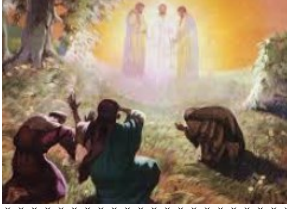




# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 14th March 2025



### This week's Gospel

*"This is my son, the chosen one. Listen to him".*

Luke 9:28-36

### A message from Mrs Rawlinson

I believe that when staff and parents work together, it creates a strong relationship between home and school that greatly benefits the children in so many ways. This strong relationship has been clearly evident this week in the attendance at parents' evening and the responses I have received through the electronic survey sent out earlier in the week. Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening both this week and last, and a big thank you to all those who have given their time to complete the survey. Your input and comments are very much appreciated and really do have an impact on the life of the school. Once completed, I will share the results with you and create a 'you said, we did' approach based on your feedback. The first area that stands out and in need of further attention is the communication between home and school - an area that has been raised in previous parents forum meetings. Mrs. Range and I will spend some time to revisit our platforms and try to make our communication systems more manageable. Thank you for this insight.

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By working together we can also help others, as we have done today by wearing our colours of the Jubilee Year and going on a Lenten Walk for CAFOD. Many thanks for your generosity; all money raised will go to CAFOD to help our global brothers and sisters. Across the school we are actively promoting and teaching the children about the importance of Catholic Social Teaching, exactly what this means for us and how this helps us to live like Jesus. You will be hearing a lot more about Catholic Social Teaching in the weeks ahead.

### Celebration of the Word and Personal development assemblies

Our theme for next week's worship will be Encouragement and what that means for us.  
Our theme for the personal development assembly is 'what makes a community?'

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**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.

The next (and final) Sacramental workshop will be on Monday, 7th April at 5pm in the school hall.

**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.

**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**

A reminder that the deadline date for school photograph orders both on-line  
and to return to school is **9am on Wednesday, 19th March 2025.**

Please do not return any orders to school after this date. Orders can still be  
made on-line after this date but a late order fee will be charged.

Thank you.

**End of spring term**

Please be aware that the last day of the spring  
term is

Friday, 11th April 2025

Children will finish school at 1.30pm.

Please note there will be no after school club on  
this day.

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## **Important Dates for your Diary**

### **March**

- 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)

## **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:

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



### **Lateness**

We kindly remind parents and carers about the importance of ensuring children arrive at school on time. Arriving late not only disrupts the start of your child's day but also impacts the learning of their classmates. The morning routine sets the tone for the day, and being on time helps children settle, engage with their peers, and begin lessons without stress or distraction. Please aim to have your child at school by 8.40-8.45am, ready to start their day. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a positive learning environment for everyone!

### **Attendance**

For week ending Friday, 14th March 2025 the whole school attendance is 94.58%

- Reception =90.74%
- Year 1 = 98.15%
- Year 2 = 90.74%
- Year 3 = 94.25%
- Year 4 = 97.85%
- Year 5 = 93.55%
- Year 6 = 97.04%