



St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Week 31

Friday 11th May 2018:

Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SAT tests
Tuesday 15 th May	Year 6 SAT tests After school activities: Football (years 4, 5 and 6), Mad Science
Wednesday 16 th May	Year 6 SAT tests Class 3 visit to Media City –leaving school at 8.00am Music lessons: violin, clarinet and brass Daily mile at 1.15pm Class 4 swimming lessons After school activities: Orchestra
Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 SAT tests #Thrive school based sessions (named children) Our Schools Got Talent Semi-Final Music lessons: guitar After school activities: football (years 1, 2 and 3)
Friday 18 th May	Year 6 Cinema trip with local primary schools

★ Stars of the Week ★

Will be posted next week.

Spellings and Reading

Yet again, there is an increasing amount of children not reading at home or doing their spelling practise at home. In order for children to succeed with their education at school, they must get support from home.

In today's economic climate – it is becoming more and more important for children to succeed in education – all young people must be in training or in education up until the age of 18 and all young people who fail to get at least a grade 4 at GCSE English and Maths must re-sit until they are 18 or pass the exam. This may seem like it is in the far distant future for many of you and your children – however it is in primary school that they learn the building blocks needed to be successful at high school and beyond.

Please support your child and show them that their education and future are important by reading with them and practising their spellings with them on a daily basis.

St. Thomas Whit Walk

The Churches of Newhey and Milnrow are joining together on Sunday 20th May for the Whit Walk. The walk starts at 10.00am and the meeting point is Railway Street from 9.45am. The walk will finish at the Memorial Park with a short joint service.

There will be no service at St. Thomas' C.E. Church on Sunday 20th May.

Everyone is welcome.

Year 6 SATs

All year 6 children will be sitting their statutory end of key stage 2 tests next week. They will be carried out over four days. All year 6 children are required to sit the test by law.

Year 6 children can come to school from 8.30pm to have a revision breakfast.

Head lice in School

Yesterday a letter was sent to home about head lice. Just to reiterate, there is a problem in school and the only way to get rid of the lice is if everyone checks their hair regularly and treats as soon as head lice are found. We are asking that all children with long hair tie their hair up, preferably plaited, to reduce the risk of spreading the head lice.

School Events

Please check the school calendar on the website for upcoming events.

St. Thomas' Church Events

There is an open evening being held at St. Thomas' Church to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, the bell tower will be open from 5.15pm. You will be able to have a go at learn to ring the bells ahead of the centenary of Armistice Day when Church bells will ring out across the country on 11th November.

Refreshments will be available.

Strawberry Tea

The annual Strawberry tea will take place on Saturday 9th June between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Tickets are £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child.

Early Help

Early Help is about helping children, young people and their families to deal with any issues as early as possible, before they turn into BIG problems.

You can access information, advice and services at the right time to meet the needs of your family.

Typical issues include:

- ★ General Health
- ★ Mental and emotional health
- ★ Behavioural problems at home or/and school
- ★ Finance Problems
- ★ Problems with housing
- ★ Relationship issues – separation and divorce
- ★ Domestic violence or abuse
- ★ Drug or alcohol concerns
- ★ Problems in the community – neighbours or isolation

How can you find out what is available?

- ★ Ask your midwife, health visitor or school for help
- ★ Go online and search on the Family Services Directory at: [Rochdale.gov.uk/family help](http://Rochdale.gov.uk/family%20help)
- ★ Contact the locality team on 01706 922600 or email pennine.earlyhelplocalityteam@rochdale.gov.uk

