St. Thomas Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Message

Over the past eight weeks, it has been wonderful to see our children settle so confidently into their new classes, build positive relationships and embrace exciting learning opportunities.

I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and kindness our pupils have shown. Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with creativity, curiosity and fantastic achievements.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for their efforts this half term.

Wishing everyone a restful, happy and well-deserved half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you back soon!

Mr. Burns

Let's Share – Family 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.



Meet Our New School Council

There has been lots of excitement in our school as children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in an election to choose our new School Council! Everyone had the opportunity to vote for the pupils they felt would best represent their class. Our new School Council members will listen to their classmates, share ideas and help make our school an even better place to learn and play. We are very proud of everyone who took part and showed great courage by standing for election. Congratulations to our new School Council! We look forward to hearing your fantastic ideas!





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.

Da iawn, pawb!



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!



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

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.



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

Reception and Year 7 School Applications – 2027

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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 2027 via the Swansea Council website.

Closing date for applications: 30th October, 2026

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

Cyngor Abertawe Swansea Council

Cymraeg yn y ty – 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 your child practise this half term's focus question at home?

Ga i ... os gwelwch yn dda?

Can I have ... please?



Year 2 Road Safety

Our Year 2 pupils have been busy developing their road safety skills with Swansea Council! Through fun, engaging and practical sessions, the children have been learning how to stay safe near roads, recognise potential dangers and make sensible choices. A fantastic opportunity to develop important lifelong safety skills! 🚶 🚗



Year 3-4 Football Festival

Year 3 and 4 pupils recently enjoyed taking part in a football festival, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the event. The children represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic experience. We look forward to providing many more sporting opportunities for other pupils to get involved in throughout the year.









Wellbeing Wednesday – Wednesday 11th November

Join us for our special Wellbeing Wednesday, an afternoon dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of our children, families and wider school community. We are bringing together a fantastic range of local organisations and services who can offer advice, guidance, practical support and helpful resources for you and your family. Come along, have a chat, make connections and discover the support available to you. Everyone is welcome!











St. Thomas @ Swansea Minister – Gaia Celebration

🌍 A Wonderful Afternoon at Swansea Minister! 🌍

What a truly special afternoon we have had at Swansea Minister as part of the Gaia celebrations! The children enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting activities before coming together for a beautiful performance of their song underneath the magnificent Earth installation. We are so incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, confidence and wonderful singing. It was a magical experience and one we will remember for a long time! A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support us. It was lovely to share such a special occasion with you all!





Nursery Outdoor Learning

This month, our Nursery children explored the outdoors with the help of some Year 6 children and Glenda from UWTSD. It was heartwarming to see our older children showing such kindness, patience and care as they helped the little ones explore, play and learn outdoors.









It'll All Be Over By Christmas – WW2 Show

Our Year 6 visited Swansea Museum and the National Waterfront Museum, where the children took part in fascinating WW2 workshops. We then headed to the Dylan Thomas Theatre to watch the fantastic WW2 production, It'll All Be Over By Christmas. 🎭







Roaring Rights

We are a Rights Respecting School





Upcoming Dates

Monday 2nd November, 2026 - Children return to school

Thursday 5th November, 2026 - Miss. Osmond's class swimming

Wednesday 11th November, 2026 - Wellbeing Wednesday

Friday 20th November, 2026 - Children In Need

Wednesday 2nd December, 2026 - Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas Concert - afternoon

Thursday 3rd December, 2026 - Reception, Y1, Y2 Christmas Concert - morning

Tuesday 8th December, 2026 - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 - Christmas Concert - Evening

Thursday 10th December, 2026 - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 - Christmas Concert - Afternoon

Friday 11th December, 2026 - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December, 2026 - Nursery - Christmas Concert - Morning

Friday 18th December, 2026 - Last day for children before Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January, 2027 - INSET Day - No School

Tuesday 5th January, 2027 - Children return for Spring Term

Punctuality and Early Pick Ups

We kindly remind all families of the importance of ensuring children arrive at school by 8.50am each day and remain in school until the end of the school day wherever possible. Arriving on time helps children start the day positively, settle quickly and access valuable learning opportunities from the very beginning. Frequent lateness, early collections and non-urgent messages passed to children during the school day can interrupt learning, not only for individual pupils but also for their classmates. These interruptions also place additional pressures on our busy office staff. We fully understand that unexpected circumstances and emergencies do arise, and we appreciate your support in helping us maximise learning time for all children.

Attendance Target for Year – 95%

Attendance so far – 93%

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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