



St Thomas à Becket C of E (Aided) Primary School

With faith and nurture we flourish

Core values

Friendship, Respect, Truth, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

Ofsted

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes with regards to our Ofsted inspection last week. The day was very busy but also very positive and we are really happy that the inspection was fair and the inspectors carried out their duties with integrity. The full report will be available towards the end of October once the inspection has been through quality assurance checks.

The inspectors fed back how each child they spoke to was an absolute credit to the school, which is something we are all really proud of.

Golden Tickets

The children this week who received a golden ticket at lunchtime were:

Matilda (twice!)	Jacob
Ella	Ruby (twice!)
Bea K	Keanah
Isabelle	Felicity
Georgia	Harry
Kian (twice!)	

Rewards

Our reward system has changed slightly so that it is more closely related to our learning behaviours and core Christian values. Each week staff will give out certificates to children who have demonstrated one of our school's learning behaviours (see attached). Children will also have the chance to gain golden tickets for living out our core Christian values. Those children who win a golden ticket will be invited to Hot Chocolate Friday to celebrate their achievement. House points will be awarded to those pupils who read four or more times a week and the class teacher will also choose a 'Reader of the Week'. We will still have the in class weekly raffle as well as golden minutes which build towards a whole class treat.

Readers of the Week

Kestrel Class - Edward
Chough Class - Jacob
Skylark Class - Georgia

Parent Voice

Mr Light would like to hold an open parent forum, giving parents the opportunity to meet and discuss their views around different aspects of school life. If you are unable to make the forum, there will be an online version so everyone is able to have their say. Moving forward, we would like to schedule these forums in once a term to keep parents up to date with school developments and to fully involve parents in school developments.

The **confirmed** date for this is Tuesday 5th October in Woodpeckers room. 8:45-9:15.

Kestrel Café

Kestrel Class is very excited about hosting their first café for invited special guests. The aim is to forge strong links within our community and to say thank you to those people who help and support the school.

Forest School

Choughs and Kestrels will have Forest School this term on Thursday afternoons. The children will go out whatever the weather so please can you ensure your child has a suitable change of clothes with waterproof coat, wellies or waterproof shoes, long sleeved top and trousers. There is a strong possibility the children will get dirty so don't send them in anything nice!

We will need parent helpers for each session so please can you email Mrs Scorgie admin@st-thomas-a-becket.wilts.sch.uk if you can help.

Cross Country

Well done to Years 5 and 6 for taking part in the Mid Wilts Cross Country at Dauntsey's School. Thank you to Mrs Jones for leading the visit and to Matt Sinclair for volunteering his help. If your child has brought home a school sports jacket, please can you wash and return it by Friday 2nd October.

PTFA

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Vix Mackay, Vicky Burbidge, Rachel Barnett and Sam Hill who have recently stepped down from our PTFA. We really appreciate your many years of service. Thank you!

Dates for the diary (further key dates to follow)

Tuesday 5th October – Parent forum

Wednesday 20th October – Open classrooms

Wednesday 20th October – last day of term 1

Monday 1st November – start of Term 2

2020/2021 TD Days

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Friday 17th December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Covid-19

In line with the latest guidance, we will be writing a new risk assessment and "outbreak management plan" which will be made available on the school website as soon as possible.

As you will be aware, the guidance around self isolation changed on 16th August. Full guidance can be found [here](#).

With case numbers rising across Wiltshire, I'd like to please remain vigilant and keep your child off school if there have any of the following symptoms until the return of a negative PCR test:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Art Exhibition & Open Classroom

We would like to welcome you into the classroom on the last day of school (20th October) at 9am for our open classroom and art exhibition. Please come and celebrate the children's hard work.

Thank you

Sadly, we have said goodbye to Mrs Carr who has left her role in the school as an MDSA. We'd like to thank her for her efforts and wish her all the best for the future.

