



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 14th November 2025



This week's Gospel theme: Faithfulness

"God is faithful and if we serve Him faithfully He will provide for our needs."

St Richard of Chichester

Based on the Gospel of Luke 21: 5-19

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

The children from Years 1–6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the cinema this week — a truly wonderful experience for everyone! A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for generously covering the cost of transport to and from the venue. We are so grateful for everything they do to support our school community.

Our PTFA are always looking for extra help and 'hands on deck,' especially as we approach the busy festive season and the Christmas Fayre. If you're able to spare a few hours or would like to find out how you can get involved, please contact the school office — we'd love to hear from you!

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed prospective parents (and their children) to our school for an information evening and tour, as they begin to look ahead to (hopefully) joining us in September 2026. It was lovely to meet so many new families and share what makes our school such a special place.

If you know of anyone looking for a Reception place for next year, please encourage them to get in touch with us to arrange a show-around — we'd be delighted to meet them!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Parents forum meeting

Monday, 17th November at 4.30—5.30pm

Please do join me for our first parents forum meeting of the year. I am happy to discuss any items you wish to bring to the table.

This is my way of gathering parental viewpoints which help improve our offer to the wider community.

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!

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!

Year 4 Sacramental Workshops and preparation

Our year 4 children will soon be commencing their preparational journey to making their First Confession and First Holy Communion (Sacrament of Forgiveness and the Sacrament of the Eucharist).

The workshops will be held slightly differently this year. To explain further, parents of Year 4 children are invited to an information session on

Tuesday, 2nd December at 3.30pm.

I am aware that not all parents will be able to attend this date so written confirmation will be sent home after this date.

For now, the First Forgiveness is booked in for

Wednesday, 10th December at 6pm

I will be contacting Fr Henry to find out exactly how he wants this organised.

Christmas Fayre Donations for Non-uniform Day—21st November

Next Friday, 21st November, will be our second non-uniform day in return for donations of the following:

Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2 Chocolate/Christmas novelty chocolate for prizes on the kids tombola

Y3,4 & 5 stocking filler type toys for the kids Grab a Bag

Y6 Toiletry/Gift sets etc for adults Grab a Bag

If there are any further toiletry or gift set items that you already have at home and you know won't be used and are happy to donate too, they would be very helpful.

All donations are gratefully received and go towards the prizes on the various stalls. Thank you!

Nativity Performances

EYFS Nativity

Will take place on:

Tuesday, 2nd December at 9.30am

Wednesday, 3rd December at 2.15pm

KS1 Nativity

Will take place on:

Wednesday, 10th December at 2.30pm

Parking Polite Reminder

Please do not drive through the school gates when dropping off or picking up children, this includes when using breakfast or after school clubs.

The car park beyond the school gates is for staff and visitors use only.

We would appreciate this message being passed onto any grandparents who may drop off and pick up children.

We are lucky to have a parents car park, however there are limited parking spaces, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. This means that there may not always be a spot available when you arrive. We kindly ask parents and carers to allow a little extra time and be prepared to park slightly further away from the school if needed. Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe and ensures a smoother start and end to the school day.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

After School Club - 28th November 2025

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

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. 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.

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, 14th November 2025 the whole school attendance is 97.1%

Reception = 987.5%

Year 1 = 96.9%

Year 2 = 98.5%

Year 3 = 98.1%

Year 4 = 93.5%

Year 5 = 98.5%

Year 6 = 96.4%

REMINDER: Our times of the school day are as follows:

Gates open: 8:40am

Gates close: 8:50am

Registers: 8:50am (meaning children need to be in class by 8.50am)

End of day for Reception, KS1 and KS2: 3:20pm

End of day for Nursery: 3.15pm

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

November

- 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 - see newsletter for requested donations
- 28th - Advent Mass (11am)
- 28th - Christmas Fayre (3.30pm)

December

- 2nd - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity - 9.30am
- 2nd - School Nurse Drop In - 2.45pm to 3.45pm
- 3rd - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity - 2.15pm
- 4th - Year 4 trip to Walker Art Gallery Liverpool
- 5th - Young Voices to visit Dementia café
- 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 - Reception class Polar Express Day - **date changed from 5th December**
- 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 - Wear it Well for Willowbrook Hospice
- 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

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

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