



MAY ROUND UP

A Short Term... But a Full One!

As we head into half term, we reflect on a busy and brilliant few weeks at St Thomas'. From celebrating national history to strengthening community links, it's been a term full of learning, joy and courage - our school value for May.

MAY VALUE



We've seen courage in many forms this term - from pupils trying new clubs, to stepping up in their learning, to showing kindness in the playground.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting our children every step of the way.

FANTASTIC OFSTED INSPECTION

We are delighted with the feedback and report from our inspection which took place in March. The report really celebrates everything we do at school to provide an excellent education for the children.

These are just some of the key findings from the report.

Strong, caring relationships between staff and pupils are palpable in this welcoming school. Staff model respect and this is reflected in the way that pupils treat each other. Pupils feel happy and safe in this nurturing environment.

Pupils relish opportunities to contribute to the school and to the wider community. Pupils discover new hobbies and develop their talents through attending a wide range of after-school clubs.

An ambitious curriculum sets out what pupils need to learn from the Reception class through to Year 6. The important knowledge, skills and vocabulary are organised in a logical order for each subject.

The school forms strong, trusting relationships with pupils and their parents and carers. The school puts pupils' interests at the heart of its work.

The school provides well for pupils' personal development. Older pupils describe how fundamental British values can be seen in action in school and everyday life.

Pupils have a mature understanding of personal safety, including healthy relationships and how to protect themselves when online. Pupils are well prepared for life beyond school.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

In order to honour the 80 th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day the children engaged in a range of activities in school. They were able to understand why the day was so important after 6 long years at war. The children looked at the impact of World War 2 on the lives of the people living at the time. The culmination of the celebrations was a whole school picnic where the children came to school wearing red, white and blue. They had a street party style dinner set up on the playground. There was bunting, a range of flags and even wartime music playing. We were blessed with fantastic weather too.



YEAR 3 LINK WITH CLARENDON SCHOOL

Year 3 link with Clarendon School. The children in Year 3 have set up a link with Clarendon Primary School in Bolton. The classes have already met over Zoom and in person at Bolton College last month.

2 weeks ago our children went to Clarendon School where they met their new friends again and took part in a range of activities with them. After half term Clarendon pupils will be coming to spend a day at St Thomas'.

This link is an excellent opportunity for our children to mix with children from different backgrounds.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Well done Year 2 for having the best attendance in the school.

Whole School 93.5%

Reception 93.2%

Year One 93.3%

Year Two 94.9%

Year Three 93.5%

Year Four 94%

Year Five 93.4%

Year Six 94%

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 19th

Year 5 & 6 residential to Low Bank Ground.

May 23rd

Break up for half term.

June 9th

Back to school.

June 10th

Year 6 to Liverpool Cathedral.

June 11th

Year 1 visit to Formby Beach.

June 12th

Reception visit to Smithills Farm.

June 17th

Class photos.

June 18th

Year 2 to Formby Beach.

June 20th

Sports Day.

LOOKING AHEAD

We're so looking forward to the summer term and all the excitement it will bring - from school trips to sports day, new friendships to new challenges.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny half term!
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