



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 13th February 2026



This week's Gospel theme:: Teacher

"Whoever practices and teachers these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:19

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

What an incredibly busy half term we have had and how quickly it has gone too! Thankfully, the days are getting longer now and there are signs of spring happening. Here's to a restful and enjoyable half term holiday for staff, parents and children and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday, 23rd February**.

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with a whole host of activities, guest speakers, assemblies and special events taking place over the course of the week. I hope the children have enjoyed the activities and, most importantly, have learnt about how to look after their mental health.

Reminder 1: half term homework for all children is 'extreme reading' - children are to read their books in unusual places (safely, of course) and have their picture taken. Pictures are to be sent to me (lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk) to be shared during Friday's assembly when we return after the holidays.

Reminder 2: We are going to celebrate World Book Day on Friday, 6th March and our theme this year is 'Little Miss and the Mr. Men'. Looking forward to seeing the children's costumes.

Reminder 3: During the holidays we start our journey through Lent. Ash Wednesday is the 18th February and is a day of fasting and abstinence. We will be continuing the journey through Lent with the children on their return to school.

Wishing you all a very happy half term!

PTFA Lottery

Last Friday in assembly the draws took place for the PTFA lottery. Well done to the following winners:

January draw:

1st prize No. 50 Nicola Colquitt £40

2nd prize No. 9 Patricia Whelan £20

February draw:

1st prize No. 54 Kate Cunliffe £40

2nd prize No. 18 Jennifer Lever £20

Extreme Reading Challenge



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

Dear Parents,

This Lent, our school will once again be supporting CAFOD by joining schools across the country in helping to fight poverty around the world.

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working with communities worldwide to bring about an end to extreme poverty and global injustice.

Each class will be taking part in a sponsored walk appropriate to their age. To make things easier for families, **we are inviting you to make a simple donation on the day of the walk rather than collecting individual sponsorship.**

Each year, the walk proves to be a lovely experience for the children as they enjoy nature and take time to reflect on their own blessings. We will finish with prayers, giving thanks to God for all that we have, while remembering our global brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We are very grateful for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Houghton



Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

February

- 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)

Attendance

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



For week ending Friday, 13th February 2026 the whole school attendance 96.6%

- Reception =97.5%
- Year 1 = 98.1%
- Year 2 = 97.4%
- Year 3 = 99.2%
- Year 4 = 91.8%
- Year 5 = 96.4%
- Year 6 = 96%