



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 22nd May 2026



This week's Gospel theme: Pentecost

"The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord".

John 20:19-23

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. The children were amazing, as always, and their beautiful readings and singing made the Mass a very special celebration. Well done to you all on such a wonderful occasion in your journey of faith.

This week, we also welcomed our new families during the intake meetings for children due to start with us in September. Thank you to everyone who attended, and I hope you found the information shared helpful and informative. If you have any questions between now and September, please feel free to email me at lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk and I will be very happy to help.

There was also a parents' forum meeting on Monday evening. Thank you to the parents who came along to discuss the important messages shared. Your attendance, support, and input are always greatly valued.

That brings Summer Term 1 to a close, and it has certainly been a very busy and successful half term! I would like to wish all of our families a very happy half term holiday and hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and some special time together. Let's hope the sunshine decides to make an appearance too! We will see you back in school on Monday, 8th June.

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.

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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!

PTFA summer fayre

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

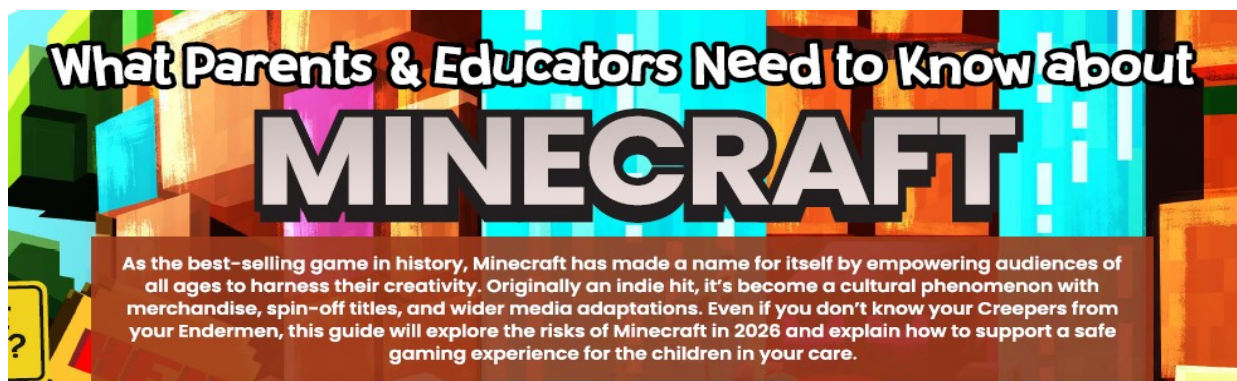
In preparation, there will be non-uniform days held on

Friday, 19th June and Friday, 26th June

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

Thank you.

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



On-line Safety

Mr McCue has arranged for the police to deliver an on-line safety talk for KS2 (Y3-Y6) parents.

The talk will take place on **Wednesday, 10th June at 3.25pm** in the school hall.

We would like to see as many parents as possible in attendance.

Thank you.

Tennis Taster Sessions

The children should come to school in their PE kits on the first day back after the half-term, **Monday 8th June** as they will be taking part in tennis taster sessions during the day .

'Beckets' Out of Hours Club

To help us manage staffing, we kindly ask parents to book out-of-hours clubs as far in advance as possible. Advance bookings help us plan numbers effectively and provide the best experience for everyone.

Thank you.

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Important Dates for your Diary

June

- 8th - Return to school start of Summer Term 2
- 8th - Tennis Taster Sessions for Rec—Y6 (PE Kit to be worn)
- 10th - KS2 Parent on line safety police talk (school hall at 3.25pm)
- 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
- 18th - Y5 'Day at De La Salle' day
- 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
- 13th - Altru Drama performing Little Red Riding Hood in school (Reception—Year 5)
- 14th - Nursery End of Year Celebration—2pm-3pm in school hall
- 14th - Year 6 Leavers' Show— 5pm in school (2nd performance)
- 17th - **End of Summer Term : break for Summer holiday at 1.30pm**

Attendance

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



For week ending Friday, 22nd May 2026 the whole school attendance is 94.4%

Reception = 95%

Year 1 = 94%

Year 2 = 96.3%

Year 3 = 93.6%

Year 4 = 87.4%

Year 5 = 97.1%

Year 6 = 97.4%