St. Thomas Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Message

We are already eight weeks into the start of a new school year, and it has gone by so quickly. It's been lovely to welcome new children to our school family and having looked at learning last week, I was really pleased to see children maintaining their achievements from July and building on their progress, since September. Everyone has worked so hard for the last two months – make sure you enjoy your October half term – you deserve it!

Mr. Burns

School Council

In September, our older children learnt about democracy and voted in a secret ballot to elect our School Council. It was lovely to see so many children wishing to be involved. Children also applied for our Pupil Voice roles and again, it was fantastic to see so many children wanting to take an active role in the life of the school. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward. Listening to our pupils is so important and it's great that some have already had the opportunity to meet with children from other schools as part of Swansea's Big Word initiative. Our School Council will also be meeting the councillors soon, to discuss community issues. Watch this space!



Italian Lessons

As part of an Italian Cultural Programme, Years 2 – 6 will have the opportunity to practise learning the Italian language this academic year. We are so grateful to have access these weekly sessions and it is wonderful to hear the children exploring a new language! Grazie, Miss Ima.

Let's Share – Parent/Guardian Welcome Sessions

It was great to have so many parents and carers come in for our Welcome Sessions at the start of the year. We look forward to welcoming you into school for other events during the course of the year.



Announcements

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee morning. We were able to raise £260 for this important charity.

Please remember we run a School Bank for Year 3 to Year 6 children. 'St Thomas Savers' is in partnership with Celtic Credit Union – if you want your child to join, please speak to Mrs Nicholas. Bank runs on a Wednesday this year.

Weekly Friday Raffle - 20p a ticket with lots of fantastic prizes to be won. Tickets can be bought from class teachers.

School Community Cafe

This year, we are creating a Community Cafe which will be run by pupils in our school. This will open on key dates with information shared. This is a great opportunity to support our school and have a cuppa with friends. Please speak to Mrs. Nicholas for more information.





Shwmae Day

As a school we celebrated Shwmae Day; a day to encourage everyone to give the Welsh language a go! We are a multilingual school family, and we greatly value the different cultures and languages that are celebrated across our school, including Welsh. It was also great to open our Community Cafe for this event and thank you to all who came. Da iawn, pawb!



Our School Activities

Year 4 - Mr Goss - Jersey Park

Mr Goss' class enjoyed their autumnal activities during their visit to Jersey park! This also included working with Oli, our community gardener, to teach the children the importance of gardening and looking after our environment. Bendigedig!







Year 6 - Theatr Na' Nog

Last week, the children attended the Dylan Thomas Theatre to watch 'The Eye Of The Storm' by Theatr Na'Nog. The children also participated brilliantly in discovery workshops at both museums. Da iawn, pawb!

Online Resources

We are very proud to be able to provide access to excellent online resources to support your child's learning at home. If you need your child's access information, please speak to your child's teacher.

Reading Eggs
Reading Buddies
Sumdog
Times Tables Rockstars

Tesco Blue Token Competition



A huge thank you to all our families for your amazing support with our Tesco Blue Token competition! We haven't received the final results just yet, but we'll be sure to let you know as soon as we do. Fingers crossed!

School Drive and Parking

Please ensure you park safely and considerately when dropping off and picking up from school.

- You can only drive in the school if you have been given permission (Even if you are late) and please do so at a very slow speed.
- Please respect our school neighbours when parking on nearby streets by parking safely and not blocking drives.
- If you have had permission to park on site for collection, please wait for ALL children to leave before driving.



Cymraeg yn y tŷ – Welsh in the house

Throughout the school, our children have been practising speaking about themselves in Welsh. This is something that our Pupil Voice Group -Dreigiau San Tomos - are helping us all with. This is also a great opportunity for you to help at home by asking some simple questions regularly. Can you help practise this half term's focus questions at homes?

Beth ydy dy enw di? → What is your name?

.....dw i. I am ...

Ble wyt ti'n byw? → Where do you live?

Dwi'n byw yn Abertawe. I live in Swansea.



Show Racism Red Card Day

Last week, we celebrated Show Racism the Red Card Day and it was wonderful to see so many children and staff wearing red to stand together against racism. The day was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate diversity, promote inclusion, and encourage important conversations. Thank you to all our families for your support in helping us make it such a meaningful event!





Poetry Competition

Over the past 2 weeks, the children in school have had the opportunity to enter a poetry competition run by Mr. Goss. The entries have been fantastic and we are so proud of the children's efforts. The winners will be announced after half term!



St. Thomas Amateur Dramatic Society Donation

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the St Thomas Amateur Dramatic Society for their generous donation of £500 to our School Council. This wonderful gift will be used to purchase musical instruments, helping us enrich the musical experiences of our pupils and support creative learning across the school. Your support means a great deal to us, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to our school community.



Reception and Year 7 School Applications – 2026

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A reminder to families of children currently in Nursery and Year 6 - You will need to apply online for a place in Reception or Year 7 starting in September 2026 via the Swansea Council website.

Closing date for applications: 28th November 2025

If you experience any difficulties or have questions, please speak to Mrs. Randel in the office who will be happy to help.

Year 1 Are Out Of This World!

Our Year 1 children have been absolutely loving their learning about space! They've had a blast creating their own aliens, learning about asteroids, and even visiting the moon! It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity shine as they explore the universe!

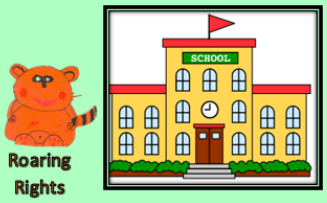


Roaring Rights

We are a Rights Respecting School



Right Of The Month
September



Roaring Rights

Article - 28

Your right to learn and to go to school.

UNCRC
United Nations Convention On The Rights Of The Child

Right Of The Month
October



Roaring Rights

Article - 15

Your right to meet with friends and join clubs.

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Upcoming Dates

Monday 3rd November - Children return after half term

Monday 10th November – Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying Week

Early November - Family Consultations - Specific days for each class to be confirmed - Check Class Dojo

Friday 14th November - Children In Need Day

Thursday 27th November - Christmas Fayre after school and Santa - Appointment Only

Friday 28th November - Santa - Appointment only

Thursday 4th December - Rec, Y1,Y2 Christmas Concert

Friday 5th December - Rec,Y1,Y2 Christmas Concert

Thursday 11th December - Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6 Evening Christmas Concert – 6pm

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December - Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 16th December - Community Christmas Celebration

Tuesday 16th December - Nursery Christmas Event

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Disco - After School

Friday 19th December - Last day for children

Monday 5th January - School closed - INSET

Tuesday 6th January - Children return for Spring Term

Football Match v Danygraig

A huge congratulations to all our footballers who took part in matches against Danygraig! Your positive attitudes, team spirit, and sportsmanship were absolutely outstanding. Winning both games without conceding a goal also helps. A massive thank you to all the families who came along to support – your encouragement means the world to the children and the school community.



Attendance Target for Year – 95%

Attendance so far – 92.8%

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. When children attend, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their teachers and classmates, and keep up with lessons and activities that support their growth.

Contacting Us

Should you need to contact us, please use Class Dojo where possible or phone us.

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