



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 27th February 2026



**This week's Gospel theme: Sacred**

***"This is my son, the Beloved. Listen to him."***

**Matthew 17:1-9**

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**A message from Mrs. Rawlinson**

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. Now we can start to look forward to longer days and hopefully some sunshine!

There are lots of events and celebrations taking place over this half term as we journey through Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter. Please share this newsletter with your wider family for important updates, news and dates for your diary.

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**St. Helens Junior 2km event**

**Junior 2k Run**

**Under 16s Only!**

**All participants will receive a medal and water.**

**28<sup>th</sup> February**

**11:00am**

**Victoria Park Bandstand**

**£5 per child**

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Good luck to the children who are taking part in the Junior 2km run on Saturday.

I will be there to cheer you all on!

Talking of running...

I have somehow managed to get a London Marathon place which happens on 26th April!

I will be running for Alder Hey Children's Hospital and a fund-raising page will be set up (as soon as I know how to do it!)

More information to come in the following weeks.

Good luck to all the adults taking on St Helens 10km on Sunday too!

### Half term challenge

Many thanks for all the wonderful photographs of the children reading in extreme places! There certainly was a wide variety of weird and wonderful places (and positions!) you chose to read your books in! Well done to everyone who took part in the challenge and we enjoyed seeing your photos in assembly today!

Thank you to the parents for allowing your children to read in such places!

Your support is much appreciated.



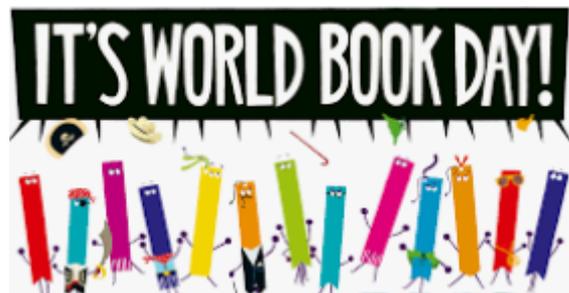
### World book day

## We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday, 6th March.

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

(children can choose to wear a particular colour if a costume is proving difficult!)

Looking forward to seeing you dressed as your favourite Mr Man character!



### School Photographs – Monday, 2nd March 2026

Academy, the school photographers will be in school on Monday, 2nd March.

They will be taking all the children's individual photographs, as well as sibling photographs during school time.

However, if you would like a photograph of your child with a sibling who does not attend our school or nursery then please come to the school hall at the earlier time of 8.30 a.m.

**NB: all children should come to school in their school uniform.**

**If your child has PE on Monday they will be required to change into their PE kit/tracksuit, so should bring this with them to school.**

Thank you.

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.

**Reception & Nursery have completed their walk this week**

**Year 1 & Year 2 will walk on the morning of Wednesday, 4th March**

**Year 3 & Year 4 will walk on the afternoon of Wednesday, 4th March**

**Year 5 & Year 6 will walk on Thursday, 5th March**

Best wishes

Mrs Houghton

### **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

# Growing Together in God's Love

## **Important Dates for your Diary**

### **March**

- 2nd - Whole school photographs with Academy Photography
- 4th - Y1/Y2 Big Lent Walk for CAFOD
- 4th - Y3/Y4 Big Lent Walk for CAFOD
- 5th - Y5/Y6 Big Lent Walk for CAFOD
- 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)
- 11th - Year 6 meeting information for SATs & Conway Residential (4.30pm)
- 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
- 28th - Personal Awareness Session for Year 6 delivered by Carl Finney (Judo Education)

### **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, 27th February 2026 the whole school attendance 97.06%

Reception =97.5%

Year 1 = 98.1%

Year 2 = 99.2%

Year 3 = 95.7%

Year 4 = 92.5%

Year 5 = 98.2%

Year 6 = 97.8%