



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

With faith and nurture we flourish

Core values

Friendship, Respect, Truth, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

Covid-19 update

After consultation with the Wiltshire Health Protection Team, we have decided to postpone the Art Gallery and Open Classroom until Term 2.

In addition to this, the following (hopefully short term) measures will be in place in school from now and will be reviewed on Monday November 15th:

- All collective worship and celebration assemblies will be in classes
- Hot Chocolate Fridays will be strictly socially distanced
- We will try to reduce the mixing of children in KS1 and KS2 where possible
- Staff have the option to test using Lateral Flow Devices more regularly
- Increase ventilation around school

We really hope that the half term break will allow us to revert back to the baseline level of our risk assessment and allow us to reintroduce community events and open up the school again to parents.

Parents Evening

We will be holding our first parents' evening of the year on **Tuesday 9th November**. Due to the risk assessments currently in place, these will be phone call appointments. Mrs Scorgie will be in touch with how to book an appointment.

PTFA news

New board committee

Chairperson: Leanne Blake

Secretary: Chloe Stobbart

Treasurer: Jacqui Jones

In total we have 13 new members, which is great.

Unfortunately the Rainbow run has been postponed until after the half term, due to increased Covid cases in the area.

Future events

Friday 12th November: Pamper Night at Shrewton Rec, tickets will be available soon everyone welcome.

Wednesday 1st December: Christmas Bingo at Shrewton Sports and social club 7pm, all welcome .

Golden Tickets

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

Thea	Penelope
Ruby	Bea
Georgia	Robin

The children will have their Hot Chocolate on Wednesday 20th October.

Forest School

Skylarks will have Forest School next 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.

Parent readers

We would love to welcome any parents or members of the school community to listen to children read, when our risk assessment allows. The school will arrange all DBS checks. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Scorgie at the school office.

Dates for the diary (further key dates to follow)

Wednesday 20th October – last day of term 1

Monday 1st November – start of Term 2

Tuesday 9th November – Parents' Evening
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

Please be extra vigilant with any potential symptoms.

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)

New guidance

Positive LFD + negative PCR test + any symptoms or close contact = 10 day self isolation

Readers of the Week

Kestrel Class - Millie C

Chough Class - Lilly

Skylark Class - Alfie

