



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 7th November 2025

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

This week, the children have been busy buying and selling poppies and related items to help raise money for the Royal British Legion. On Monday morning, we will hold a special assembly (children only) to help them understand the meaning of Remembrance Day, followed by a two-minute silence to honour and remember those who have given their lives in service to others.



***At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.***



Thank You for Your Generosity

As always, we are truly grateful for the continued generosity and kindness shown by our school community. Thank you for your wonderful support in our recent charitable efforts — from raising money for CAFOD (the total amount raised was £279.40) to donating to our local foodbank before the half term. Your compassion and commitment truly bring to life the values of Catholic Social Teaching, helping our children see the power of compassion, service, and prayer in action for those in need.

Before half term, we celebrated our Harvest Mass, coming together in prayer for those whose circumstances are less fortunate than our own. The children were, as always, a true credit to our school — they behaved beautifully, read with confidence, and sang with such joy and reverence. A heartfelt thank you also goes to those who helped escort the children safely to and from church — your support makes these special occasions possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

New after school club:

Mr Hughes, who is currently completing his teacher training in Year 2, will be running a **Dance Club** after school on Mondays for the remainder of his placement with us (the next three weeks). The club will run from **3:20–4:00pm** and is open to children in **Year 2, Year 3 and 4**.

There are still a few spaces available, so if your child would like to take part, please let us know.

There will be a **voluntary contribution of £1 per week** to help cover costs.

PATHS information session

Parents are warmly invited to attend a PATHS Information Session on

Tuesday, 18th November
from 2:15–3:15 p.m. in the school hall.

This session will be especially helpful for Nursery and Reception parents, as well as for anyone who was unable to attend last year's session.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents forum meeting

Monday, 17th November at 4.30—5.30pm

Our upcoming **Parents' Forum meeting** is a really important opportunity to share your views and experiences of school life. Your feedback plays a key role in helping us continue to improve and make our school the best it can be.

This is an **open invitation to all parents** — we would love to see as many of you as possible, so please do come along and have your say!

School Levy contributions - Academic Year 2024/2025

Our school is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school and as such a monetary contribution is required for the upkeep of the school (The Levy). The Levy is collected by Liverpool Archdiocese to ensure Catholic schools are kept in a good state of repair and functionality.

During the summer work was completed on the external steps and pathways leading from the school hall fire exit, this work was needed to make both these areas safe and compliant. Earlier last year several classrooms had new carpets fitted, the library had new LED lighting and the gutters were replaced throughout the school. In previous years, the Archdiocese granted us the funds to build the canopy which extended our provision in reception class, so you can see how important it is to have this Levy in place.

If you haven't paid already you will receive a reminder text, please pay your academic year 2024/2025 Levy contribution (£10 per family) through school money as soon as you can.

As this request is for the last academic years contribution current Reception and Nursery classes are not included.

Thank you very much.

Important information regarding school communication

From December we will no longer subscribe to Teachers2parents, this means that communication will be sent from School Spider.

Please ensure that you download the School Spider app if you haven't already done so and create an account in preparation so you do not miss any information sent via the School Spider platform.

You can download the app via the Apple Store or Google Play Store by searching School Spider Parents.

Please select St Thomas of Canterbury and "Create account" using your email associated with the school.

Parents who have the app but are not registered on School Spider will be sent an email invite next week. If you are having trouble logging on, please check if you have received this email, you will then need to follow the link to register first.

We will continue to use Teachers2parents for general information & text reminders up until the end of November. The newsletter will continue to be sent weekly through School Spider and you will still receive messages from the class teachers via Dojo or Tapestry.

Growing Together in God's Love

Cinema trips

The children will be visiting the cinema next week. Mrs Cain has secured free tickets as part of the Intu Film Festival which runs during November.

Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 will watch Dog Man on 11th November

Y5 & Y6 will watch the Sloth Lane on 12th November

Thank you to the PTFA for making this trip possible by paying for the coach transport, meaning there is no cost to parents.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held in school on Friday 28th November, 3.30pm. On Friday 14th November, we will be having a non-uniform day for the children in return for donations of bottles of alcohol or toys. These kind donations will be used as prizes on the Kid's Tombola, Spinning Jenny, Kid's Grab a Bag and the Bottle Tombola. Any donations of new/used gift bags (not bottle bags) would be great for the Grab a Bag stalls. All donations are very much appreciated.

PTFA Christmas Raffle

We will have a raffle during the Christmas fayre and are currently sourcing raffle prizes. If any parents, family or friends are able to offer a prize or know any businesses who could, we'd be really grateful. Ideally, it would be a product or voucher that can be raffled, or the business could donate a voucher for a shop, pub etc. Any prizes can be left at the office.

Thank you for your support.

PTFA Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to the parents and staff who helped. Special thank you to one of our parent's, James Bagdonavicius, who gave up his time to be our DJ.

The children had lots of fun and a profit of £552 was made.

PTFA Lottery

Thank you to all the families who entered this year's lottery. A profit of £676 was made. The first three draws have taken place in Y6 before half-term. The lucky winners were:

September 1st prize £40 No. 57 Duncan Boyd

September 2nd prize £15 No. 20 Elise Walsh

October 1st prize £40 No. 1 Martin Wills

October 2nd prize £15 No. 57 Duncan Boyd

November 1st prize £40 No. 34 Denise Shawbins

November 2nd prize £15 No. 48 Christine Whardale

After School Club - 28th November 2025

There will be no after school club on Friday, 28th November due to the Christmas Fayre taking place.

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Meet the School Nurse

To help support our families, the school nurse has kindly offered the following times when she will be available to meet with parents:

- **Tuesday 11th November** – 4:00pm (during Open Afternoon for prospective parents)
- **Tuesday 2nd December** – 2:45–3:45pm
- **Monday 30th March** – 8:30–9:30am
- **Monday 15th June** – 2:45–3:45pm

If you have **any concerns or worries**, please do come along to one of these sessions — no appointment is needed.

New intake for September 2026

If you have a child due to start school or Nursery in September 2026 and are considering St. Thomas of Canterbury as one of your choices, then please come along to our next new admission meeting. This will give you all the information you need to help you make your choices and give you a flavour of what school life is like here at St. Thomas of Canterbury. Prospective parents are warmly welcome to visit school on:

- **Tuesday, 11th November at 4.00pm**

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school please pass these dates on to them.

Nursery Admissions for September 2026

We are now allocating 30 hour and 15 hour funded places in our Nursery for September 2026 for children who turn three before

31st August 2026

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

Attendance at school

Good attendance at school is not just valuable — it is essential.



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

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 7th November 2025 the whole school attendance is 97%

Reception = 96.3%	Year 1 = 97.3%
Year 2 = 98.1%	Year 3 = 95.9%
Year 4 = 95%	Year 5 = 97.8%
Year 6 = 98.2%	

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Important Dates for your Diary

November

- 11th - Y1 to Y4 Cineworld Trip
- 11th - Reception & Nursery 2026/27 prospective parents evening (4.00pm school hall)
- 11th - School Nurse Drop In - from 4pm
- 12th - Y5 & Y6 Cineworld Trip
- 14th - Non-uniform day in return for donations of new toys and bottles of alcohol for Christmas Fayre
- 17th - Parents Forum (4.30pm)
- 18th - PATHS information session for Nursery & Reception Parents time TBC
- 19th - Year 2 trip to World of Glass
- 21st - Non-uniform day - donations tbc
- 28th - Advent Mass (11am)
- 28th - Christmas Fayre (3.30pm)

December

- 2nd - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity - time TBC
- 2nd - School Nurse Drop In - 2.45pm to 3.45pm
- 3rd - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity - time TBC
- 4th - Year 4 trip to Walker Art Gallery Liverpool
- 5th - Reception class Polar Express Day
- 10th - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity - (2.30pm)
- 10th - Year 4 First Forgiveness (6pm Church)
- 11th - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity - (9.30am) - **date changed from 9th December**
- 11th - Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day
- 12th - KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Nativity/Carol Service in Church - time TBC
- 15th - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas party
- 16th - Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party
- 17th - Breakfast with Santa (8am)
- 17th - Nursery Christmas party
- 17th - Altru Dram performing 'Little Red Riding Hood' for the whole school
- 18th - Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party (date may change)
- 19th - **End of Autumn term (school finish at 1.30pm)**

NB: Dates will be added to the diary as we go through the term