



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 8th November 2024



*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**A message from Mrs Rawlinson**

Welcome back to another busy and exciting half term! I hope the half term holidays brought opportunity for some quality family time and well earned rest.

Many thanks to all the parents for attending our recent parents evenings before the half term, it was very well attended for all classes. I would usually hand out a parental questionnaire during the parents evenings; I didn't forget....they will be sent electronically sometime soon, that way the results are easier to collate!

On Monday we will be attending church for a special mass to mark Armistice Day. Fr. Michael has asked for everyone to be there for 10.50am so that we can hold a minute's silence at 11.00am. As always, help with walking the children to and from church is much appreciated. Could all volunteers arrive at school for 10.20am to ensure we all arrive on time. Thank you

Finally, we have a second new intake meeting next week (Wednesday, 13th November at 2.00pm) for anyone who is looking for a reception place for September 2025. If you know of anyone in this position could you please pass this information on to them. Thanks.

**Non uniform days**

Our first non-uniform day will be next Friday, 15th November. The children can wear their own clothes in return for donations of new toys or bottles of alcohol. These will be used as prizes at the Christmas Fayre.

**Raffle Prizes**

If any parents have a business or know someone who does and would be able to offer a prize for the Christmas raffle, it would be very much appreciated. If this is possible, please let the office know asap. Any prizes can be left at the office in before the Christmas fayre on the 29th. Thank you for your support.

**A message from the School Nurse**

Dear Parents,

A member of the 0-19 school nursing team are delivering a drop in service at St. Thomas of Canterbury School on:

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, from 8.30am**

This service offers confidential support and advice for you and your family around:

- Emotional and mental wellbeing
- Physical health
- Dental health
- Bullying and keeping safe
- Relationships, advice and support
- Puberty
- Vaccinations

Please drop if you wish to speak with your school nurse, no appointment is necessary. We look forward to seeing you.

**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:

- Wednesday, 13th November at 2.00pm

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school please pass this date onto 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

**After School Club - 29th November 2024**

There will be no after school club on Friday, 29th November due to the Christmas Fayre taking place.

**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, 8th November 2024 the whole school attendance is 97.89%

Reception = 98.52%

Year 1 = 100%

Year 2 = 98.52%

Year 3 = 96.55%

Year 4 = 99.28%

Year 5 = 98.57%

Year 6 = 93.70%

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)**

**Cinema trips**

The children will be visiting the cinema later this month. Mr Hale has secured free tickets as part of the Intu Film Festival which runs during November.

**Y3, Y4 & Y5 will watch Migration on 26th November**

**Reception, Y1 & Y2 will watch Trolls on 27th November**

**Y6 will watch Kung Fu Panda 4 on 28th November**

Thank you to the PTFA for making this trip possible by paying for the coach transport, meaning there is no cost to parents.

# Growing Together in God's Love

## Important Dates for your Diary

### November

- 11th - Remembrance Mass in Church (10.50am)
- 13th - Open afternoon for prospective Reception 2025 intake (2pm)
- 14th - School Nurse Drop In from 8.30am
- 15th - 1st non-uniform day (in return for donations of new toys and bottles for Christmas Fair)
- 22nd – 2nd non-uniform day (in return for donations of new toys, chocolates, gift sets/luxury items 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
- 2nd - EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity (2.15pm)
- 4th - EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity (9.30am)
- 6th - Advent Mass in Church (11am)
- 10th - Rock Steady Concert ( 2.30pm)
- 11th - Christmas Dinner Day
- 11th - Enrolment Mass in Church for Y4 families (6pm)
- 12th - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity - 3.30pm performance
- 13th - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity - 9.30am performance
- 18th - Breakfast with Santa (8am)
- 20th - End of autumn term (children will finish at 1.30pm)