!

Topics This Half Term

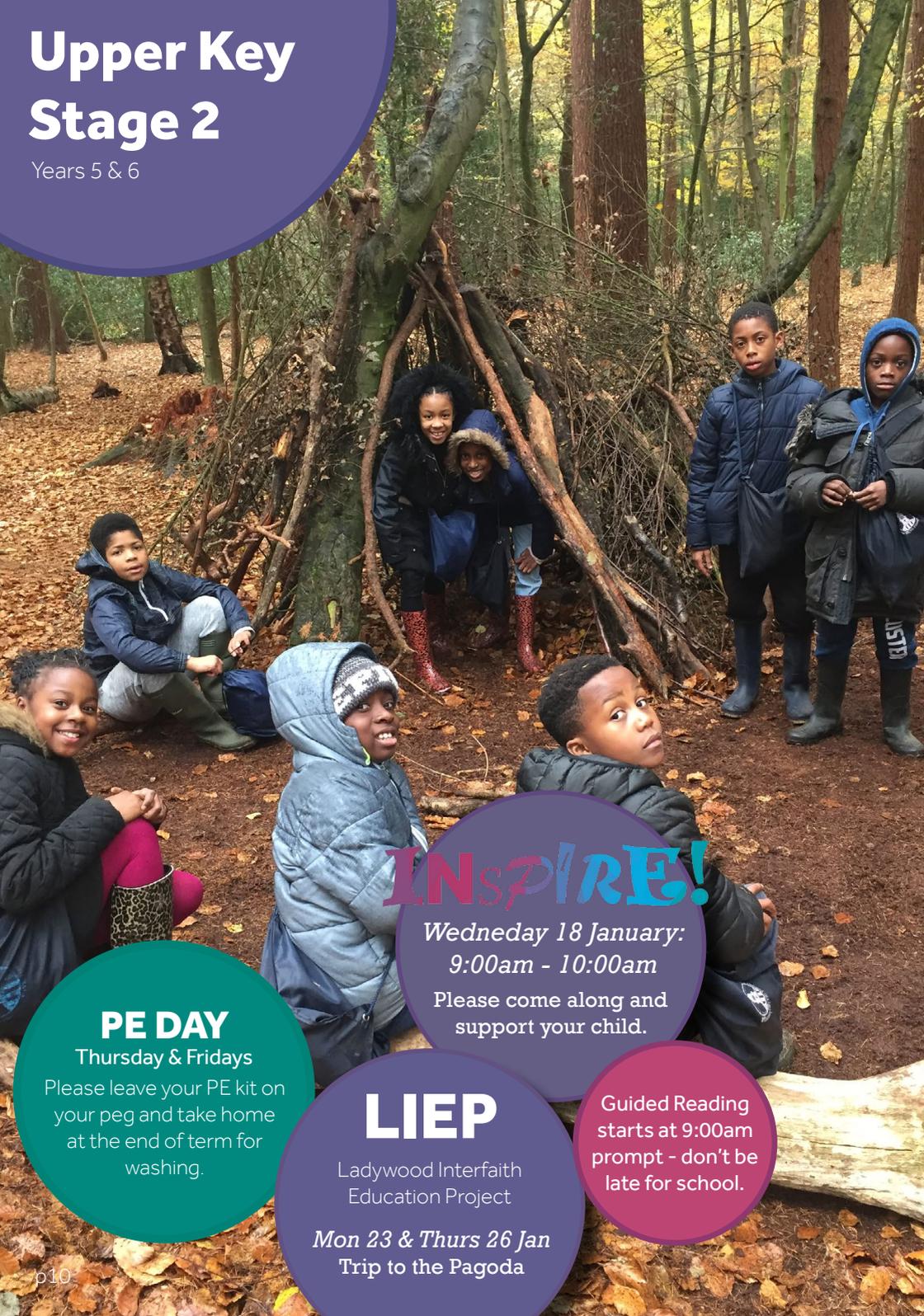
This half term we will be focusing on our SEL Week and the International topic.



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Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 & 6



INSPIRE!

*Wednesday 18 January:
9:00am - 10:00am*

Please come along and
support your child.

PE DAY

Thursday & Fridays

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

LIEP

Ladywood Interfaith
Education Project

*Mon 23 & Thurs 26 Jan
Trip to the Pagoda*

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

Last Term's Highlights



The children had a fantastic time learning different survival skills at Bilberry which included making rafts for their mascots, learning how to filter water and taking part in different team building activities. They were a pleasure to take and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

We took UKS2 on a trip to the Synagogue this term where they learnt about the religion of Judaism. We specifically focused on looking at different types of art work within the Synagogue. The children also wrote their names in Hebrew. Again UKS2 were role models within the public eye. Well done!



One of our topics of the term was to learn about the Mayans who lived in the rain forest. We explored the culture of the Mayan people and their way of life. The children then created some amazing outcomes which were Mayan tattoos, Mayans masks, their Mayan dances and some Mayan pottery.

Topics This Half Term

This term we will be starting our Science topic about the Earth and beyond! This will involve exploring our solar system through investigation, research and even creating our own model. We will also be looking at SEL Week and our International Topic discovering about different cultures from all across the world.



Social & Emotional Learning

This half term our SEL focus is
Social Skills

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.

Social Skills are the skills we use to communicate and interact with each other through talking and body language. Through this topic we help our children communicate their thoughts and feelings with each other. This skill supports them in problem solving, negotiating, listening and helps build resilience.





Key Stage One

Learning Objectives

- To express opinions
- To identify communities which we belong to
- To listen effectively

Success Criteria

- I can express an opinion about a real life issue
- I can take part in making a decision on a class or school issue
- I understand what a community is
- I know that I belong to a community

Lower Key Stage
Two

Learning Objectives

- To understand how to work co-operatively
- To understand the meaning of responsibility
- To find a solution when we fall out with a friend

Success Criteria

- I can take on a role in a group and contribute to the overall outcome
- I can tell when something is my fault and when something is not
- I can make amends if I have done something wrong

Lower Key Stage
Two

Learning Objectives

- To be able to use a range of communication skills
- To know how to keep safe in my local area
- To understand what a role model is

Success Criteria

- I can contribute to a simple debate
- I can resist peer pressure
- I understand the difference between a group and a gang
- I understand how I can be a good example to younger children around the school

Whole School Topics



SEL TOPIC

16-20 January 2017

We are really looking forward to SEL Week. This year's theme is KINDNESS. Each day will have an act of kindness assigned to it: Manners Monday, Thoughtful Tuesday, What Can I Do For You, Wednesday?, Thankful Thursday and Friendship Friday.

International Topic

6-17 February 2017

This half term each phase will be learning about a different country and its culture for our international topic.



The children will discover what it is like to live in these countries, their customs and beliefs. They will then get to show the other phases what they have learnt in a Celebration Assembly on Friday 17 February 2017.



This term we are really excited to have set up the ASMAT Faith Team. These children elected themselves because they had strong faiths and wanted to be involved in developing our school ethos and values.

Over the coming months, the Faith Team will be helping to organise our Collective Worship, meeting regularly to choose songs, write prayers, and offer support for anyone around school asking questions about faith. At the first meeting, the Faith Team came up with lots of fantastic ideas about how to shape our worship and christian character as a school. We are really looking to taking their ideas on board and making them happen.



Chair Councillor: Agraj (Year 6)

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| Year 5: Jaiden | Year 4: Opal | Year 3: Henoc |
| Year 2: Sienna | Year 1: Tamira | Reception: Ke'Neija |
| Nursery: Lamek | | |

SCHOOL COUNCIL



HOUSE CAPTAINS

- Isabella - Shark
- Timothy - Bear
- Arvin - Bear
- Jessica - Shark

- Reyarno - Crocodile
- Shealah - Tiger
- Solar - Crocodile
- Sienna - Tiger

Dates for Your Diary

January

- 3** School Closed to pupils
Staff training day
- 9&10** LKS2 trip to the Church 'What is the Bible?'
- 17** KS1 Inspire Workshop
9:00am-10:00am St Thomas CE Academy, all welcome
- 18** UKS2 Inspire Workshop
9:00am-10:00am St Thomas CE Academy, all welcome
- 19** LKS2 Inspire Workshop
9:00am-10:00am St Thomas CE Academy, all welcome
- 23&26** UKS2 trip to the Pagoda 'Art Through Faith'

February

- 14&16** KS1 trip to the Church 'What is a Church?'
- 17** Celebration Assembly
9:00am St Thomas CE Academy, all welcome



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Term Dates

Spring Term - Wednesday 4 January - Friday 7 April 2017

Spring Half Term - Monday 20 - Friday 24 February 2017



After School Clubs

Mondays

Art Attack!
Year 3-4-5-6

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



Tuesdays

Mini-Kickerz
Year 1-2-3

Capoeira
Year 3-4-5-6

Wednesdays

Art Attack!
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



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

St Luke's Church



Greetings and Information from Rev Amanda

I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year from myself and from St Luke's Church. I will be around school as usual this term and always like the chance to chat – do stop me any time.

I would like to tell you about 3 things and invite you to them

TEA, TOAST AND CHAT – Every Monday Morning from 8.45am

It's the start of the week, you've maybe had a tiring weekend, you haven't seen the other parents from school for a couple of days so why not drop the children at school and then come into church for a drink and hot buttered toast (only 50p for both!) It's a chance to relax and catch up with others. Once a month we will invite a member of the group to tell us about (or teach us do) something that person enjoys and is skilled in. ALL WELCOME.

ALPHA – A chance to explore the meaning of life through the view of Christianity.

Millions of people all over the world have explored their questions about life, the universe and everything through doing Alpha. We are offering this opportunity at St Luke's Church on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 -3pm starting on 31st January a sandwich lunch is provided or on Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9pm starting February 2nd with a snack tea provided. There are 8 different topics to be explored. Why not give it a try in 2017.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Every Friday morning we have a drop in breakfast at church anything from a full fry up to a round of toast.

Our Sunday service is at 11am and there is a group for children during the service. Why not give it a try one week. I can assure you of a warm welcome.

Be assured I'm praying for St Thomas', for the staff, your children and for you.

Rev Amanda

End of term Stars



MOST IMPROVED READER OF THE TERM

Nursery: AARIZ
 Reception: SILBANA
 Year 1: LEEN
 Year 2: ASHI

Year 3: ARTAN
 Year 4: L'NAYAH
 Year 5: KATHERINE
 Year 6: JADEN



Nursery: TANAYA
 Reception: SANVI
 Year 1: MEDHANSH
 Year 2: ELVA

Year 3: OLIVE
 Year 4: JING
 Year 5: FABIAN
 Year 6: JAYDA

MOST IMPROVED WRITER OF THE TERM

MOST IMPROVED MATHEMATICIAN OF THE TERM

Nursery: LAMEK
 Reception: KHEIRRA
 Year 1: ALEXIA
 Year 2: R'KYCE

Year 3: HOLANTE
 Year 4: DEMI
 Year 5: COLLINS
 Year 6: YASMEEN



NURSERY: ETHAN N
 RECEPTION: NESIA
 YEAR 1: TASHINGA
 YEAR 2: AMAIAH

YEAR 3: OLIVE
 YEAR 4: FRANKY
 YEAR 5: AKRAM
 YEAR 6: ABDUL RAHEEM

SPORTSPERSON OF THE TERM

Citizenship Award

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Avaani

Avaani always takes responsibility for her own actions. She is kind and thoughtful to both children and adults. She is always enthusiastic about school and enjoys all aspects of learning.



Nursery

December 2016



Citizenship Award



Nesia

Nesia enjoys learning at school. She is kind and caring for her friends. When it's getting busy time, she is always on task and trys her very best.



Reception

December 2016





Citizenship Award

Oluwatobi

Oluwatobi is a pleasure to teach and is a great role model to her friends. She brings a smile in with her every morning. She is positive and always ready to learn. Oluwatobi is kind to her friends and follows the school rules.

Year 1



December 2016



Citizenship Award

Kyla

Kyla is a delight to teach. She is a role model for other children and aspires to do her best at all times. She is positive and helpful around school.

Year 2



December 2016

Citizenship Award



Citizenship Award

Elise

Elise is always doing the right thing and completes her work to a high standard.



Year 3



December 2016



Citizenship Award

Rayan

Rayan does the right thing and does his very best in his work.



Year 4



December 2016



Citizenship Award

Anna

Anna is a well deserving pupil who gives her all in everything! She is a fantastic helper around school and in class. Contributes immensely



Year 5



December 2016



Citizenship Award

Christian

Christian is a caring and kind young man who always contributes to whole class discussions. He listens carefully in lessons and is a highly motivated member of the class who strives for to achieve to the best of his ability.



Year 6



December 2016



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