

School Newsletter - 14th July 2023



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This week: 93.24 %
Year to date: 93.2 %
National average: 94.4%
Target: 96%

Dates

- ♦ Mon/Tue 10 & 11/7
KS2 production
6pm - 7.30pm
- ♦ Wed 12/7
Rocksteady concert
- ♦ Fri 14/7/23
summer disco
- ♦ Autumn TERM -
Wednesday 6th
September

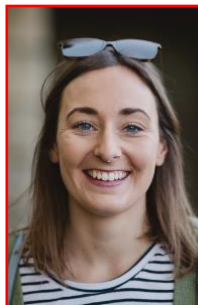
KS2 Show

The Greatest Show lived up to its name - thanks to all the children, but also Jackie Evans and Jenny Downing for all their hard work - it's gone down a storm!



New staff

As you will have seen our classes have been announced and all children know who their teachers and support staff are next year. We have planned more transition time across the school than ever before to support the children with their move. We are very excited to introduce our new Deputy Headteacher, **Mrs. Kathy Skinner**. It is also a pleasure to introduce our **Year 3** class teacher **Miss Natalie Wilson**.



Hi, my name is Kathy Skinner and I'm super excited to be joining the team at St Thomas as Deputy Headteacher from September. I have visited the school a couple of times already and both staff, children and parents alike have been really friendly and welcoming. I have a real passion for the outdoors and love exploring new places with my husband and our springer spaniel Rolo at the weekends. I am also a keen sportswoman, regularly playing hockey, as well as enjoying taking part in a real mix of games; I look forward to bringing lots of sporting opportunities to the children at St Thomas.

Stay in touch!

Miss Sarah Prince was appointed temporary Deputy Head in February 2023. Within a day, OFSTED visited, and since then she has supported the school community with her considerable experience and talents, organisational skills and great sense of humour! We will all miss her, but the good news is she is staying within our Exeter Learning Academy Trust, as she has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at Bowhill Primary School. Good luck, Sarah and come back and see us!



Hi my name is Natalie Wilson and I'm so looking forward to joining the team at St Thomas and meeting the fabulous children I've heard so much about. I'm a really creative person and I love teaching because I can encourage children to be creative with their learning! In my spare time I paint animal portraits, play tag rugby and cycle around Dartmoor. Have a lovely summer everyone and see you in September!

Year 6 SATs

Our great Year 6 SATs results once again show how well children at St Thomas Primary do academically - well done to all pupils, parents and staff - you will ALL do well moving on!

	St Thomas	National average
Reading	73%	73%
Writing	73%	71%
SPAG	73%	72%
Maths	80%	73%
Combined	70%	59%

People who help us

You may have noticed a police presence outside school over the last couple of days. This is nothing to be alarmed about as we are looking at people who help us in our assembly time and we are reminding children that the police are here to help the St Thomas community!

Our new rules

From September, our school only has 3 school rules: Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe. The full policy will be coming out shortly, but focuses on the Thrive approach: <https://www.thriveapproach.com/>

