



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

## Friday, 27th September 2024



### This week's Gospel

*"Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness. A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread."*

Pope Francis, based on the Gospel of Mark 9:38-43

### A message from Mrs Rawlinson

We are already half way through this half term and the time is passing by so quickly! We have certainly been busy at school since our return after the summer holidays and have packed so much into each day, with so much more to come! I am very proud of how the children have settled into their new classes, especially our younger children in EYFS who have been amazing.

This week I have been busy leading and conducting a Catholic School Inspection for a primary school within Liverpool Archdiocese, which is why I have not been at the gate as usual.

Normal service will resume next week and I look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you to Mr. Hale who has stepped up in my absence.

### De La Salle Open Evening

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Parents will receive a message to book a timeslot via School Spider nearer the time.

### Morning Snack

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

**Free fruit for KS2 has started up again this week, so children in Year 3 to Year 6 can also have a daily piece of fruit.**

**We are noticing that some children are bringing in crisps, biscuits and chocolate for snack.**

**Please remember we are a Healthy School so any morning snacks sent into school should be healthy.**

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



**AGM**

The first meeting of this school year will be held on Tuesday, 1st October. Starting at 8pm at the Sticky Wicket Bar, Ruskin. All are welcome to join us.

**Lottery**

If you would like to be in with the chance of winning our monthly cash prizes and help raise money for school, please send your reply slips and payment into school by Friday, 4th October. The letters with further information were given out last week. Please ask the school office if you require any spare forms.

**Xmas 4 Schools**

Over the nex couple of weeks, children will be completing their Christmas card designs in class. They will then bring this home with information about how to order Christmas cards and gifts with their design on. Completed forms will need to be returned to school by Monday, 21st October. All purchases made will help to raise money for school.

**Dates for your diary**

- Tuesday, 1st October - AGM, 8pm at the Sticky Wicket Ruskin
- Thursday, 17th October - Halloween Discos
- Friday, 29th November - Christmas Fayre

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Reception, Y1 & Y2 Children on Packed Lunch

Census Day, Thursday 3rd October 2024

For Census Day on Thursday, 3rd October we would like as many children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to take up the offer of a Universal Free School Meal.

Therefore children in these classes, who are on packed lunch will have the opportunity to try a hot dinner.

**The choices are: Chicken pie, veggie sausage roll or jacket potato with various filling options.**

As children in these classes are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, there will be no charge for the meal.

If you would like your child to partake, they should come to school without their packed lunch on Thursday. They will then be given the choice in class of which option they prefer to have at lunchtime.

Thank you

**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.

# Growing Together in God's Love

## **Important Dates for your Diary**

### **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 (3.30pm)
- 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 (2pm)
- 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 Fayre (3.30pm start)

### **December**

- 2nd - Altru Drama performance for whole school
- 6th - Advent Mass in Church (11am)
- 10th - Rock Steady Concert ( 2.30pm)
- 11th - Enrolment Mass in Church for Y4 families (6pm)
- 20th - End of autumn term

## **Attendance**

For week ending Friday 27th September 2024 the whole school attendance is 96.7%

Reception = 98.1%

Year 1 = 100%

Year 2 = 93.3%

Year 3 = 96.8%

Year 4 = 96.4%

Year 5 = 97.7%

Year 6 = 94.8%