



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 27th March 2026



This week's Gospel theme:

Holy Week

*"Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest heavens!"* **Matthew 21: 1-11**

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

A huge congratulations to all the children in Year 6 who have had such an incredible time on their residential trip to the Conway Centre in Anglesey!

They have enjoyed a fantastic range of activities, including paddleboarding and canoeing on the Menai Strait, climbing walls, tackling challenges on the high ropes, relaxing together during firepit time, and playing games as a group.

As well as having lots of fun, the children have developed important skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience, and independence—something they should all be very proud of.

Well done to each and every one of you!

A big thank you also goes to the staff who made this memorable experience possible:

Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Mills, Mrs Snee, and Mr McCue.



IMPORTANT: Key Stage 2 Easter Service

The children's Easter Service has changed date.

Key Stage 2 children will now be retelling the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through song, Scripture and prayer at church on

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL at 11.00am.

Apologies for this late notification.

The whole school will be attending the service so any help to walk the children safely to and from church will be greatly appreciated.

Please do come and join us for this special occasion.



London Marathon

The 26th April is getting ever so near! Thank you for your generosity in donating towards the Alder Hey fundraiser I have set up. The grand total as it stands is a massive £990! Incredible. Thank you all so much.

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/lyn-rawlinson/post/21694587>

PTFA

Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who attended the bingo last night and for all the generous donations which were used for the prizes. Thank you to everyone who helped with the organising and running of the bingo, with a special thank you going to Cath Middleton for being our brilliant bingo caller.

Quiz Night

The PTFA Quiz Night will be held on Friday 24th April at LSH.

Information with details of how to order tickets will be sent home after the Easter holiday.

Reminder—Parents Evening

Our 2nd parents evening of the year is to be held on Monday, 30th March.

Please ensure you have made your appointment to meet with your child's class teacher.

Please click into the link below to complete a short parental questionnaire

[St. Thomas of Canterbury Parental Survey 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Thanks

Nursery & Reception Easter Bonnet Parade with Stay and Pray

Nursery and Reception children would like to invite their families to a very special Easter Bonnet Stay & Pray

Taking place on:

Wednesday, 1st April at 9am

School Milk - Reception Over 5's, Year 1 & Year 2

From 13th April, children over five will no longer receive daily milk through the school's subsidised scheme. A letter will be sent home today with details on how to order school milk for your child going forward. We will continue to supply milk free of charge for children under five.

Reminder—End of Term

Thursday is our last day of the spring term.

School will close at 1.30pm on this day. School reopens for the summer term on Monday, 13th April.

The children will be allowed to wear their summer uniform when they return.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

March

30th - Parents afternoon/evening (starts 1.30pm)

April

1st - EYFS (Nursery & Reception) - Easter Bonnet Parade with Stay & Pray (9am)

2nd- KS2 Easter Service (11am)

2nd - **End of Spring Term: break for Easter holiday at 1.30pm**

7th - First day of Easter Sports Camp (Healthy Active Lifestyles)

8th - Second day of Easter Sports Camp (Healthy Active Lifestyles)

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)

June

8th - Return to school start of Summer Term 2

12th - Year 5 & 6 visit to Edge Hill University

12th - Year 4 start weekly swimming lessons at Queens Park (5 sessions)

15th - Reception Vision Screening

15th - School Nurse Drop in Session—2.45-3.45pm

16th - Academy Photography in for Leavers Photo's

19th - 1st Non-uniform day for Summer Fayre donations

26th - 2nd Non-uniform day for Summer Fayre donations

29th - Start of De La Salle transition week for Year 6 (Monday –Thursday)

July

3rd - PTFA Summer Fayre—3.30pm

10th - Year 6 Leavers Mass - 11am in Church

10th - Last swim session for Year 4

10th - Year 6 Leavers Party—6pm LSH

19th - **End of Summer Term : break for Summer holiday at 1.30pm**

Attendance

*Good attendance at school is not just valuable –
it is essential.*



For week ending Friday, 27th March 2026 the whole school attendance is 95.6%

Reception = 97.9%

Year 1 = 97.4%

Year 2 = 98.5%

Year 3 = 94.2%

Year 4 = 90%

Year 5 = 96.7%

Year 6 = 94.6%



ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

Eccleston Library

What's On in April 2026

<p>Read and Rhyme Time Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am - 11.00am</p> <p>Come along to our Easter themed Read and Rhyme session. Enjoy a short Easter story followed by cheerful rhymes. Followed by Stay and Play.</p> <p>Drop In</p>	<p>Baby Rhyme Time Mondays 11.00am - 11.30am</p> <p>6 x sessions for babies 0-12 months.</p> <p>Booking is required as numbers are limited</p>	<p>Warm welcome Brew and Chat Every Thursday 10am - 12pm</p> <p>Come and enjoy a lovely cuppa and a chat with friends. Browse some books, enjoy jigsaw puzzles and crosswords while you are here.</p> <p>Drop In</p>
<p>Easter Craft Tuesday 7th April 2:00pm – 3:00pm</p> <p>Join us for a fun Easter session, where children can get creative making colourful Easter-themed crafts.</p> <p>Make mini easter baskets to take away your own mini-Easter egg. Children will enjoy cutting, sticking, colouring, and creating something special to take home</p> <p>Drop In</p>	<p>Easter Lego & k'nex day Friday 10th April All Day</p> <p>Build & Create Grab your bricks, blocks and imagination <u>Its time to build something AMAZING...</u></p> <p>There is also a chance to read some amazing books!</p> <p>Drop In</p>	<p>Autism acceptance week Send craft event Tuesday 14th April 11:30am – 12:30am</p> <p>Join us at the library for a Send friendly wool lamb craft session! Children will enjoy creating their very own fluffy lamb using soft wool and simple craft materials.</p> <p>Relaxed and welcoming craft is perfect for developing fine motor skills and encouraging creativity Suitable for young children and families</p> <p>We look forward to crafting some fluffy friends together!</p> <p>Drop In</p>
<p>World Earth Day Tuesday 21st April 3:30pm- 4:30pm</p> <p>"Plant a Promise" seed pots Celebrate World Earth Day with fun, hands – on craft session at the library!</p> <p>Join us for a creative and eco – friendly – children's event Make a promise to help care for our Planet</p> <p>Drop In</p>	<p>Reading group 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month 2:00pm</p> <p>Love reading and great <u>conversations?</u> Come be part of our cozy community of book lovers!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exciting discussions • New books every month • Refreshments & fun <p>Drop In</p>	<p>Stitch & Chat group 2nd Friday of the month 1:00pm</p> <p>Love sewing, knitting, crochet, or any kind of stitching? Come along to our friendly Stitch & Chat group!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your latest project • Enjoy great conversation • Relax with a warm drink & biscuit <p>Drop In</p>

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BRASS BAND**

OPEN DAY!
18th April

Brass and Percussion
Try many instruments
Ages 4 -19
Zero Pressure
Everyone Welcome
No Experience Needed!



Find out more and
Sign up here



when, 09:30, 18th April
where, Ormskirk Street
United Reform Church
St Helens

or email: info@shybb.uk

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whats on?

New to music?

10:30, 11:00, 11:30 and 12:00:
'pBuzz' sessions drop in sessions
For those new to music and under 10

10:30-12:30: Drop in 'Brass Zoo'
For anyone to come and try our instruments

11:00 Experience our junior band rehearsal
For those who have tried brass before

Played before?

09:30 Join in with our *Training Band*
For those Grade 2 or above

10:30: Join in with our *Youth Band* rehearsal
For those Grade 4 or above

Where

Ormskirk Street
United Reform Church
St Helens
WA10 2JZ

Sign up
and find out more here



or email -> info@shybb.uk



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Saints Rugby League Development Camps

Coming up over the next two weeks, Rugby League Development Camps are taking place at Cowley. The Camp will run through it's usual time from 10am until 1pm, for children aged 5 to 12.

Week One - Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April

One Day - £10

Three Days - £25

Purchase Here: [Buy tickets – Rugby League Development Camp – Cowley International College](#)

Week Two - Tuesday 7th April & Wednesday 8th April

One Day - £10

Two Days - £18

Purchase Here: [Buy tickets – Rugby League Development Camp – Cowley International College](#)

You can view a full list of all of our upcoming Camps this Easter here: [Camps | Saints Foundation](#)

BBC Radio Merseyside - Make a Difference Awards

Do you Know a Young Hero?

Nominations are now open for the BBC Radio Merseyside Make a Difference Awards 2026 and they're looking for young people under 16 who have made a positive impact in their community. If you know someone who deserves a thank you or recognition, why not nominate them

For a full list of categories - and details of how to nominate someone - go to bbc.co.uk/makeadifference, where you can also see full Terms and our Privacy Notice. Nominations are open now and close on the 31st of March at 5pm.