



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 4th April 2025



### This week's Gospel

*"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone."*

John 8:1-11

### A message from Mrs Rawlinson

This week has been a particularly important week for school as the interview process for recruiting a new deputy head teacher has been taking place all week, from observations of teaching right through to presentations and interviews. It certainly has been a busy week which is why I have not been on the gate as many times in the morning or evening. Many thanks for your understanding with this.

I am delighted to announce that a decision has been made to offer the post to someone who will be committed to school improvement and bring many strengths and talents to the school. More information about the successful person will be given next week as the decision still has to be ratified by governors of St. Thomas of Canterbury and shared with the school community from where the candidate is already employed.

### Year 6 Residential

Congratulations to all our children in Year 6 (and staff) who have had a wonderful 3 days and 2 nights at the Conway Centre on Anglesey. They have had perfect weather for paddle-boarding, kayaking, climbing and having fun. The children will have been working together, improving their skills in team building, communication, resilience and growing in confidence. Thank you to Mr. Hale, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Snee and Miss Jenkins for giving up their time and helping to make it such a wonderful experience.

### Year 4 Sacramental Workshop

Year 4 children will be completing the final workshop on Monday, 7th April at 5.00pm in the school hall. This completes the workshops and the final part of the programme will be Family Mass on Wednesday, 23rd April at 6pm in church.  
Thankyou .

### Safety and consideration on the car park

#### Reminders:

- Please only park in the marked bays on the car park.
- Please do not drive into the staff car park. This includes when dropping off and picking up from breakfast and after school club.

This is for everyone's safety.

**In St. Helens, parking on "School Keep Clear" or zig-zag markings near schools is illegal and can result in a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days.**

### 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.

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**Celebration of the Word and Personal development assemblies**

Our theme for next week's worship will be 'new starts' and what that means for us during Lent.  
Our theme for the personal development assembly is 'online safety and trusted sources'

**Stations of the Cross/Easter Service**

The whole school will be attending church next Friday (11th April) at 11.00am for our Easter Service.

We will be telling the story of Jesus' Sacrifice and Resurrection in song and word.

Please do come along and share this special occasion with us.

As always, volunteers to help us walk safely to and from church greatly appreciated.

**Best wishes and good luck**

Mrs Dickinson will be finishing in her role as midday supervisor to-day. Mrs Dickinson has worked with Year 1 for the past two years and she will be greatly missed.

We wish Jenny the very best of luck in her new venture as a nurture tutor.

Thank you for all you have done for our children at St. Thomas of Canterbury.



**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

**Easter Sports Camp**

On Monday letters were sent home with information about an Easter sports camp which will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury by Mr Hodgkinson and Mr Hale, offering a range of sports and fun activities. There are still places available, if your child would like to attend please send in the permission slip with payment as soon as possible.

**Please see below for all details;**

Venue: St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School

Date: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 9am-3pm

Age Group: Year 1-6 (current school year)

What will your child need?- Sports clothes, packed lunch and water bottle. Please be prepared for your child to be outside in most weathers.

**Price: £20**

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## **Important Dates for your Diary**

### **April**

- 7th - Y4 Sacramental Workshop 4 - (5pm School Hall)
- 10th - Talent Show (organized by Mini Vinnies)
- 10th - PTFA Easter Bingo (doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start)
- 11th - Stations of the Cross Mass in Church (11am)
- 11th - end of Spring term (school closes for Easter at 1.30pm)
- 22nd - INSET Day
- 23rd - Start of Summer Term (school open at 8.40am to 8.50am)

## **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, 4th April 2025 the whole school attendance is 96.74%

Reception = 95.9%

Year 1 = 93.3%

Year 2 = 98.1%

Year 3 = 97.7%

Year 4 = 96.7%

Year 5 = 95.3%

Year 6 = 100%