

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 5th May 2023



Thought for the week

Trust: "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's care".

St. Augustine of Hippo

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

Well done and congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 3 children who performed their cheerleading routines to hundreds of people at the Saints stadium on Wednesday evening. What an experience for you all! I believe it was a fantastic evening and the children were brilliant. Thank you to Mr. Hale for organising this amazing event for our children and for giving them such an opportunity. Photos and videos are on our social media platforms.

Today we were dressed in red, white and blue to help us commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. The kitchen staff prepared a special coronation themed lunch with decorated cakes and biscuits - thank you! I hope everyone enjoys the extra long weekend as Monday will be a Bank Holiday and school reopens on Tuesday.

The children in Year 6 will be completing their end of key stage assessments next week (Tuesday - Friday). During the week the children will be completing a Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation test, Reading test, an arithmetic test and maths papers 1 & 2. I know the children will do their very best and we wish them the very best of luck.

If your child is in Year 6, please make sure they have a good night's sleep each night so they are able to perform to the best of their ability. We also recommend they bring in water to keep them hydrated.

SATS BREAKFAST

Children in Year 6 can come into the school for 8.30am each day of the tests, where they will be offered a SATS breakfast (toast, cereal, fruit juice) to give them extra energy and a calm start to the day.

Reminder:

There will be disruption to drop off and pick up routines as the work on our new canopy begins on Monday, 15th May. The workmen will be preparing the area from the afternoon of Friday, 12th May with delivery of portaloos, fencing, machinery etc.

Once the building work commences, the EYFS area will be out of bounds to everyone for the duration of the building work. Please see overleaf for the changes that are planned for drop off and pick up.

The children will be notified of this in assembly next week. An email will be sent out next week with the same information on so that you can forward the email to family members involved in pick up and drop off.

Please share this information with parents, grandparents, carers, child minders etc to help the start and end of day run as smoothly as possible. Thank you.

Morning and evening changes in routines for drop off and pick up

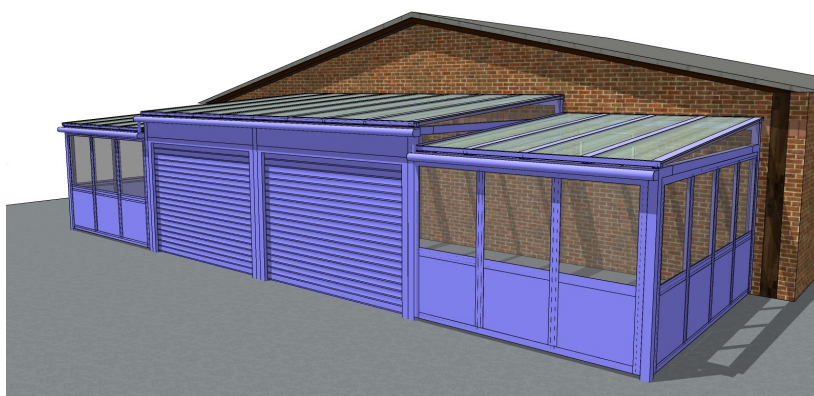
Class	Time in	Time out	Location
Nursery	8:40	3:00	Year 2
Reception	8:40	3:00	Year 2
Year 1	8:50	3:10	Year 2
Year 2	8:50	3:10	Year 2
Year 3	8:40	3:10	Office
Year 4	8:50	3:15	Office
Year 5	8:40	3:10	Hall
Year 6	8:50	3:15	Hall

There will be staff around at each point at the start and end of the day to help this go as smoothly as possible.

If you arrange with your child where they will be able to locate you at the end of the day and keep to this space, that will help also.

Children attending Breakfast or Afterschool Club should be dropped off and collected via the main entrance.

These arrangements will remain in place until the site manager gives the all clear that the EYFS area is safe to use once again.



Helping others

One of our previous governors, Mrs. Burrows, has requested the help of our school community in helping others who are less fortunate. She has asked for donations of children's clothes to give to a charity working alongside the SVP. So, if you have any clothes that no longer fit your children and you wish to donate, please send in to school (preferably in a bag, labelled with gender and age e.g. boys aged 6/7) ready for Mrs Burrows to collect. Thank you.

PTFA family quiz night

A huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and attended last Friday night's event. Especially our amazing Quiz Meister, Andy! We hope you had as much fun as us! It was fantastic to see the kids having a great time dancing and getting involved with all the games and we loved your inventive team names!

Special thanks to the support of local businesses such as Saints, Toast coffee shop, Heart n sole ladies fitness, The Gerard, Joanne Whyman hair, Cineworld and Pizza Hut we raised over £450 for our school funds!



If you would like to get involved in our PTFA, in any way, no matter how small, we'd love you to get in touch. We're already looking forward to our summer gala. Watch this space!

PTFA summer fayre

Dates for your diary!

The summer fayre will be on Friday, 23rd June from 3.30pm.

Non uniform days for donations will be Friday, 19th May and Friday, 16th June.

Anyone who is available on the day of the fayre and willing to help out. Please let the school office know and they will pass your name onto the PTFA.

Thank you.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

May

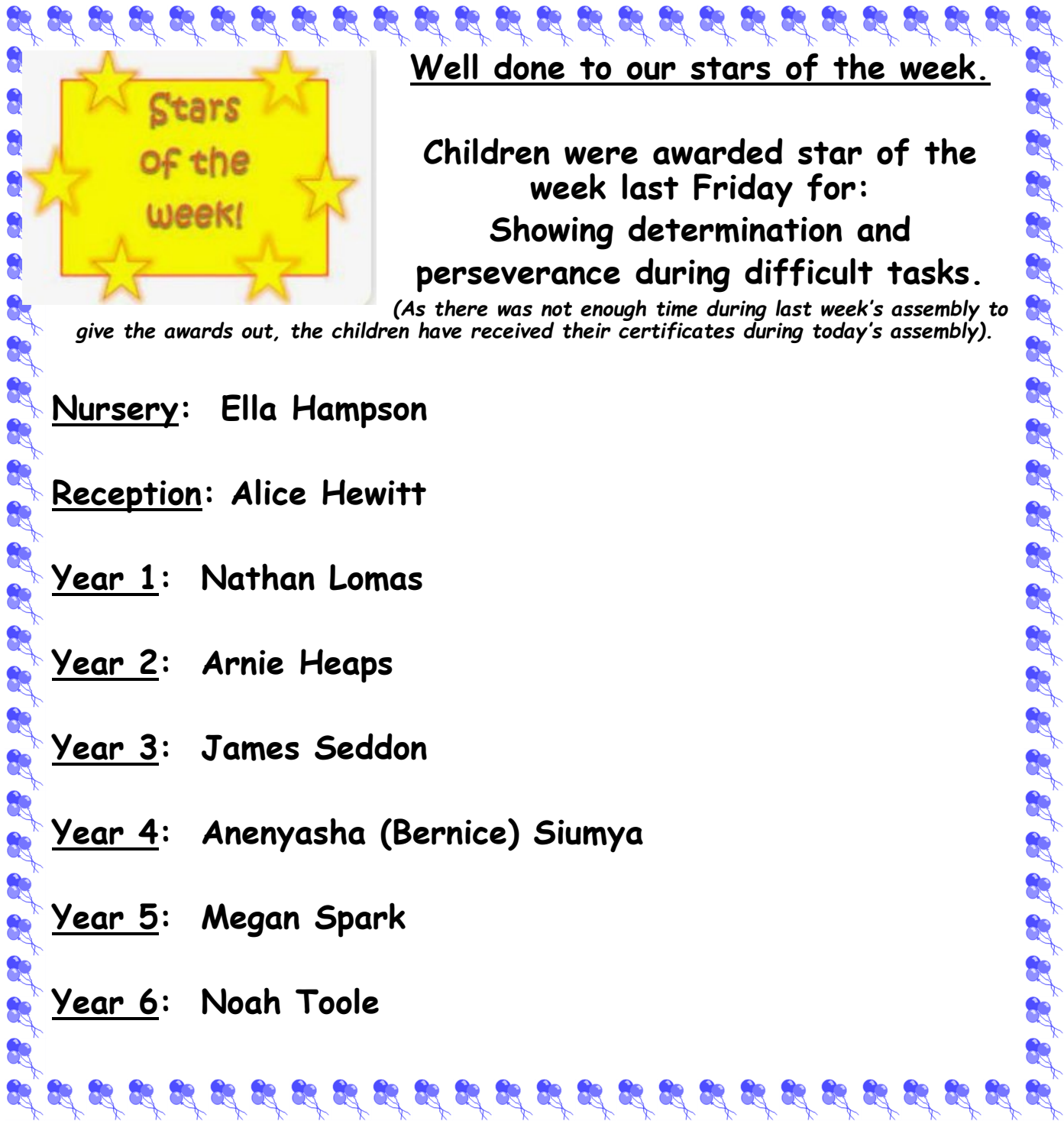
- 8th - Bank Holiday
- 9th - Start of Year 6 End of Key Stage tests (SATs)
- 10th - Rescheduled Year 3 parents evening (3.30pm - 5pm)
- 12th - Y4 Collective Worship (9am)
- 15th - EYFS building works commence - (change in drop off and pick up routines)
- 18th - Ascension Day Mass in Church 11am
- 19th - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer fayre
- 25th - Reception Class Vision Checks (0-19 team)
- 25th - Y6 trip to Lancashire Mining Museum
- 26th - May procession Church 11am
- 26th - Close for Whit Half-term (2 weeks)

June

- 12th - Children return to school
- 12th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check
- 12th - Y4 start swimming (each Monday for 5 weeks)
- 16th - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer fayre
- 16th - Nursery & Reception Fathers Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 19th - Nursery September 2023 intake meeting (3.30pm)
- 20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs
- 20th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)
- 22nd - Reception September 2023 intake meeting (1.30pm & 4pm)
- 23rd - EYFS Collective Worship (9am)
- 23rd - PTFA Summer fayre from 3.30pm
- 27th - Sports Day (times TBC)
- 28th - Sports Day Reserve (in the event of bad weather on 27th)
- 29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am
- 30th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip

July

- 1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon
- 3rd - Nursery & Reception trip to Windmill Farm
- 3rd - Y6 De la Salle transition week
- 4th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)
- 7th - Y6 Leavers Party (4.30pm)
- 11th - Rock Steady Concert (2.15pm)
- 14th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church (11am)
- 21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)



Well done to our stars of the week.

**Children were awarded star of the week last Friday for:
Showing determination and perseverance during difficult tasks.**

(As there was not enough time during last week's assembly to give the awards out, the children have received their certificates during today's assembly).

Nursery: Ella Hampson

Reception: Alice Hewitt

Year 1: Nathan Lomas

Year 2: Arnie Heaps

Year 3: James Seddon

Year 4: Anenyasha (Bernice) Siumya

Year 5: Megan Spark

Year 6: Noah Toole

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PTFA

Congratulations to our April Lottery winners

1st No. 45 Emma Graney - £40

2nd No. 58 Christine Michalec - £20

3rd No. 41 Karen Reilly - £10

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Nursery

We are now taking nursery applications for September 2024 for children who turn three before

31st August 2024.

If you would like any further information regarding nursery places, funding entitlements or to pick up application forms, please contact the school office on telephone number

01744 621380

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