



3RD JULY 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 the love we share in our school community. Help us to stay united, persevere when things are difficult, and show kindness and encouragement to one another each day. Amen.

KEY EVENTS

Tuesday 7th July

Drama Club Performance 3:30pm

Wednesday 8th July

Class R trip to Small Breeds Farm

Class 5/6 Wonderland afternoon performance

Thursday 9th July

Classes 3 and 4 at Summer Games

Class 5/6 Wonderland evening performance

Friday 10th July

UK Culture day

Friday 17th July

INSET Day - School Closed

MESSAGES

Thank you for joining us for Sports Day. The children had a fantastic day taking part in the events and showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. It was wonderful to see so many families there supporting and encouraging the children throughout the day. Your encouragement helped to make the event such an enjoyable and memorable occasion for everyone involved.

HAF summer holiday activity bookings went live on Wednesday 1st July. Please see the message from Mrs Higgins on Seesaw.

THIS WEEK



Our EYFS Sports Day was a fantastic success! The children were amazing and a thoroughly good time was had by all. Thank you to all spectators that came to support the children, it was such a lovely atmosphere! #EYFSstc

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.7%	99.7%	99.2%	98.7%	93.1%	99.3%	96.2%

ATTENDANCE: STC 96.3% NATIONAL 94.6%



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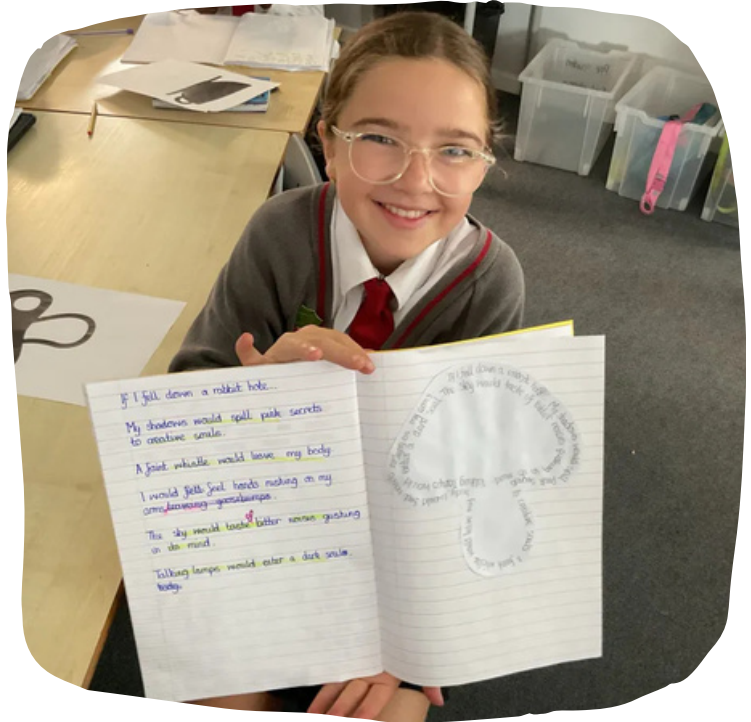
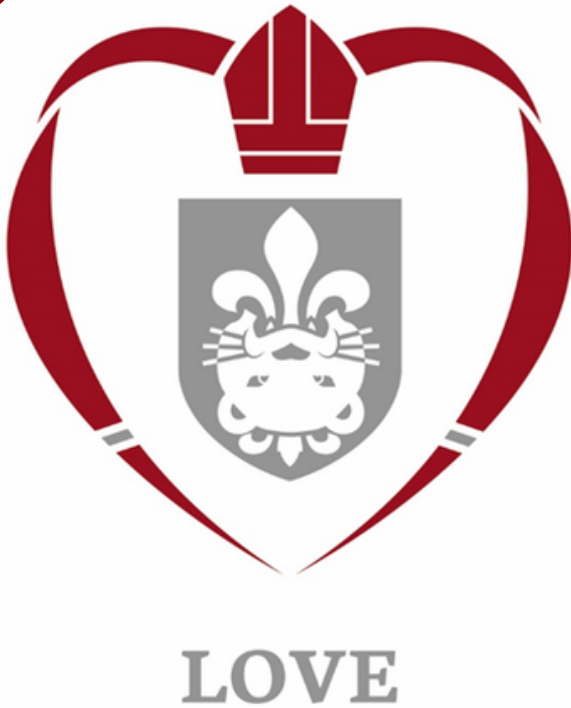
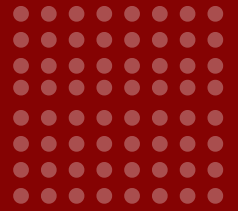
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Class 5 & 6 worked hard to create shape poems inspired by their end-of-year production, *Wonderland The Musical*. Through their writing, they explored themes of friendship, kindness and love, expressing their creativity with great care and imagination. #loveSTC #perseveranceSTC

'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

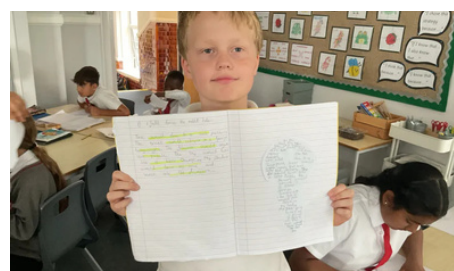
Thursday & Friday

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

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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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 to February to 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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Sign up to our learn to swim programme between 1st & 30th June 2026 and enjoy:

First 2 lessons FREE + 50% OFF first 2 months

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JOIN TODAY
Let's make swimming second nature.
Call 01432 842075 or pop into your local Halo pool.
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HAMPTON GARDENS

SUMMER SAVINGS

We are delighted to be part of the Great British Summer Savings scheme! Enjoy discounted entry to the gardens all summer holiday long!

UNFORGETTABLE FUN!
Maze - Waterfall - Secret Tunnel - Play Area - Nature Trails

EVENT DAYS INCLUDED!
BOOKING ADVISED

RELAX & REFUEL
Historic Walled Garden - Light Lunches - Estate Walks

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Boost confidence. Improve technique. Swim safer.

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MAX 4 Groups In-Water Teachers Daily Feedback

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Make-it Happen

Summer Holidays '26 Children's Workshops

Workshop	Date & Time
Bumble Bee Plushie	Wednesday 22nd July 9am - 10am
Flying Saucer Plushie	Wednesday 22nd July 10am - 11am
Milkshake Plushie	Wednesday 22nd July 10am - 12pm
Flower Plushie	Wednesday 29th July 9am-10am
Ice Cream Plushie	Wednesday 29th July 10am - 11am
Watermelon Plushie	Wednesday 29th July 11am - 12pm
Rocket Plushie	Wednesday 5th August 9am - 10am
Pizza Plushie	Wednesday 5th August 10am - 11am
Rainbow Plushie	Wednesday 5th August 11am - 12pm

Book through our website
www.make-ithappencreativdreams.com

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Flower Plushie	Wednesday 19th August 10am - 11am
Ice Cream Plushie	Wednesday 19th August 11am - 12am

Bring a friend or sibling
Get 50% off a second child!

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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 Shroton hill fort!

Book your spot here

www.outdoorways.co.uk @outdoorways.uk

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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	THEME	ACTIVITIES
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

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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

HERE FOR HEREFORDSHIRE 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	THEME	ACTIVITIES
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

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THE CRACKED SLIPPER COMPANY PRESENTS

THE MASKED ACTOR

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

EVERY TUESDAY IN THE SUMMER HOLS KICKING OFF 21ST JULY 10AM-2PM

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FREE WORKSHOPS EXPLORING EMOTIONS THROUGH MASK MAKING & PERFORMANCE FOR 10-16 YEAR OLDS

THE KINDLE CENTRE, ASDA, BELMONT ROAD HEREFORD, HR2 7JE

JAM CODING COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

CODING CLUB

FUN & CREATIVE DIGITAL ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 6-12 YEARS

Screen breaks throughout with crafts, games & multi sports

9:00 - 15:00

LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED

£45 & HAF FUNDED PLACES

Activities

- ✓ Minecraft education
- ✓ Micro:bit creativity
- ✓ Game building
- ✓ Stop motion animation
- ✓ Programming robots

All levels welcome From beginner to advanced

Dates

27th July
3rd & 10th August

St Paul's Primary School, Hampton Lane Road, Hereford, HR1 5LX

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

Dingley's Promise

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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