



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 21st March 2025

This week's Gospel



"Leave it alone for this year until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." Luke 13:1-9

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Results of parental questionnaire

Many thanks to the 43 parents who completed the survey sent out last week.

Here are your responses:

- Does your child enjoy coming to school?
87% yes 4% no 9% sometimes
- Do you feel your child is safe and cared for at school?
98% yes 2% not sure
- Do you feel confident that the school has effective safeguarding in place?
91% yes 9% not sure
- Do you feel well informed about what your child is learning at school?
72% yes 9% no 19% not sure
- Does the school provide clear information about your child's progress and areas for development?
70% yes 12% no 16% not sure
- How effective is the school's communication with parents?
65% very effective 30% somewhat effective 2% neither effective or ineffective
2% somewhat ineffective
- Do you feel school listens to and values parental feedback?
81% yes 2% no 16% not sure

Some questions required a longer text answer which gave a deeper insight into areas of safeguarding, individual learning needs, and any further comments about your experiences as parents. The overwhelming majority of these responses were incredibly positive. Thank you.

The responses above have given me much to consider regarding communication, in particular ways to share progress and learning with parents.

Please note that I do have a parental forum meeting each term, giving parents a platform to discuss such areas with me. **The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th June at 4.45pm in school hall.**

I am always looking for ways to involve parents into the life of the school and to further strengthen the link between home and school. It would be great if the next parents forum meeting is well attended and that the next survey achieves more responses.

If you do wish to speak with me about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a suitable date and time (lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk) Thank you.

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Celebration of the Word and Personal development assemblies

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

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 28th March

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

All donations will be very much appreciated and will go towards the prizes at the PTFA Easter Bingo fundraiser which is being held on Thursday, 10th April in the school hall.

Letters with more information and how to order tickets will be sent home next week.

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

Reminder

*Nursery and Reception children would like to invite their families to a very special Mothers' Day Assembly.
This will take place on **Friday, 28th March at 9.30am.***

Rocksteady Performance

The Rocksteady Easter performance will take place on Tuesday, 25th March at 2.15pm in the school hall.

Polite Reminder

Please do not allow children to play on the school playground equipment when picking up at the end of the day or from out of hours club or when dropping off in the morning .

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.
Thank you.

Year 4 Chester Romans Trip

Year 4 will be visiting the Deva Centre in Chester on Wednesday, 26th March.
Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch and therefore will not require a lunch order to be placed on School Grid on this day.

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Important Dates for your Diary

March

- 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—9.30am in school hall)
- 28th - Own clothes day for Easter Bingo chocolate 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, 21st March 2025 the whole school attendance is 92.84%

- Reception = 96.3%
- Year 1 = 89.6%
- Year 2 = 96.6%
- Year 3 = 90%
- Year 4 = 97.4%
- Year 5 = 94.9%
- Year 6 = 84.4%