



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 20th December 2024



This week's Gospel

4th Sunday of Advent

"Yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord."

Luke 1: 39-44

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Well, there we have it! All Christmas activities completed and what fun we have had!

It really has been a fun-filled month of festivities and the children have helped spread Christmas joy in school, in church and in the Dementia Café.

The children who sang at the Dementia Café last week did an amazing job and I was incredibly proud (once again) of their enthusiasm, commitment and their fantastic singing. They did bring a tear to many an eye (including mine). They also gave out Christmas cards made by the Mini Vinnies to help spread love and joy at Christmas. Well done to you all.

The Key Stage 2 Christmas Service at church was truly amazing.

The children read and sang so clearly, confidently and beautifully on both occasions, helping to create a reflective, spiritual and festive atmosphere for all.

Also, I'd like to say 'thank you' to Santa, for taking time out of his busy schedule to join in with the fun during 'Breakfast with Santa'.

The children had an amazing time!

Finally, I'd like to wish all our children and their families a very happy Christmas filled with love and joy.

I hope you get to spend time with loved ones and make happy memories together this Christmas.

Here's to 2025 and all that it will bring.

Lots of love to you all from Mrs Rawlinson.

INSET day

Monday, 6th January 2025 will be a staff training day, meaning that school will be closed for children. We look forward to the children returning on Tuesday, 7th January.

Best wishes and good luck

Sarah Baron, who has worked here for many years as a mid day assistant, has secured herself a new job in another St Helens primary school as a teaching assistant. Sarah takes with her so many skills (gardening, baking, sewing, art...the list is endless!) I know she will be fantastic in her new role. Good luck, Sarah. We wish you all the best in your new role.

Reminder Fencing Education Year 1 to Year 6

The following information was sent to parents by email earlier this week.

Fencing Education will be running a morning education fencing course for children in Year 1 through to Year 6. The sessions will start at 8:00am prompt on Monday 13th January 2025 and will run for 5 weeks until Monday 10th February 2025.

Please click on the link below to see more information and to sign up online.

[5 Week Fencing Club - St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School](#)

Your child will be allocated a place once signed up online and payment will be requested at a later date by Fencing Education, however once all places are taken you will be unable to sign up.

Willowbrook are offering a Christmas Tree recycling service this January to raise funds for Willowbrook Hospice, please see information below if you are interested.

JUST HELPING
Registered charity number 1149666

**RECYCLE
YOUR TREE**



TO REGISTER
SCAN HERE!

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

- Registration Opens 15th November 2024
- Registration Closes 8th January 2025
- Collecting 13-17th January 2025

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After costs, Willowbrook Hospice receive 90% and up to 10% will be distributed by Just Helping to other local charities. More information on where your donation goes can be found on our website.

JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.



Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

January

- 6th - Staff INSET day (doors open from 8.40am)
- 7th - School Re-opens (doors open at 8.40am/children should be in class by 8.50am)
- 7th - Healthy Active Lifestyles morning multi-sports club starts (Years 4/5/6)
- 8th - Healthy Active Lifestyles after school dodgeball starts (Years 3/4/5/6)
- 9th - Healthy Active Lifestyles morning multi-sports club starts (Years 1/2/3)
- 10th - Y2 trip to Edgehill University (Teddy Bears Picnic)
- 13th - Y1-Y6 Fencing starts at 8am (running for 5 weeks)
- 13th - Y4 Sacramental Workshop 3 (5pm School Hall)
- 16th - Y5 trip to Edgehill University
- 20th - Bikeability Training—different group each day throughout this week
- 30th - Y5 attending Crucial Crew Event

February

- 4th - Reception Hearing Screening
- 14th - end of Spring term 1 (break for February half-term)
- 24th - Staff Inset Day
- 24th - Young Voices Concert
- 25th - School Re-opens (doors open at 8.40am)
- 28th - Year 5 start swimming sessions (runs for 6 weeks)

March

- 3rd - Whole school photographs (Academy Photography)
- 5th - Ash Wednesday Mass in Church (11am)
- 19th - Y4 First Confession in Church (6pm)

April

- 2nd - Y6 Residential (The Conway Centre) leave at 10am
- 4th - Y6 return from Residential
- 7th - Y4 Sacramental Workshop 4 - (5pm School Hall)
- 11th - Stations of the Cross Mass in Church (11am)
- 11th - end of Spring term (school closes for Easter at 1.30pm)