



## St Thomas' C of E Junior and Infant School

### A Journey in Faith, Arriving with Hope

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# January Newsletter

We offer the children a fantastic range of enrichment activities during their time at school, both through curriculum lessons and also after school opportunities.

#### Motivated Minds

The children in Year 4 have completed a 12 week programme working with Martyn from Motivated Minds. During this time they have taken part in lots of problem solving activities, team games and challenges. In addition to this the children have studied many issues which are faced and how we can help and support people. This has included; looking at dementia and how it affects families and also deafness.



#### Archery

One of the after school clubs this term is with Premier Sport where the children are developing their skills of archery. We entered a team of children into an archery competition held at Leigh Sports Village. They did very well considering they had only had a few sessions to learn the basic skills. All the team were a real credit to our school.



#### Swimming in Reception

We have been extremely impressed by the progress the children have made in their swimming so far. When we began our sessions in September very few of the children had much experience of swimming and were understandably anxious in the water. Their confidence is much improved and all the children happily take part in the session. They can now swim on their fronts confidently when wearing armbands and some are mastering swimming on their backs also. A few of the children are now swimming without armbands which is a fantastic achievement.





### School of Military

The School of Military are back! They have started to work with the children in Year 5, focussing on their physical fitness through a range of team tasks.



### Explorers Club

The children attending our Explorers after school club are having a fantastic time. This week they were able to develop their den building skills. The children were very proud of their finished products. Their communication, ideas and team work were all fantastic.



### Maths Stars

A group of children from Year 6 have been attending maths challenge sessions for all the Golborne and Lowton schools. The group certainly have to extend their thinking in order to solve the range of problems they are given. We are proud of their efforts, fantastic behaviour, and team work.

### Thelma

Thelma now has her own Instagram page where you can see what she gets up to in school. Check out [thel-maschooltherapydog](https://www.instagram.com/thel-maschooltherapydog).



### Dates For Your Diary

- 7th February 9am— Year 6 class assembly
- 13th February 3pm—Low Bank Ground Meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents
- 14th February 9am—Year 5 class assembly
- 15th February 3pm—Break up for half term
- 25th February 8.40am—Back to school.
- 6th and 7th March—Year 3 Winter Warmer Residential

### Winter Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. All children need a warm coat. Gloves and hats are very beneficial. Also if your child comes to school in boots due to the weather, they need to bring their school shoes with them to change into.