



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 11th October 2024



This week's Gospel

***"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"***

Mark 10:17-30

**A message from Mrs Rawlinson**

We are all deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Ashley Walsh who has been a parent of the school for many years.

Sending our deepest condolences, love and prayers to her family, especially her three children, whom she loved dearly.

*Eternal rest,  
Give unto her O Lord,  
And let perpetual light  
Shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**RSHE and Journey in Love**

There was a parental information session on Monday evening, explaining how we teach RSHE—Relationships, Sex and Health Education.

Thank you to the parents who attended.

Parents are offered the right to withdraw their child from these lessons.

If you wish to know more about RSHE and how it is taught in school please contact Mrs. Rawlinson to arrange a further discussion about this subject area.

**Young Voices/Y1 & Y2 Choir**

As the Halloween Disco is being held next Thursday, 17th October and Parents Evening will take place on the following Thursday, 24th October.

Young Voices and Y1/Y2 choir will be cancelled for the next two weeks. These sessions will take place after the October half-term holiday.

**Parents evening**

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 who are new to school** - appointments for parents evening are made electronically through our parent app. You will be notified when the appointment slots are made available for you to book.

Any questions, please contact school office or email me ([lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk))

## Growing Together in God's Love

### PTFA Lottery

Thank you very much to everyone who has entered this year's lottery.

We will let you know how much we have raised for school and what the cash prizes will be asap.

The September and October draws will take place before the half-term break with winners announced in the newsletters.

### Halloween Discos

Letters were given out on Monday.

If you would like your child to attend can we please ask for reply slips and payment to be handed in by Monday 14th October.

Even if children will not be attending the disco on Thursday 17th, they can still come to school that day in their costumes/fancy dress/disco clothes.

### Xmas4Schools

Children will be completing their designs in school and will be bringing them home. If you would like to order Christmas cards and gifts in your child's design and help raise money for school, finished designs/order forms need to be completed and returned to school by Monday 21st October.

Thank you for your support.



### 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.

### 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

**School Levy contributions**

Our school is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school and as such a monetary contribution is required for the upkeep of the school (The Levy). The Levy is collected by Liverpool Archdiocese to ensure Catholic schools are kept in a good state of repair and functionality.

Work is due to start shortly on replacing the gutters throughout the school. Last year, the Archdiocese granted us the funds to build the canopy which extended our provision in reception class, so you can see how important it is to have this Levy in place.

If you haven't done so already and receive a reminder text, could you please pay your academic year 2023/2024 Levy (£10) through parent pay as soon as you can.

**Thank you very much.**

**Attendance at school**

Good attendance at school is not just valuable — it is essential.



Attendance and punctuality at school is not just for the academic progress your child will make, but is also important for developing personal qualities too, such as:

- ◆ Friendships
- ◆ Social skills
- ◆ Team and school values
- ◆ Cultural awareness
- ◆ Life skills etc

**Attendance**

For week ending Friday, 11th October 2024 the whole school attendance is 96.84%

Reception = 97.78%

Year 1 = 97.04%

Year 2 = 94.44%

Year 3 = 97.70%

Year 4 = 97.13%

Year 5 = 97.85%

Year 6 = 95.93%

REMINDER: From September 2024, our times of the school day are 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).**



Dear Parents

We are always committed to supporting our local neighbours and our global brothers and sisters through our fundraising.

Therefore, we are brightening ourselves up once again this Harvest as we join in CAFOD's campaign to raise money and put our Catholic Social Teaching into action to support families all over the world experiencing poverty.

We kindly ask that the children bring in food donations for our Harvest table **during the last week of the half term** which we will pass on to our local foodbank in St Helens. As well as this, to support CAFOD in their fundraising for our overseas brothers and sisters, the children will be asked to wear something bright on the last Thursday, **24th October** and bring in a £1.00 donation to CAFOD.

Thank you so much for your kindness and support .

Mrs Houghton

# Growing Together in God's Love

## **Important Dates for your Diary**

### **October**

- 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 - CAFOD Brighten Up for Harvest Day (Children to wear something bright)
- 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