



John 10:10 - 'I come that they may have life and have it to the full'

Important Information and News:

It's the National Year of Reading!

At St Thomas', reading is our number one priority. It is the foundation for learning across the whole curriculum and plays a vital role in children's academic success and personal development.

Being read to is incredibly important for children of all ages, including those in Year 6. Listening to stories helps children develop vocabulary, improve comprehension and experience rich, challenging texts. Most importantly, it fosters a lifelong love of reading.

The **National Year of Reading**, a nationwide initiative celebrating the joy and importance of reading for children of all ages.

Throughout the year, schools, libraries and families across the country will be coming together to inspire a love of books.

You can support your child at home by enjoying shared reading, visiting the local library, talking about books and helping them find stories that spark their interests.

Visit the website to find out more and get involved:

Important dates for your diary:

Engineering week - 9th - 13th February (showcase on the Friday)

Sharing assemblies will take place on Wednesdays at 9.10am in the main hall:

- **Y2** - Wednesday 4th March
- **Y1** - Wednesday 11th March
- **Reception** - Wednesday 18th March

INSET day - Friday 20th March

Easter Service - Wednesday 25th March at 2.30pm

KS2 Easter Performance - Thursday 26th March

Term ends - Friday 27th March at 2pm



Learning Leaders and LifeFull Awards 2026:

This weeks learning leaders are:

Year 1 Anaya - for always trying her best and being kind to everyone around her. We will miss you, Anaya!

Year 2 Noah - for working hard and making excellent progress in phonics!

Year 3 Amari - for his hard work and constant kindness in our class. We will miss him very much!

Year 4 Imani - for being a great role model to other children and doing her best to be kind every day.

Year 5 Faith - for her participation in learning and following routines.

Year 6 Gabrielle - for producing brilliant independent writing.

LifeFull Awards - children demonstrating courage in their learning and play.

Y1 Noah **Y4 Deshawn**

Y2 Fatema **Y5 Zack**

Y3 Riley **Y6 Sifan**

Parent Overview - Spring Term

You should have received your parent overview for this term via email today. This includes lots of important information about the learning taking place in your child's class this term and how you can help at home. It also includes important dates for class trips and special events happening at school over the coming term. Please take a moment to read the overview and speak to either your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any questions.

Term dates

Spring Term 2026

Term starts	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half term	Finish Friday 13 th February – return Monday 23 rd February
INSET DAY	Friday 20 th March 2026
Term ends	Friday 27 th March 2026 at 2pm

Summer 2026

Term starts	Monday 13 th April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half term	Finish Friday 22 May – return Monday 1 st June 2026
Term end	Friday 17 th July at 2pm
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July 2026



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**2025-26 SPRING TERM
PARENTAL TRAINING OFFER**

Training Calendar 2025-26

NAME OF TRAINING	DELIVERED BY	DATE AND TIME	LINK	FORMAT
Family Sign Language (parents/carers with children in the Hearing Support Service)	Sensory Support Team (QTOD)	Every Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00	Please email: gandronic@westminster.gov.uk Information	Face to Face - Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee School
SCERTS for Families	Autism Advisory Team	12 January 10:00 - 12:00	Click here to book	Face to Face - Kensington Town Hall
Family group - parents/carers of autistic children (primary)	Autism Advisory Team	20 January 10 March 10:00 - 11:00	Please email: AEYIT@rbkc.gov.uk Information	Online
Parental autism awareness course (PAAC) (EY & Primary / 10+ years)	Autism Advisory Team	28 January 4 February 11 February 25 February 4 March 11 March 10:00 - 12:00	Please email: AEYIT@rbkc.gov.uk Information	Online
Parents' group - parents/carers of autistic children (secondary)	Autism Advisory Team	28 January 18 March 16:00 - 17:00	Please email: AEYIT@rbkc.gov.uk Information	Online
CHSWG	Sensory Support Team	14 January 9:30 - 11:00	Please email: kgilgallon@westminster.gov.uk	Online

For all training and booking queries please contact:
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Mindfulness Techniques	Autism Advisory Team	10 February 10:00 - 12:30	Please email: AEYIT@rbkc.gov.uk Information	Face to Face - Kensington Town Hall
Practical Strategies to Support Handwriting	SEN OT	2 March 9:00 - 10:30	Click here to book	Online
Fostering Emotional Regulation	SEN OT	10 March 13:30 - 15:30	Click here to book	Online
Toileting and Independence Skills	SEN OT	17 March 13:30 - 15:00	Click here to book	Online
Practical Sensory Strategies (This includes a follow up)	SEN OT	18 March 9:30 - 12:00 22 April 14:00 - 15:00	Part 1: Click here to book Part 2: Click here to book	Part 1: Face to Face - Tresham Centre Part 2: Online
Vision Impairment Parental Forum	Sensory Support Team	On request	Please email: christina.matawq@rbkc.gov.uk	Online

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NAME OF TRAINING	DELIVERED BY	DATE AND TIME	LINK	FORMAT
Coffee mornings for parents of CYP with SLCN	SLCN and CLCH	On request	Please email: clapwood@westminster.gov.uk	Face to Face
Coffee mornings with OT surgery	SEN OT	On request	Please email: ellie.lawley@rbkc.gov.uk	Face to Face or Online
Make it Happen and Full of Life (Bespoke training)	BIS Teachers and Therapists	On request	Please email: aselwyn@westminster.gov.uk Information	Online
Bespoke training (Sensory Circuit Bitesize)	SEN OT	On request	Please email: qe2referral@qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk	Online
Bitesize Videos for Schools/Parents	SEN OT	On request	SEN OT YouTube Channel OT Support Hub	Online

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