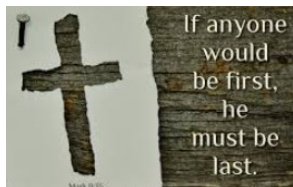




St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 20th September 2024



This week's Gospel
"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

Based on Mark 9:30-37

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Many thanks to the parents who attended our 'meet the teacher' sessions on Wednesday evening. I hope you found them informative and useful supporting your child on their educational journey this year. It is so important to build strong relationships between home and school and this is one of the many ways we can strengthen our relationship. We look forward to working with you all this year. If you do have any questions regarding curriculum, homework etc you can contact the class teacher via Dojo. We do ask that if you need to discuss anything of a more personal nature, that you contact school to arrange a face to face meeting rather than use Dojo, that way we can ensure we are always acting in the best interests of everyone. Thank you.

Thank you also to the parents and family members who assisted us in walking to and from church this morning. It was great to have so many people helping. I am so grateful and your help and time is very much appreciated. Our first whole school mass for this academic year was lovely. The children read clearly and confidently and the singing was beautiful.

Well done to all our children.

De La Salle Open Evening

Wednesday 2nd October

For the children in Year 6, it is an exciting time as they start to consider which secondary school they will be attending come September next year.

To help families make such a decision, De La Salle are having their open evening on **Wednesday 2nd October.**

Parents and children in Y6 are welcome to visit the school from **4.30pm through to 7.30pm** to have a tour of the school, speak to staff and students and meet with Mr. Rannard.

Parents evening

Following feedback from parents, staff have agreed to split parents evening into 2 separate days.

Parents evening for the autumn term will be:

- ◆ Wednesday, 23rd October at 1.30 - 4pm
- ◆ Thursday, 24th October at 4.00 - 6.00pm

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and any specific targets they have.

EYFS phonics workshop

Parents/carers of children in nursery and reception classes are invited to a phonics workshop on 25th September in the school hall at 3.30pm.

EYFS staff will be explaining exactly how we teach reading in school.

They will give demonstrations and show the online resources that can be accessed at home. They will also explain the procedures for reading and reading at home.

Reading is the key to future success and has priority in the school. We hope you can join us.



Dear Parents/Carers,

The PTFA is a group of parents/carers who volunteer our time to plan, organise and run fundraising events throughout the year to help raise money for school. We hold annual events such as the Christmas Fayre, Easter Bingo and Summer Fayre.

With the support and generosity of all our parents, we managed to raise over £7000 last school year. This money goes towards things like coaches for school trips, classroom refurbishment, drama company performances, music workshops, teaching resources and more. Information is shared on the weekly newsletters and our PTFA Facebook page.

The money is a great benefit to our children so if you feel you would like to be involved, your help, no matter how big or small, is very much appreciated. It doesn't mean that once you offer to help, you're expected to help at everything, it's just as and when you can.

If you would like to be part of the PTFA and added to our WhatsApp group or you'd just like to find out a bit more info, you can leave your name and number at the school office and either Lucy Gibson or Siobhan Kays will be in touch. Or alternatively, you can ask the following parents who are currently part of the PTFA:

Nursery	Claire Millen
Reception	Ruth Whalley & Jo Curties
Y1	Rachel Jones
Y2	Siobhan Kays & Jenny Dickinson
Y3	Ruth Whalley & Katherine Culley
Y4	Rachel Springford & Jo Curties
Y5	Jenny Dickinson & Lucy Gibson
Y6	Claire Millen

Many thanks,
St Thomas of Canterbury PTFA

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage

World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October it is world mental health day.

We are planning activities for the children throughout the day together with Adam from Healthy Active Lifestyles, including Yoga and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

This year the theme is to wear a green ribbon, so we are inviting the children wear something green with their uniform.

There will be an assembly for the children with Jayne Aspinall who is our school mental health practitioner at the end of the day.

We will also be inviting parents and grandparents to a coffee morning on the day. Further details will follow.



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Morning Snack

Children in Reception and KS1 receive a free piece of fruit each day.

Any morning snacks sent into school should be fruit

Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Please do not send any food that contains nuts of any sort into school for snack or lunch.

Attendance

For week ending Friday 20th September 2024 the whole school attendance is 96.65%

- Reception = 95.56%
- Year 1 = 98.89%
- Year 2 = 92.96%
- Year 3 = 94.05%
- Year 4 = 98.57%
- Year 5 = 97.04%
- Year 6 = 99.26%

Nursery Admissions for 2025

We are now allocating 30 hour and 15 hour funded places in our Nursery for September 2025 for children who turn three before

31st August 2025

We also still have places available from January 2025 for children who turn three before December 2025

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

New intake for September 2025

If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 and are considering St. Thomas of Canterbury as one of your choices, then please come along to our new admission meetings. These will give you all the information you need to help you make your choices and give you a flavour of what school life is like here at St. Thomas of Canterbury. Prospective parents are warmly welcome to visit school on:

- Tuesday, 15th October at 3.30pm and
- Wednesday, 13th November at 2.00pm

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school please pass these dates on to them.

STAFF CAR PARK

The car park is for staff use 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.

PARENTS CAR PARK

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.

Please do not park on double yellow lines/junction box/outside people's driveways on St. Thomas Close.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

September

25th - EYFS phonics workshop in hall (3.30pm)

October

7th - RSHE & Journey in Love Workshop in hall (3.30pm)

10th - World Mental Health Day - wear something green

14th - Sacramental Workshop 2 for Year 4 (5-6pm in school hall)

15th - Reception & Year 6 height & weight screening

15th - Open evening for prospective Reception 2025 intake

17th - Halloween party : 3.20-4pm Reception & KS1/4.00-5pm KS2

21st - Flu Vaccination Programme (whole school)

23rd - Parents afternoon (1.30-4.00pm)

24th - Harvest service in Church (11am)

24th - Parents evening (4-6pm)

24th - End of first half-term

November

4th - Return to school

11th - Remembrance Mass in Church (10.45am)

13th - Open afternoon for prospective Reception 2025 intake

15th - 1st non-uniform day (in return for donations TBC for Christmas Fair)

22nd – 2nd non-uniform day (in return for donations TBC for Christmas Fair)

26th - Y3/Y4/Y5 Cineworld trip - film Migration

27th - Reception/Y1/Y2 Cineworld trip- film Trolls

28th - Y6 Cineworld trip - film Kung Fu Panda 4

29th - PTFA Christmas Fair (3.30pm start)

December

6th - Altru Drama performance for whole school

10th - Rock Steady Concert (2.30pm)

11th - Enrolment Mass in Church for Y4 families

20th - End of autumn term

NB: Dates will be added to the diary as we go through the term