



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 8th May 2026



This week's Gospel theme: Helper

"Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father."

John 14:15-21

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

This week, the governors and I have been busy with the recruitment and selection process for our next SENDCo, including shortlisting, interviews, and lesson observations.

Apologies that I haven't been as visible 'on the gate' as I would have liked—normal service will resume next week!

Further information about the SENDCo position will be shared in the near future.

Next week marks the start of the formal assessment period, with our fantastic Year 6 children undertaking their End of Key Stage 2 SATs. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck—we are incredibly proud of all their hard work, dedication, and positive attitude they have shown throughout their entire academic journey at St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Please note: the earlier start time for Year 6 for SATS week. We are asking for Y6 children to arrive at school for 8.15am for a smooth start to the day (Monday—Thursday). There will be breakfast and drinks available for our Year 6 children to give them the best start to the day.

Parents Forum

The next parents' forum meeting will take place on **Monday 18th May at 4:30pm.**

During the meeting, there will be opportunities to:

- Find out about and discuss the questionnaire results
- Learn more about the renewed OFSTED framework and gradings
- Bring your own agenda items for discussion

If you do have an agenda item it would be helpful if you email me to let me know.

Parental contributions to school life are always greatly valued, and it would be wonderful if you are able to attend with a shared focus on school improvement.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Sports day

The date set for sports day this year is

Thursday, 25th June

Lets hope for good weather!

Nursery and Reception Classes will start at 9.10am.

Children from Year 1 & Year 2 will start their sports day events at 10.30am.

Children from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 will start their sports day events at 1pm.

We look forward to seeing as many parents and grandparents, who are able to attend, to cheer on the children!

Please see attachment to the email this week for The Wake Up Wednesday poster on



PTFA summer fayre

This year the summer fayre will be held on Friday, 3rd July

In preparation, there will be non-uniform days held on

Friday, 19th June and Friday, 27th June

Information regarding the types of donations requested on the non-uniform days will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you.

After School Club

The after school club will be open on the date of the Summer Fayre, Friday 3rd July

However, children booked into the club will be unable to attend the Summer Fayre until picked up by a parent or carer.

Thank you.

Nursery Admissions for 2026

We still have a couple of 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available 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

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Child £5
Family of 4
£29

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Important Dates for your Diary

May

- 11th - Y6 SAT's week
- 16th - Year 4 First Holy Communion (Mass starts at 12.30pm, arrive in Church at 11.30am for photos)
- 18th - Nursery new intake September 2026 parents meeting (3.30pm)
- 19th - Reception new intake September 2026 parents meeting (3.30pm)
- 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
- 19th - Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Knowsley Safari Park
- 25th - Sports Day - EYFS – 9 to 10.30am, KS1 10.30 to 12noon, KS2 from 1.30pm
- 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
- 13th - Year 6 trip to Crocky Trail
- 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, 8th May 2026 the whole school attendance is 94.9%

Reception = 90.4%

Year 1 = 93.8%

Year 2 = 92.3%

Year 3 = 96.4%

Year 4 = 94.3%

Year 5 = 99.5%

Year 6 = 97.2%