

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 08th September 2023

This week's Gospel

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

This week's Gospel Value

Kindness



**Mrs. Rawlinson's messages**

Welcome back to all our returning children and their families and a massive welcome to our new children and families too.

It has been such a lovely week in school with the children settling in quickly to their new classrooms and routines, especially the children in EYFS—they have been phenomenal!

Well done to you all for making such a positive start to our new academic year.

I will continue to send out a weekly (Friday) newsletter full of information, important dates and celebrations. Please make sure you take the time to read each newsletter and share with your extended families (especially those involved in drop off and pick ups).

I will be on the gate most mornings and afternoons (when meetings allow) so if you do need to speak with me I am available. Alternatively, you can email me on [lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk)

I look forward to working with you and making this another successful year for our children and for the school.

**Health and Safety reminders**

- ◆ We are a nut free school. Please do not send any food that contains nuts of any sort into school for snack or lunch.
- ◆ The car park is for staff only, Parents are not allowed to use the staff car park at any time. Parents must use the parent car park before the school gates.
- ◆ Please be patient and mindful of other car park users at drop off and pick up times. The car park does get busy so observations and patience is important.
- ◆ Do not block nearby residents' drive ways or park on double yellow lines.

THESE REMINIDERS ARE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN AND FOR YOURSELVES. THANKS

### AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We will continue to offer a range of extra curricular over the course of the year. Clubs being delivered by school staff (or governor) will now incur a charge of £1 per week.

If the club is being delivered by an external provider, there will be a separate charge which will be made clear in any correspondence.

Clubs that will be held during the Autumn term will include:

- Key Stage 2 Choir
- Key Stage 1 (speech) choir
- Prayer through art
- Book club
- Ukulele

This list is not yet complete, there will be more clubs added to the list and all the information you need will be sent home as soon as possible.

### Gospel Values

This year we have decided to have a Gospel Value as a theme of the week for the children to focus on and understand more about. This will help develop the Catholic Life of the school and the children to understand more about the teachings of Jesus.

There will be a different Gospel Value each week.

This week we have focused on Kindness.

Next week's focus is Love.



It would be beneficial for the children if you could remind them of each weekly value and have conversations around each one at home.

### Meet the teacher

**Wednesday, 20th September at 3.30pm in the school hall**

Parents/carers are invited to our annual 'meet the teacher' evening on the 20th September.

The evening will begin in the school hall where Mrs. Rawlinson will introduce the evening and give a talk before parents go off to visit classrooms with their child's class teachers. Each talk in the classrooms will be repeated for parents to visit more than one class.

The evening will begin at 3.30 in the hall.

Talk one in classrooms 4.00pm—4.10pm

Talk two in classrooms 4.20—4.30pm.

Looking forward to welcoming everybody.

### SVP Mass

It is rather apt that this week's Gospel includes the message, *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them,"* as this is used at the start of every monthly SVP meeting I attend.

Our school have a group of children who act as 'Mini Vinnies' - doing important charitable work in helping those in need of care, love and attention.

As a celebration of the work done by both the adult SVP members and the 'Mini Vinnies' a special mass has been arranged. During the mass, Bishop Tom Neylon will be giving a blessing of hands to give thanks for the work being done to help those less fortunate.

All our Mini Vinnies and their families are invited to this special service taking place on Saturday, 30th September at 12 noon at St. Teresa of Avila Church on Devon Street.

There will be refreshments and time to chat after the mass at the parish club.



### Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury

There will be a whole school Mass to celebrate the start of the new school year at St. Thomas of Canterbury church on Friday, 29th September at 11.00m.

All our families (parents, grandparents, carers) are warmly invited to attend this special service with Fr. Michael.

Advance request for helpers: if you are available to help walk the children to church please arrive at school for 10.30am.

If you could also let your child's teacher know that you are available to help that would be great—thank you.

**Important Dates for your Diary**

**September**

- 20<sup>th</sup> - Meet the teacher
- 21<sup>st</sup> - National fitness day
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Mass for new school year
- 30<sup>th</sup> - SVP mass at St Teresa's Church

**October**

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Rec and Y6 height and weight
- 25<sup>th</sup> - parents evening
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Harvest service
- 26<sup>th</sup> - end of autumn 1
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Halloween disco (PTFA)
- 27<sup>th</sup> - INSET

**November**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - INSET
- 7<sup>th</sup> - children return
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Anti bullying/kindness week
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas fayre

**December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Advent Mass
- 4<sup>th</sup> and/or 5<sup>th</sup> EYFS Christmas play
- 11<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Christmas play
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Altru Drama performance of Pinocchio (1.30pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Carol Service (tbc)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - end of autumn term

**Attendance**

Each Friday we will publish the weekly attendance figure for each class.  
For week ending Friday, 8th September 2023 the whole school attendance is 98.03%

- Reception = 99.05%
- Year 1 = 100%
- Year 2 = 98.89%
- Year 3 = 97.41%
- Year 4 = 98.52%
- Year 5 = 99.63%
- Year 6 = 93.19%