



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 15th November 2024



This week's Gospel

"A time will come when I will return and appear in the clouds with power and glory. Then I will send my angels to gather my people from every part of the world."

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

This week started with a very special mass at church to mark Remembrance/Armistice Day. The reading and singing from the children made it a poignant occasion for our school family. We continued to pray for peace today in our whole school worship. Many thanks to the adults who, once again, gave their time to help walk the children safely to and from church. Your help is always gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

Our next visit to church will be on Friday, 6th December for mass at 11.00am to celebrate the beginning of Advent.

Christmas is slowly sneaking into our daily activities at school, with EYFS rehearsals happening in the hall and plans being made across the school. Please keep up to date with events via this newsletter, and please do share with your wider family. Let's make this Christmas a special time for everyone.

Non uniform days

Thank you so much for your very kind donations towards our forthcoming Christmas Fair, being organised by the PTFA. Your generosity always blows me away. Thank you!

Next Friday is also a non-uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas Fair, which is happening on Friday, 29th November.

Meet the teacher—Year 4

Miss Hitchen has planned a meet the teacher session for Year 4 parents on Wednesday, 11th December at 3.30pm.

This will give Year 4 parents opportunity to meet with Miss Hitchen and find out more about her plans for the class as we move forward.

Please do come along, it will be lovely to see you there.

Parental workshop for times tables

All parents are invited to a maths workshop in the hall with Mr. McCue. The focus will be on timestables, methods of teaching covering all year groups, and how you can support at home.

Please do come along on Monday, 18th November at 3.30pm. Thanks

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, 15th November 2024 the whole school attendance is 97.47%

- Reception = 98.52%
- Year 1 = 100%
- Year 2 = 99.26%
- Year 3 = 94.25%
- Year 4 = 94.27%
- Year 5 = 97.49%
- Year 6 = 98.52%

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

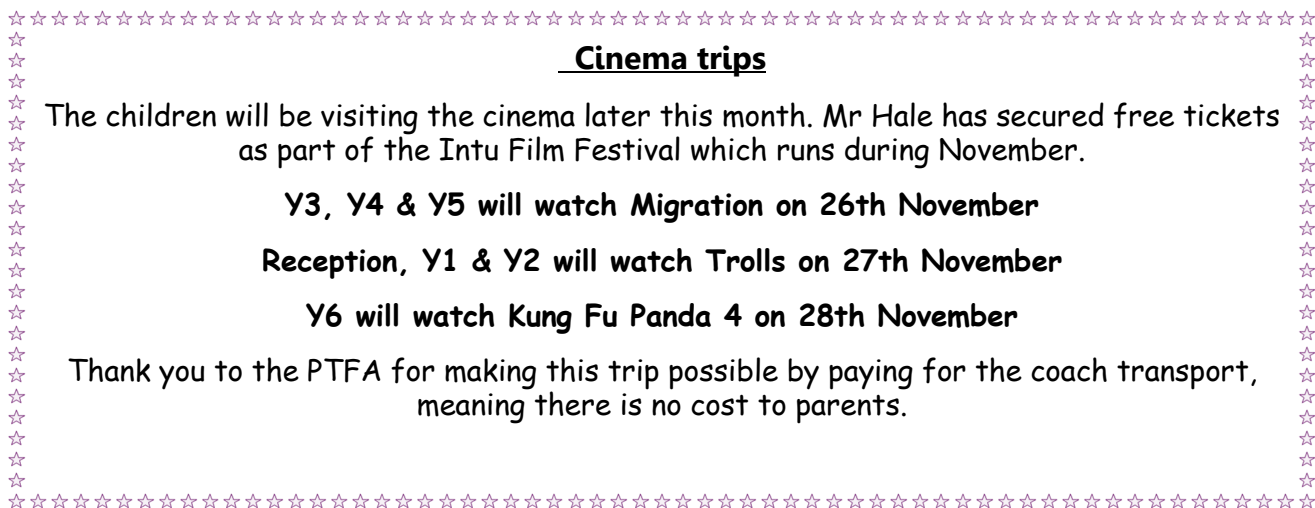
The children will be visiting the cinema later this month. Mr Hale has secured free tickets as part of the Intu Film Festival which runs during November.

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.



Non uniform days

Our next non-uniform day will be next
Friday, 22nd November.

The children can wear their own clothes in return for donations of new toys/gift sets (grab a bag prizes) and chocolate/novelty Christmas chocolate for the kids tombola. (Chocolate must be nut free).

After School Club - 29th November 2024

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

Nativity Performances

EYFS Nativity

Will take place on:

Monday, 2nd December at 2.15pm

Wednesday, 4th December at 9.30am

KS1 Nativity

Will take place on:

Thursday, 12th December at 3.30pm

Friday, 13th December at 9.30am

Christmas dinner day

Christmas dinner day will be held on
Wednesday, 11th December

Rock Steady

The children who have music with Rock Steady will be performing for parents on
Tuesday, 10th December at 2.30pm

Altru Drama

We are excited to welcome Altru Drama group into school on the morning of Monday, 2nd December. Their mission is to offer high quality, engaging performances during the festive season.

We know that many children may not have seen a theatre performance yet and we want to give them an engaging, exciting and memorable experience this year. We are excited to welcome them into school.

We would like to thank the PTFA for funding this event.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

November

- 18th - Times Tables Information Evening for KS2 parents (3.30pm)
- 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)