



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 6th February 2026



This week's Gospel theme: Goodness

"Your light must shine in the sight of all people, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

This week's Gospel message encourages us to 'let our light shine', and that is exactly what our Young Voices choir did last night at the Co-op Arena in Manchester. They took part in the world's biggest children's choir, singing alongside 8,500 other children from across the North West. The children performed a wonderful range of songs, including *Don't Look Back in Anger*, *All Around the World*, *Shackles*, and a variety of medleys such as *Wicked*, disco and pop — all sung superbly.

The children were an absolute credit to themselves and to the school. They sang and danced with great enthusiasm all evening and behaved impeccably. A thoroughly fantastic time was had by all.

A huge thank you to the staff who made this possible: Mrs McDonagh Smith for organising everything behind the scenes, and Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Mills, Mrs Ganson, Mrs Dunning and Mrs Snee for giving up their time to support the children at the arena. I know the staff thoroughly enjoyed the evening too, and I am already looking forward to next year's concert!



Children's Mental Health Week 2026

We are marking mental health week with a number of activities in school to promote a positive mental health attitude in our children.

Monday: pyjama and book day (children are asked to wear their PJs and bring their favourite book)

Tuesday: Safer internet day assembly

Wednesday: Personal development assembly

Thursday: activities in class linked to 'Inside Out'

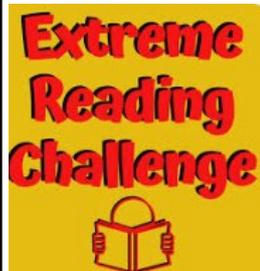
Friday: meditation and relaxation

Year 4 reminder

There will be an information session for the parents of children who are to make their First Holy Communion in May.

This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 11th February at 3.30pm for about an hour.

Thank you.



Half term challenge

To celebrate the Year of Reading, we are setting an 'Extreme Reading' challenge.

Children are challenged to read in a wide variety of places... safely, of course, but hopefully have fun at the same time.

We would love to see photographic evidence of extreme reading taking place over the half-term holidays (send pictures to lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk)

These will be shared in our first assembly back on Friday as part of our celebrations.

We look forward to seeing your photos! Thankyou in advance



Advance notice—World Book Day

This year we will celebrate World Book Day on Friday, 6th March.

Our theme is going to be Little Miss and Mr. Men .

How you interpret this is up to you! You can be as creative and inventive as you wish.

(For easy and cost saving ideas, use ChatGPT!)

There will be activities and reading tasks in school throughout the day linked to the Mr Men, making it a fun day for the children. We will finish the day with a whole school assembly to celebrate the joy and excitement books and reading gives to us.

PTFA Quiz Night

Due to a mix up of dates at LSH, the PTFA Quiz Night will be held on Friday 24th April instead of the 17th April as originally planned.

Information with details of how to order tickets will be sent home nearer the time.

Attendance

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



For week ending Friday, 6th February 2026 the whole school attendance

95.67%

Reception =97.9%

Year 1 = 92.9%

Year 2 = 98.1%

Year 3 = 98.1%

Year 4 = 90%

Year 5 = 96.4%

Year 6 = 96.4%

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

February

- 9th - Mental Health & Wellbeing Week—**Pyjama & book day**
- 11th - First Holy Communion meeting for Y4 parents—3.30pm in school
- 12th - Year 5 attending Saints Experience - Totally Wicked Stadium
- 13th - Break for February half-term at 3.20pm
- 23rd - Return to school start of Spring Term 2
- 25th - Oral Health Community Dental Survey for 5 year olds
- 26th - Year 1 visiting Eccleston Library
- 27th - Year 6 Stay & Pray (9am) - change of date from 24th Feb
- 27th - Year 5 swimming 1st session (each Friday afternoon until 27th March)
- 27th - Year 6 Conway Centre final instalment due date

March

- 2nd - Whole school photographs with Academy Photography
- 6th - World Book Day - Theme: Little Miss & Mr Men
- 10th - School Nurse Drop In (8.30-9.30am) - change of date from 30th March
- 11th - Year 4 Mothers Day Stay & Pray (9am)
- 12th - Year 3 Mothers Day Stay & Pray (9am)
- 17th - Rock Steady Concert (2.30pm)
- 23rd - Year 6 Residential - Conway Centre (leave school at 10am)
- 25th - Year 6 return from Residential (back at school around 3pm)
- 27th - KS2 Easter Service (11am)
- 27th - Year 5 final swim session
- 30th - Parents afternoon/evening (starts 1.30pm)

April

- 1st - EYFS (Nursery & Reception) - Easter Bonnet Parade with Stay & Pray (9am)
- 2nd - End of Spring Term: break for Easter holiday at 1.30pm
- 13th - Return to school start of Summer Term 1
- 14th - Acorn Farm visiting school for Nursery & Reception
- 24th - PTFA Quiz Night - LSH Rugby Club
- 28th - Year 3 visit to World Museum Liverpool

May

- 1st - Year 5 visiting Tatton Park
- 4th - May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
- 16th - Year 4 First Holy Communion
- 22nd - May Procession (11am)
- 22nd - Break for Whit Half-term (3.20pm)

Please see the link below to the St Helens Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) website.

The site explains what support IASS can offer to children and young people with SEND and their families. It includes details about the service, how to make a self referral, and information about upcoming SEND drop in sessions.

[St Helens IASS – Information, Advice and Support Service](#)

Please take a moment to look through the site and share this with families and across your setting where appropriate.

Kind Regards,

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