



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 12th July 2024



## This week's Gospel

*"The Twelve set off to preach repentance, telling people to change their lives and turn back to God."*

Mark 6: 7-13

## A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Confidence and talent have been the 'buzz' words to describe this week.

On Monday, our Y6 children led a beautiful whole school mass in church where they celebrated and gave thanks to God for their time at St. Thomas of Canterbury. The children were amazing in all the roles they had during the liturgy: readers, singing, offertories. They certainly were confident.

Well done Y6.

On Tuesday, the End of Key Stage 2 assessment scores were published, and we are delighted with the results of each and every pupil in Y6. Their progress and attainment is incredible. Well done once again to Y6. I am incredibly proud of you all.

Rock Steady was on Tuesday afternoon and the children who performed superbly and confidently used their talents for singing, playing guitar, drums and keyboard. What a fantastic show you gave and amazing talent you all have.

Thursday morning was Y6 Enterprise day, and the children used their entrepreneurial skills in the games and activities they had planned for the rest of the school to take part in. The atmosphere was buzzing all morning and they had a great time.

A lot of fun was had on Wednesday when we had the PTFA 'Break the Rules' day and the children were allowed to have crazy hair, wear nail polish, have juice in their drink bottle and wear their own clothes.

Then on Thursday afternoon and evening, we had the Performing Arts show 'What a Knight!' which was absolutely fantastic. The children showcased their talents for singing, dancing, acting and telling jokes. The show was the best KS2 show I have ever seen!

Massive thanks to the amazing staff who were so determined to make sure the show went on and freely gave their time to put on the best show ever. You are incredible.

What a fantastic week we have had. Thank you to all the staff in school for their hard work and making our school such the special place it is. Thanks to the parents for your continued support. Massive thanks to the children for being so wonderful.

To say I am proud is an understatement!

We certainly do have confident and talented children and dedicated staff who work hard to provide all these opportunities. So proud of you all.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART—THANK YOU.

Next week's curriculum focus will be computing.  
The children will be learning the following areas in computing:

Nursery - Completing a programme linked to phonics

Reception - Research into minibeasts using IPADS

Y1 - Maze Explorers and Technology Outside of School

Y2 - Creating Pictures

Y3 - Email (inc. email safety)

Y4 - Logo and Hardware Investigators

Y5 - External Devices

Y6 - Text Adventures



Don't forget: St Helens junior parkrun

**Sunday, 14th July at 9.00am**

Meet at the bandstand just before 9.00am. It is for children aged 4-14 years and is completely free. It happens every Sunday, same time, same place.

All your child needs is their own barcode (google Parkrun UK for this) or see me for help. It would also make a lovely activity to carry on doing throughout the summer holidays.

**Hope to see you there!**

### New PE Top



We are very pleased to have received a sample of our newly redesigned PE top!

The new top will be available to purchase from Whittaker's from the first week in July either on it's own or as part of the PE bundle. The shorts and tracksuit remain unchanged.

The new top will be phased in over the next academic year.

If your child has a white cotton PE top that still fits then they are able to wear it for another year.

**School Meals Questionnaire**

We have been asked by St Helens Local Authority, to share the following questionnaire QR code and hyperlink with our parents. This is an opportunity for parents to express their thoughts on school meals, this will help to develop the service they offer and make improvements where possible.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WYpP5ErKa4>



REMINDER: From September 2024, our times of the school day will be slightly changing and will be as follows:

**Gates open: 8:40am**

**Registers: 8:50am (meaning children need to be in class by 8.50am)**

**End of day for Reception, KS1 and KS2: 3:20pm (nursery remains unchanged).**

# Growing Together in God's Love

## **Important dates for this term**

### **July**

- 14th - Junior Parkrun No. 3 at Victoria Park (9am)
- 15th - Altru Drama performance of Rumpelstiltskin (whole school)
- 16th - Flute performance in assembly
- 17th - Y6 Festival of Sport Day at Ruskin
- 18th - Y6 Production at De La Salle 5.30pm (parents and families welcome to attend)
- 19th - Y6 trip to Crocky Trail
- 19th - Y6 Leavers Party (evening)
- 22nd - Whole school talent show
- 22nd - Nursery end of year celebration assembly (2-3pm)
- 22nd - Y6 Awards Evening (5.30pm in school hall - parents & families welcome to attend)
- 23rd - End of summer term (school closes for summer at 1.30pm) - Y6 families are invited to gather on the playground as we applaud the children out of school**

### **Attendance**

For week ending Friday 12th July 2024 the whole school attendance is 96.93%

Reception = 97.78%  
Year 1 = 94.81%  
Year 2 = 97.70%  
Year 3 = 96.67%  
Year 4 = 100%  
Year 5 = 94.07%  
Year 6 = 97.49%

### **End of summer term**

Please be aware that the last day of the summer term is  
Tuesday, 23rd July.  
Children will finish school at 1.30pm.  
Please note there will be no after school club on this day.