



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 7th March 2025



This week's Gospel

"You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only!"

Luke 4:1-13

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

To mark the beginning of the season of Lent, the whole school attended Mass on Ash Wednesday, and what a beautiful service it was. The church was packed full with children, families and parishioners. Everyone received ashes on their forehead and I have to say, the children were so well behaved and so reverent throughout the service. I am super proud of them all. The readers did an amazing job and the singing, as always, was beautiful. Thank you to all involved. Special thanks to the amazing parents and grandparents who helped us walk safely to and from church using our alternative route. Your help is very much appreciated, as without you we could not get to church. Thank you.

Our next whole school visit to church will be on 11th April when there will be a service for Stations of the Cross.

Thank you all for joining in with the fun and excitement that is World Book Day. This year our theme was 'dress as a word' and there were some incredible interpretations and creations made. To help us celebrate World Book Day, Altru Drama came to school to lead assemblies and drama workshops for all classes. It has been a memorable day and hopefully the children will be inspired to pick up a book and enjoy their reading (or try a new genre of book).

The visit from Altru Drama has been funded through our wonderful PTFA. Thank you! Without the work of the PTFA, such fantastic events would not happen. To ensure these whole school events continue to take place, we need more people involved with the PTFA. More information about how to be involved and the ways you can help will be sent out next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the work of the PTFA, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Celebration of the Word and Personal development assemblies

Our theme for next week's worship will be Lent and what that means for us.

Our theme for the personal development assembly is 'healthy heroes' and what our bodies need to be healthy (food, sleep, exercise etc)

Parents Evening Meetings

Will be held on:

Wednesday 12th March from 1.30pm - pm.

Bookable through School Spider.

(parents who have already met with their child's class teacher need not make another appointment)

Friday Masses at Church

Apologies for the changes in dates for class masses at church. These have been due to funerals taking place at church, meaning we have had to reschedule.

Class teachers will send a dojo message to parents once new dates have been set.

Thanks for your understanding.

Year 4 First Forgiveness

Year 4 children will be making their Sacrament of Forgiveness (Holy Confession) on Wednesday, 19th March at 6pm at church.

Parents must accompany children. Relatives and extended families are more than welcome to join us.

Easter Bingo

PTFA are hosting a family 'Easter Bingo' on Thursday, 10th April in the school hall. More information regarding the event and how to order tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks.

There will be an own clothes day on Friday, **28th March** in return for Easter themed and chocolate donations.

Abandoned Car

No doubt you will have noticed that there has been a car parked on our parent car park since before Christmas and it is taking up two spaces! We have reported it to the police and to the council numerous times but as yet nothing has been done. We are asking for parents to also report the car by using the link below. Our thinking is that if they receive numerous reports this will prompt action. Thank you.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4582/Abandoned-Vehicle>

Parent Governors

We received two nominations for the soon to be vacant parent governor positions. We are delighted to announce that Mr McHale, whose daughter Agatha is in Year 1 and Mr. Benecke, whose daughter Margot is also in Year 1 and son Robin is in Year 3, are therefore elected unopposed. We wish them well in their new roles as Parent Governors. joining our Full Governing Body from 5th April 2025.



Dear Parents

This Lent, our school is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools across the country to help fight poverty around the world.

As you know, this year is a Jubilee year for the Catholic Church and we are called upon to be Pilgrims of Hope in the world, caring for our common home (the planet) and sharing what we have with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

This year our Big Lent Walk will be combined with our Pilgrims of Hope work and will be...

The Big Lent Walk for Creation Friday 14th March

The children will take part in a walk appropriate for their age, stopping at various points to reflect on the key messages given by Pope Francis, such as caring for our world, thinking about our brothers and sisters who do not have what we have or those who are sick, the importance of kindness and ensuring that everyone lives with dignity and hope. They will also spend time in prayer.

As the colours in the Pilgrims of Hope logo are red, yellow, green and blue, we are asking the children to wear clothing in one or all these colours. We also ask that each child brings in a monetary donation of £1.00 which we will be used to support CAFOD.

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an end to extreme poverty and global injustice.

We really appreciate your support.

Best wishes

Mrs Houghton.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

March

- 12th - Parents Evening 2 (1.30-5.30pm)
- 14th - CAFOD Big Lent Walk
- 19th - Y4 First Confession in Church (6pm)
- 25th - Rock Steady Easter Concert (2.15pm in school hall)
- 26th - Year 4 Chester Roman Trip
- 26th - Nursery April intake parents meeting (3.30pm)
- 28th - EYFS Mothers Day assembly (Reception & Nursery)
- 28th - Own clothes day for Easter Bingo donations

April

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

Nursery Admissions for 2025

We still have 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available in our Nursery for September 2025 for children who turn three before

31st August 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 Photographs

The children will bring home their school photograph proofs today.

Orders can be placed on-line or by returning the order form to school in the envelope

provided by the deadline date of 19th March 2025.

Thank you.

Attendance and punctuality at school

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:

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 7th March 2025 the whole school attendance is 97.04%

Reception =97.04%

Year 1 = 98.89%

Year 2 = 99.26%

Year 3 = 95.79%

Year 4 = 97.85%

Year 5 = 98.57%

Year 6 = 97.04%