

St Thomas Primary School



Summer Term End 2026

This term has been a very busy term and we were lucky enough with the weather for the sports day/family picnic to take place. It was good to see so many of you able to come along for this. Unfortunately we had to postpone the Sponsored Walk due to the weather and staffing. We hope to re-arrange this in the new Session. We did however enjoy outdoor activities provided by the Dorenell Rangers and Outfit Moray during this term. We also had a trip to the Spey Bay Dolphin Centre. No dolphins were seen but the activities were certainly enjoyed by all.

We welcomed the Japanese Ambassador to the school for the unveiling of the special Japanese blossom tree planted for the Isabella Gordon commemorations. Our pupils did us proud with their singing and presentation skills at the event.

Jammin Fitness workshops and a Road Safety Magic Show were enjoyed by pupils and our rhythmic abilities were also tested with the Drumfun workshops. The Strawberry Tea was a great success and all funds raised went to the Parent Council funds. We must take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dawson who comes into school voluntarily to coach pupils in singing and performing for these events.

As we approach the last few weeks of the summer term, we look forward to the remaining activities planned (see diary dates below).

Staffing update

As you will be aware Mrs McCann and Mrs Raikes are absent due to personal circumstances. In the meantime Mrs Rachel Smith QIO has been overseeing the school. In order to bridge the cover for the Head Teacher absence, headquarters are actively seeking an Acting Head Teacher. We will keep you informed.

Additionally, the following vacancies have also been advertised and we are in the process of following the procedures to appoint to the posts:

Part-time Teacher (following Mrs Magee's reduction in hours).

Pupils Support Assistant – increased hours post from August.

Breakfast Club Support Worker – Mrs George has indicated that she will be leaving the post at the end of term. We wish her all the best for her future role.

In Mrs Raikes' absence, we are grateful that Mrs Magee has kindly agreed to lead the Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday 30th June (at 2.30pm). This year due to circumstances it has been decided to put the Prizegiving on hold, however we do aim to acknowledge Primary 7 pupils contributions at the Leavers' Assembly since this will be their last presentation before they head off to secondary school.

Please be assured we remain fully committed to providing consistency and continuity for our pupils and are working hard to achieve this. Thank you for your support and understanding at this time. If you have any queries, Mrs Winchester should be approached in the first instance and she will be able to direct you to the appropriate person.

Attendance

Please can parents/carers be reminded that if your child is absent, you must report the absence promptly (and on each and every day your child is absent) either by the following methods:

- Parents Portal www.moray.gov.uk/parentsportal
- School Telephone or Email Telephone: 01542 882256/01542 886841
- e-mail: admin.stthomasp@moray-edunet.gov.uk

The Parents Portal gives you flexibility to report the absence the night before or early in the morning. We would like to encourage you to register for the Parents Portal (if you have not already done so):

<https://online.moray.gov.uk/site/wss/request/ParentsPortalLink>

If an absence is unreported the following are the guidelines:

If we cannot immediately make contact with you or a partner, then we will contact the person you have named as your family emergency contact. FAILURE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU OR ANY OF YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS WILL RESULT IN US ALERTING POLICE SCOTLAND.

Diary Dates			
Thursday	11 th June	Whole school visit to Gordon Castle Walled Gardens to view our decorated scarecrows for the competition	Details have been emailed
Friday	12 th June	Drumfun Workshops	P4-7 (morning)
Friday	12 th June	TMSA Performers	Whole school - afternoon
Tuesday-Thursday	23 rd , 24 th and 25 th June	P7 Induction Days at Keith Grammar School	Details will be sent from Keith Grammar
Tuesday	23 rd June	Whole school moving up day	Pupils should arrive at school as normal. New P1 pupils should line up with their parents and Mrs Ironside will meet them in the school playground.
Friday	26 th June	Leaver's Mass – note date change	9.30am
Tuesday	30 th June	Leavers' Assembly	2.30pm. Please note that this is a change of time
Thursday	2 nd July	Leavers' Mass in Church	9.30m
Thursday	2 nd July	End of Term	School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm
Wednesday	19 th August	Autumn Term Commences	