



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 15th May 2026



This week's Gospel theme: Friendship

"They know that I came from you and believed that it was you who sent me."

John 17:1-11

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

A massive well done to the children in Year 6 who completed their End of Key Stage 2 assessments this week. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, determination, and resilience they showed throughout every assessment. Each child approached the week with a positive attitude and did their very best—which is all we could ever ask for.

Congratulations to you all on a fantastic achievement! We are very proud of you.

Please keep the children in Year 4 in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We look forward to celebrating your special day with the children and their families.

Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMATs)

Liverpool Archdiocese has now announced a strategy for academisation of all schools within the Archdiocese - something that has been in the pipeline for a while now. Entitled '**A Family in Christ - Our Future Together**' the strategy explains that over a series of waves (5 in total) all Catholic schools will be converted to academies over the next few years.

Our school will be joining the St. Joseph's CMAT.

Further information can be found on the following link:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/education/academies>

Members of this particular CMAT are coming to school on Wednesday, 10th June to explain and to discuss further what this entails for St. Thomas of Canterbury.

I will keep you all posted as time moves on. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Reminder: 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
- Academisation
- Bring your own agenda items for discussion

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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MAY PROCESSION

Next Friday, we will be celebrating our May Procession at church at 11.00am.

We are asking that Year 4 children wear their Communion outfits for this occasion and to bring flowers to present to Our Lady at the start of Mass.

Our Lady will be crowned by Rohan in Year 6 and Jacob in Reception.

All children can bring their Rosary Beads if they have any.

As always, we will need volunteers to help escort the children safely to and from church. If you can help, please come to school for 10:30am. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Sports day

The date set for sports day this year is

Thursday, 25th June

Lets hope for good weather!

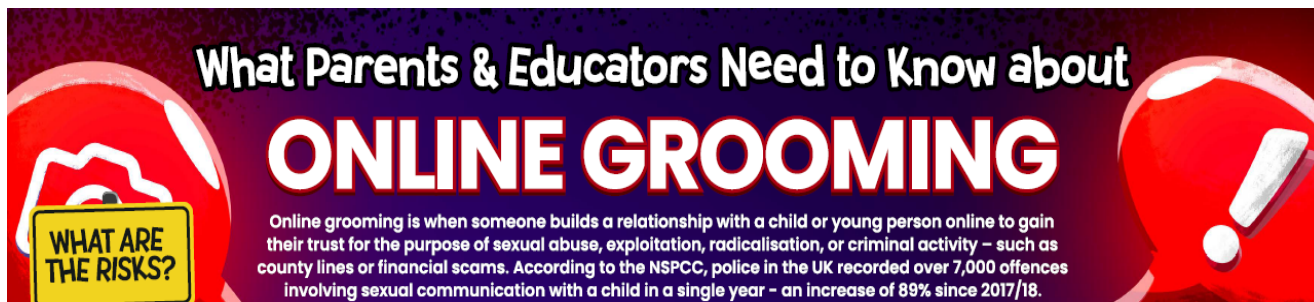
Nursery and Reception Classes will start at 9.10am.

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.

Squishy Toys

We kindly ask that children do not bring squishy toys into school, as several have recently burst and caused a mess in classrooms. If your child benefits from using a fidget toy, they are very welcome to bring in other suitable types of fidget toys instead.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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Important Dates for your Diary

May

- 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
- 23rd - Road Safety Team - workshops for all year groups
- 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)
- 30th - Whole school transition day

July

- 3rd - PTFA Summer Fayre—3.30pm
- 7th - Rock Steady Summer Concert—2.15pm
- 9th - Year 6 Leavers' Show—4pm in school (1st performance)
- 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
- 14th - Nursery End of Year Celebration—2pm-3pm in school hall
- 14th - Year 6 Leavers' Show— 5pm in school (2nd performance)
- 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, 15th May 2026 the whole school attendance
is 96.08%

Reception = 96.3%

Year 1 = 93.7%

Year 2 = 95.9%

Year 3 = 99.6%

Year 4 = 92.5%

Year 5 = 97.8%

Year 6 = 96.7%