



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 26th June 2026



This week's Gospel theme:: Faith

"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church."

Matthew 16: 13-19

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Staffing for next year:

Class	Teacher	Teaching assistant (s)
Nursery	Mrs. Horrocks	Miss. Taylor & Mrs. Scott
Reception	Mrs. Woodward	Mrs. Snee and Mrs. Dunning
Year 1	Mrs. Barry	Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Gibson & Miss. Phelan
Year 2	Mrs. Cain	Mrs. Shepherd
Year 3	Ms. Farrell	Mrs. Hayton
Year 4	Mrs. Ganson & Mrs. Houghton	Mrs. Rignall
Year 5	Mr. McCue	Mrs. Mills & Miss. Wilkinson
Year 6	Mr. Birchall	Mrs. Tucker

We look forward to welcoming Mr. Birchall as our new SENDCo and Year 6 teacher.

Mr. Birchall will be here for our transition day on Tuesday, 30th June so the children in Y5 can spend the day with him and they can get to know each other.

Mrs. Rawsthorne will be spending time in Y2, Y3 and Y6 as well as her deputy head role.

PE Adam will continue to deliver PE across the school on Thursdays.

We look forward to another successful year at St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sports day

Well, that is a first in my 26 years of teaching...having to postpone sports day because it was too hot! Hopefully we can go ahead next Thursday instead (2nd July) with the same timings planned as before.

- EYFS and Reception - 9.30am—10.30am
- Key stage 1 - 10.45am - 11.45am
- Lower key stage 2 (years 3 & 4) - 1.00pm—2.00pm
- Upper key stage 2 (years 5) - 2.00pm—3.00pm

Please ensure the children wear suncream and bring a sun hat for the day.

Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMAT's)

This week we sent an important letter about the forthcoming conversion to academy status.

This is part of the consultation period which will run until Friday, 17th July.

We have created a designated email address for parents to use with any comments or questions you may have. Please use this email address to contact school about academisation:

consultation.stthomasofcanterbury@sthelens.org.uk

Many thanks and we will keep you updated as much as possible about this exciting change for our school.

Hot weather

Thank you for your support and understanding as we have managed to navigate through the hottest week on record. Next week, the temperatures may be a bit more comfortable but please do keep applying sun cream to your children before school and send them with water and a sun hat.

Many thanks.

Transition

Next week is transition week for the feeder high schools. Y6 children will be spending time in their new classrooms with their new teachers, all very exciting. Good luck to all the Y6 children as they embark on their first step to high school.

On Tuesday, the children from Reception to Year 5 will spend the day in their new classrooms.

Pre- loved toys and books

Thank you to all the families for your generous donations towards the fayre.

From Monday we would appreciate any donations of pre-loved toys and children's books in decent condition for our pre- loved stall.

Cakes

We would appreciate any donations of home made or shop bought cakes (nut free please) on Friday 3rd July for our cake stall.

Second Hand Uniform

At the fayre there will be a table with any second hand uniform and PE kits for parents to take.

If you have any uniform/PE kits that you don't need we'd be happy for any donations to be sent into school next week.

Raffle Tickets

Children brought home their raffle tickets last week for the summer raffle with the draw taking place towards the end of the fayre.

Please return any stubs and money by Thursday 2nd July. There are plenty of spare raffle tickets in the office if you require any more. Can we please ask for any unused tickets to be returned on Thursday so we can sell them at the fayre. Thank you

Message from PTFA

Thank you to our families for their generous donations today and last Friday. These donations make the prizes on the stalls and help to raise money for school. **If there are any further donations of bottles of alcohol for our bottle tombola it would be much appreciated.**

Can you help?

If any parents are available to help set up the fayre from 1.15pm onwards or could help on a stall we'd really appreciate the help.



Summer Fayre **2026**

Friday 3rd July, 3:30pm

On the Field

- Kids Tombola
- Adult Tombola
- Grab a Bag
- Spinning Jenny
- Soak the Teacher
- Second Hand Uniform
- Pre-loved Toys & Books
- Mini Chuck a Duck
- Raffle
- Coconut Shy
- Penalty Shootout

In The Hall

- Tuck Shop
- Hot Dogs
- Cakes
- Tea & Coffee

Growing Together in God's Love

Year 6 Ruskin Sports Festival

Due to sports day being re-arranged, unfortunately Year 6 are unable to take part as they are out at De La Salle next week.

Year 6 will however be taking part in a Sports Festival which takes place at Ruskin Drive on Wednesday 15th July (please note amended date).

The event is a great opportunity for the pupils to have a final chance to represent our school in a sporting event before they go off to their high schools.

Parents can attend this event for support.

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.

School Grid—pre-ordering

Thank you to all our parents who pre-order their child's school meal on School Grid, this helps manage school meal numbers and prevents waste.

Just a reminder that if you have pre-ordered a meal and your child then opts to bring a packed lunch on that day instead, to please cancel the pre-booked meal.

End of summer term

Please be aware that the last day of the summer term is

Friday, 17th July.

Children will finish school at 1.30pm.

Please note there will be no after school club on this day.

Thank you.

'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.

Leavers Photographs

Please note the deadline date for orders of the Year 6 Leavers Group and individual photograph either on-line or via school is

1st July 2026

Thank you



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Important Dates for your Diary

June

- 29th - Start of De La Salle transition week for Year 6 (Monday –Thursday)
- 30th - Whole school transition day

July

- 2nd - Re-arranged Sports Day—see front of newsletter for timings
- 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 - Year 2 End of Year Performance for Parents—(9.15am in school hall)
- 14th - Nursery End of Year Celebration—2pm-3pm in school hall
- 14th - Year 6 Leavers' Show— 4pm in school (2nd performance)
- 15th - Year 6 attending Ruskin Sports Day 9.30am-2.30pm (change of date to previous newsletters)
- 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, 26th June 2026 the whole school attendance is 97.06%

Reception = 99.1%

Year 1 = 97%

Year 2 = 99.2%

Year 3 = 98.8%

Year 4 = 94.4%

Year 5 = 95.3%

Year 6 = 95.7%