



12TH JUNE 2026
NEWSLETTER



UNITY



LOVE




PERSEVERANCE

Matthew 5:14-16

SHINE BRIGHT YOUR LIGHT



Exploring Our Vision

 Our vision is that we enable every child to 'shine bright their light.' This is a key message from Matthew 5:14-16. It combines the message of, 'You are the light of the world' and 'let your light shine.' We are clear about our mission -lighting up lives so that they may share the light.

Jesus calls us to be like a candle held in God's hands, bringing light to His world. Love represents the flame, unity is represented by the wick and perseverance the wax which together provide the light to follow our vision.

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank You for our school, our friends and our families. Help us to show kindness, respect and compassion in all that we do. Give us the courage to help others and always try our best.
Amen.

KEY EVENTS

Monday 15th June & Tuesday 16th June

Class 2 visit to Growing Local

Tuesday 16th June

Celebration of Culture

Wednesday 17th June

Classes 3 and 5 visit to Caerleon

Wednesday 24th June

Class 1 to Class 6 Sports Day and picnic. Arrive at 11:45am

Thursday 25th June

Class 6 Leavers service at Hereford Cathedral

Friday 26th June

Classes 1 and 2 visit to Slimbridge

MESSAGES

We are delighted to share that a number of children have been selected to represent our school at the Herefordshire Summer School Games Festival on Wednesday 1st July. Families of those selected should keep an eye out for an invitation letter coming home soon with further details.

We ask all parents to ensure that they have read our recent message regarding parking and drop-off arrangements.

THIS WEEK



This week we are celebrating the excellent opportunity that some of Class 3 and 4 were part of during half term - performing poetry at [@hayfestival.bsky.social](#). Thank you to [@poetrybyheart.bsky.social](#) for your support and encouragement. [#lovestc](#) [#poetry](#) [#englishstc](#)

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.9%	99.2%	98.2%	96.7%	99.1%	95.6%	96.9%

ATTENDANCE: STC 95.9% NATIONAL 94.7%



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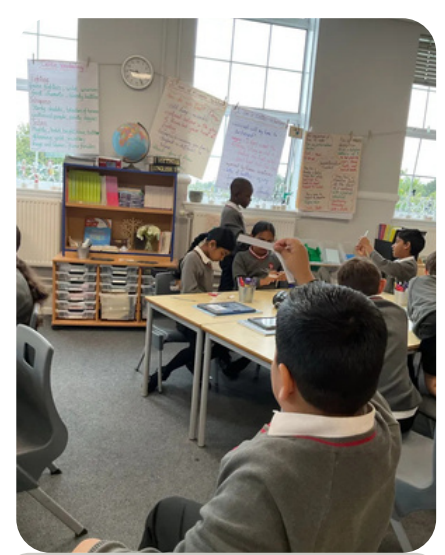
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STC Curriculum Focus



Training days:
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
and Friday 17th July 2026
May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Nursery & Year R



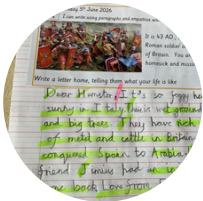
Reception have painted a banner to show all of our favourite animals. This was linked to our work on creation and God's wonderful world. We had a lovely assortment of animals including a shark, a puffin, a couple of lion and a butterfly. #eyfsSTC

Year 1 & Year 2



Class 2 had a fantastic day at Growing Local! They investigated different soils, learned about composting, explored a wormery, picked and tasted strawberries, planted sunflower seeds, identified fruits and vegetables, and took home sweet peas. A wonderful hands-on learning experience! #scienceSTC

Year 3 & Year 4



Class 3 have been using Short Burst Writing, relating to their poetry work, imagining themselves as a Roman soldier and writing a letter back home.... #englishSTC #lovestc

Year 5 & Year 6



Class 5 & 6 were joined by National Grid and Network Rail this week to learn all about staying safe around electricity and railways. They all learned so much and had fun at the same time. T

Term Dates:

Autumn

Starts
3.9.25

Half Term
27.10.25 - 31.10.25

Ends
19.12.25

Spring

Starts
06.01.26

Half Term
16.02.26-20.02.26

Ends
27.03.26

Summer

Starts
13.04.26

Half Term
25.05.26-29.05.26

Ends
16.07.26



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LOVE



Class 1 have been absolute superstars during the Phonics Screening Check! They have worked so hard and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Surrounded by love, encouragement, and support every step of the way, they have truly shone this week. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them! #ks1STC #loveSTC

'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' John 4:16

Jesus has the brightest love of all: God is love. Jesus is God with us. He is God in human form. He is the very definition of love. He has the brightest love ever!

Love brings light: Love is the flame of the candle, making the world brighter. The more we love God and love one another, the brighter we shine.

Love is our purpose: To shine bright with light is the purpose of a candle. To shine bright with love is our purpose as people - as Jesus shows us.



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STC Rights Respecting School



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is an important agreement by countries who have promised to protect children's rights. It explains who children are, all their rights, and the responsibilities of governments. All the rights are connected. They are all equally important and they cannot be taken away from children



The ABCDE of rights:
 A: Rights are for ALL children (Universal)
 B: Rights are there at BIRTH (inherent)
 C: Rights CANNOT be taken away (inalienable)
 D: Rights DO NOT have to be earned (unconditional)
 E: All rights are EQUALLY important (indivisible)

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Miss East or Miss Scott, our RRSA lead teachers.



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Clubs

PE days

Year R

Wednesdays

Year 1

Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2

Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3

Monday & Tuesday

Year 4

Monday & Tuesday

Year 5 & 6

Thursday & Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y1/2 Outdoor Games	Y5/6 Sports		Y3-Y4 Doodle Club
Y5/6 Craft Club	Y3-6 Drama		Y R Balance Bikes

GENERAL NOTICES

Clubs start Monday 1st June for 6 weeks. Any uncollected children will be taken to ASC and there will be a charge for this. If children are not collected from ASC by 5:15pm there will be a penalty charge.

- **Purchase uniform items** (jumper, tie, bookbag) from us via www.eduspot.co.uk
- **Illness/absence** Parents must call the school office before 10am each day of absence to give an update
- **Lunches** book by Friday the week before via www.eduspot.co.uk cancel before 8.30 am on the day by calling AIP 01568 610432
- **Clubs Y1-Y6 finish at 4pm.** Uncollected children will be taken to ASC and a charge of £5.00 will be payable.
- **Breakfast and after school care (ASC) Call 07547093255** Book in advance via www.eduspot.co.uk **3.15-4.15pm (Mon-Fri), 4.15-5.15pm (Monday-Thursday only)**
- **ASC for Nursery pupils** is only available **3.15-4.15pm**
- **Drop offs and pick-ups at nursery** If you arrive after 8.45 am or pick up before 3.15 pm ring the nursery team on **07547093255**
- **TAX-FREE CHILDCARE** Find out more about your eligibility here: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>
- **FREE SCHOOL MEALS – DO YOU QUALIFY?** If you qualify for Free School Meals, financial support is available from Herefordshire Council for school holidays which should be used to purchase local supermarket vouchers; as well as having school lunches free each school day. If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals go to: **Free school meals – Herefordshire Council** to apply or talk to our office staff
- Foodshare every Tuesday and Wednesday provided we have stock. Please bring your own bags. All food is free.



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Should I keep my

child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
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SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for

REMINDERS FOR PUPILS

School uniform

- School jumper (V-neck dark grey with logo and collar piping)
- School tie (plain red- elasticated or standard)
- White buttoned shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Black trousers, skirt, or pinafore dress
- Black socks or tights
- Smart black shoes

Be proud and smart

- Hair decoration should be kept to a minimum with simple hair bands only, in natural hair colours.
- No jewellery should be worn apart from plain stud earrings. This includes no Smart watches. A simple standard analogue watch may be worn to help pupils with learning the time. Pupils are not allowed phones in the school, if pupils need access to a phone after school, they must be given into the office on arrival for safekeeping.
- No nail varnish should be worn.
- Longer hair should be tied back.

Second-hand uniform

- We encourage families to donate good quality school uniform for others to the school office. By donating uniform you are helping keep good clothing out of landfill and recycling uniform to children who need it.
- Please ask us if you need support with obtaining school uniform
- Herefordshire Free School Uniform has a [website listing current stock](#) available for collection.

Attendance

At St Thomas Cantilupe CofE Primary, we are committed to ensuring that your child receives the best possible education and support. We strongly believe that regular school attendance is crucial for the educational progress and overall wellbeing of our pupils.

Expectations



As parents/carers, you have a legal duty to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

The Department for Education (DfE) provides clear guidance for parents regarding attendance expectations. Unauthorised absences can negatively impact your child's education.

Term-Time Holidays



We understand that family time is important, but according to Department for Education (DfE) guidelines, term-time holidays are not permitted as they impact your child's education.

Absences due to holidays disrupt learning and result in missed opportunities in the classroom.

Potential Penalty Notices

If the national threshold of 10 unauthorised absences in a 10 week period is met, the school has a duty to notify Herefordshire Council Enforcement Team and you may face a penalty notice and/or other legal action.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences may lead to local authority penalty notices. A penalty notice is issued to each parent for each child. A fixed-penalty notice of £80 may be issued if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days. If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If you do not pay the fine in 28 days you may be taken to court for keeping your child out of school.

If your child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years you will not be fined but may be taken to court.

This is in line with DfE guidance and is intended to deter unnecessary absences. Herefordshire Council policy and guidance can be found here: [School attendance and absences information for parents and carers – Herefordshire Council](#)

Term Length 2025-26

Autumn Term 1

3 September 2025 to 24 October 2025 (38 days)

School holiday: 27 October 2025 to 31 October 2025

Autumn Term 2

3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025 (35 days)

School holiday: 22 December 2025 to 5 January 2026

Spring Term 3

6 January 2026 to 13 February 2026 (29 days)

School holiday: 16 February 2026 to 20 February 2026

Spring Term 4

23 February 2026 to 27 March 2026 (25 days)

School holiday: 30 March 2026 to 10 April 2026

Summer Term 5

13 April 2026 to 22 May 2026 (29 days) Bank holiday 4 May

School holiday: 25 May 2026 to 29 May 2026

Summer Term 6

1 June 2026 to 16 July 2026 (34 days)

Messages

We are delighted to be able to share with you the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report. The report highlights how well the STC enables all pupils and adults to flourish, living up to its foundation as a Church school. You can read the full report at: [SIAMS Report Library: National Society for Education](#). Our January 2026 Ofsted report is available to read via the Ofsted website and also our school website.



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Term dates 2026/27

AUTUMN TERM 2026:

Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026
Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026
Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027:

Term Starts: Wednesday 6th January 2027
Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
Term Ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027:

Term Starts: Monday 12th April 2027
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027
Term Ends: Tuesday 20th July 2027

Other dates:

Good Friday 26th March 2027
 May Day 3rd May 2027

Staff Training Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 Tuesday 5th January 2027
 Wednesday 21st July 2027
 2 twilights

MESSAGES



**ADHD and ASD assessment – Right To Choose
 Right To Choose**

**Information on alternative referral options for ADHD & ASD
 assessment**

If you are based in England under the NHS you now have a legal right to choose your mental healthcare provider and your choice of mental healthcare team, this includes for referrals relating to Autism and ADHD assessment. This service is offered through the NHS and is free.



SEND Newsletter



Find information from the Herefordshire SEND team via this link.

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The Conquest Theatre Presents

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV

Based on the MGM Motion Picture

Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

AUDITIONS

Auditions are now open for anyone aged 10 and above!

Pre-audition workshop - Sunday 17th May 2.30pm

Youth audition - Sunday 24th May 2.30pm

Adult audition - Tuesday 2nd June 7.00pm

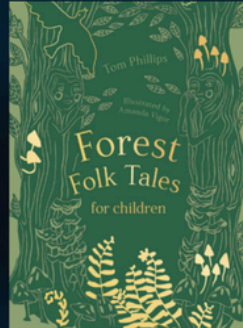
Adult audition - Sunday 7th June 2.30pm

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI - www.MTIShows.co.uk



TEWKESBURY HISTORY FESTIVAL

Thursday 18th - Sunday 21st June



Storytelling: Forest Folk Tales for Children

Sunday 21st June at 11am

**Children £8
Adults £2.50**

The Watson Hall

One of twenty-one fabulous speakers, including Suzannah Lipscomb, Alison Weir and lots more!



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OutdoorWays

SUMMER 2026

FAMILY OUTDOOR WALKS



Ditch the screens and join us for some outdoor exploring in Herefordshire this summer. Fresh air, wild paths, and quality outdoor family time.

THE ADVENTURES - SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

Mordiford - Wild West Wood

Enjoy a day of fresh air exploring woodland paths and wide open valleys.

SUNDAY 12 JULY

A mini Malvern hills hike

Big views and a rewarding wander for little (and big) legs

SUNDAY 16 AUG

From Hereford to a hill fort

An escape from the city, across the meadows, through orchards to Dinedor hill fort

Book your spot here



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ALL STAR ACTIVITIES

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

HOLMER ACADEMY

INCLUDING DAYS TRIPS SWIMMING, PLAY PLANET AND THE ALL STAR ACTIVITY CENTRE

WEEK 1	PIRATE THEME SCAVENGER HUNT TUESDAY, BAKING WEDNESDAY AND PARTY FRIDAY
WEEK 2	CLASH WEEK ARCHERY MONDAY, COOKING TUESDAY, CLASH OF COLOURS WEDNESDAY + TRIP
WEEK 3	DISNEY THEME TRIP ON TUESDAY AND LIGHT SABER ACADEMY ON FRIDAY
WEEK 4	SPORTS WEEK BAKING MONDAY, CLASH ON WEDNESDAY AND TRIPS THURSDAY/FRIDAY + ATHLETICS
WEEK 5	SUPERHERO THEME TRIP ON TUESDAY, BAKING THURSDAY AND PARTY FRIDAY
WEEK 6	CLASH WEEK SPORTS, GAMESHOPS, WEDNESDAY CLASH OF COLOURS + TRIPS



Ofsted Registered

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

HERE FOR HERETODAY HOLIDAYS

ALL STAR ACTIVITIES

SUMMER HOLIDAY CREATE CAMP

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

INCLUDING DAYS TRIPS SWIMMING, PLAY PLANET AND THE ALL STAR ACTIVITY CENTRE

WEEK 1	AROUND THE WORLD THEME UK, ITALY, GREECE AND ASIA BAKING CHEESECAKES, SCONES, PIZZA AND TRIP DAY
WEEK 2	JURASSIC AND RAINFOREST THEME QUICHE, TRIP TO THE CENTRE, CLAY VOLCANOS AND SNAKE CUPCAKES
WEEK 3	SAFARI AND FARM THEME SHEEP CUPCAKES, BANANA MUFFINS, AND TRIP DAY
WEEK 4	PIRATE AND DISNEY / STAR WARS THEME TRIP TO THE ACTIVITY CENTRE, TREASURE HUNT, PIRATE BISCUITS AND LIGHT SABER ACADEMY
WEEK 5	MONSTERS AND SUPERHEROES THEME MASKS, TRIPS, MAKE YOUR OWN SQUISHY, CUPCAKES AND BISCUITS
WEEK 6	FESTIVAL OF COLOUR TRIP DAY, BUBBLE PAINTING, PLAY DOH MAKING AND CONFETTI COOKIES



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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

HERE FOR HERETODAY HOLIDAYS

The Hereford Hub



School Holiday Club

For children age 4 - 12yrs

Hinton Community Centre

21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th July

Book 1 date or all 4 at discounted rate

From 8.45am-3pm

BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH (SEMH) STAY & PLAY

SUPPORTING BIG FEELINGS IN LITTLE ONES.
A GENTLE STAY AND PLAY SESSION FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP MANAGING EMOTIONS

@ Leominster Children's Centre HR6 8LL
Tuesday 21st July 2026 - 10am to 11.30am

- A chance for parents/carers to connect with other families
- Chat to professionals about ideas and strategies to support you and your child in the home and out in the community.

For more information and to book a space, call or email Kim (Early Years Area SENCo-SEMH link) on 07792880134/ Kim.Evans3@herefordshire.gov.uk

Herefordshire Council



SUMMER Skate Club

10am - 3pm
Aged 7+

wed 22nd July
Tue 28th July
Wed 12th Aug
Tue 18th Aug
Wed 19th Aug
Tue 25th Aug
Wed 26th Aug

Tickets skatehereford.co.uk

SKILLS, GAMES, FUN

The Core, Foley Trading Est, HR1 2SF

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