



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 3rd July 2026



This week's Gospel theme:: Companion

"Come to me all who you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:25-30

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

The children enjoyed their transition day this week where they spent the whole day in their new classrooms and with their new teachers. We also welcomed our new children and their families to nursery and reception classes.

Well done to our Year 6 children who enjoyed their taster days at their new high schools.

Year 6 important information regarding SATS

Year 6 parents, please make sure to read the next page regarding this year's SATs results. We will be sending home school reports next week but the Y6 results will have to follow. Thanks for your understanding.

Sports day

Congratulations to all the children for taking part in the St Thomas of Canterbury Sports day on Thursday. The rain held off and there was a massive difference in temperatures compared to last week!

It was a great day and the children enjoyed their events. Thank you to PE Adam and Mr McCue for their efforts in putting the whole thing together.

Year 6 SATs Results

Unfortunately, the results from the Year 6 End of Key Stage assessments have been delayed. School was notified of this delay on Thursday. The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, sent this for parents:

"I am writing to let you know about a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (SATs) test results, which affects all schools nationally.

Schools were due to receive results on 7th July 2026. However, Pearson Education Ltd, the provider responsible for administering , marking, and returning KS2 results to school has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools.

Results will now be available on 16th July 2026.

Importantly, the delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes.

This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils. We will share results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on 16th July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding".

I acknowledge that this is incredibly frustrating for all involved, including us at school. We will continue to celebrate everything your child has achieved during their time at St. Thomas of Canterbury.

More importantly , we will celebrate all the things not measured by any test paper.

If you have any questions about this situation we find ourselves in, please contact me via email on lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk

Out of Hours Club

Please ensure that any outstanding arrears balances are cleared on your out of hours club accounts.

Bookings should be made and paid for via schoolmoney in advance.

A reminder that for emergency on the day bookings the money to cover the cost of the session along with the £2.50 late booking fee should be credited to the account before contacting the school office.

Thank you.

Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMAT's)

Information about the conversion to academy status has been uploaded to the school website for you to access. This is part of the consultation period which will run until Friday, 17th July.

There is also 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 for the comments and questions already received.

These will be collated at the end of the consultation period. Information that comes from these questions will then be shared with parents, staff and governors in due course.

We will keep you updated as much as possible about this exciting change for our school.

Year 6 Ruskin Sports Festival

Year 6 will 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.

Year 6 Enterprise Day

Next Friday, 10th July, Year 6 children will hold their annual Enterprise Day to raise money for their upcoming trip to Crocky Trail. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the stalls during the afternoon where they can purchase goods and participate in games run by Year 6.

Children can bring from £1 up to a maximum of £5 to spend.

Year 2 End of Year Performance

Year 2 children will be celebrating the end of KS1 by inviting their parents into school on Tuesday, 14th July at 9.15am for a special performance.

Nursery End of Year Celebration Assembly

Our nursery children will invite parents to a special end of year celebration assembly on Tuesday, 14th July starting at 2pm in the school hall.

Opportunities for reading in the summer holidays.



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**Windle Free Library is for the community to have access to some books to get into
reading or continue that reading journey.**

**Please come and take a book, return it or don't, share it with your friends and do-
nate books if you have some to spare**

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the gates (not when raining please)**

**No need to sign the book/s out but there is a notebook for messages or email Leanne
on windlefreelibrary@gmail.com**

Rocksteady Performance

The children who attend Rocksteady will be performing to the whole school on Tuesday,
7th July at 2.15pm.

Parents of children who will be performing are welcome to attend the concert.

Altru Drama

Altru Drama group will be in school on **Monday, 13th July** performing
'Little Red Riding Hood' for children from Reception to Year 5 in the afternoon.

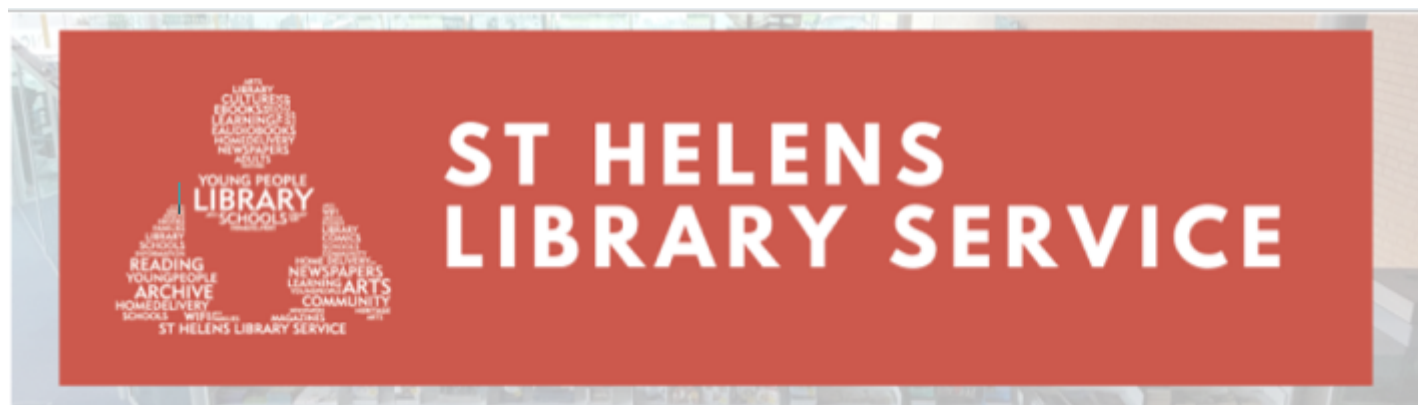
We are excited to
welcome them into school and would like to thank the PTFA for funding this event.



What's On in July for children

Speak to library staff for more information.

Monthly construction club First Monday of the month 3:30pm – 4:30pm Build, create, and imagine! Join us at Eccleston library for children's monthly construction club – a fun-hands – on session for young builders and inventors. Drop In	Baby Rhyme Time Mondays 11.00am - 11.30am 6 x sessions for babies 0-12 months. Booking is required as numbers are limited	Read and Rhyme Time Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am - 11.00am Come along to our weekly Read and Rhyme sessions, perfect for toddlers, and their grown-ups. Enjoy gentle rhymes, picture books, and shared fun. Followed by Stay and Play. Drop In
Summer Holiday Lego & k'nex Every Thursday 10:00 – 4:30pm Build & Create Grab your bricks, blocks and imagination.... It's time to build something AMAZING... There is also a chance to read some amazing books! Drop In	Lego Club Every Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm Dream It. Brick It! Come build towers, vehicles, worlds and more in our fun-filled construction club for young creators Click It. Brick It. Build It. Drop In	SRC - I love Horses Day Thursday 16th July 3:30pm – 4:30pm You're invited to an I Love Horses Day craft event! Come and gallop to the beat of the Horses feet, Saddle up for a fun and creative session all about horses Come along and make a horse Mask to take home Drop In
– Alice in Wonderland Day Friday 3rd July 3:30pm – 4:30pm On the 4th of July its Alice in Wonderland Day, join us at the library to celebrate the beloved classic that has captured readers of all ages. Step into a world of imagination for a magical drop-in craft inspired by Alice's Adventures in wonderland Drop In	Summer Reading Challenge Read to the Beat R&R launch Friday 3rd & Tuesday 7th 10:30 am – 11:00am Come and join us for the launch of the summer reading challenge – theme is read to the beat. We will have all our usual Read and Rhyme songs, rhymes and story, but with a difference. Get ready to clap, stomp and move to the beat, join us for an exciting, interactive session where the story will come alive through music, rhythm, and movement. Drop In	Summer holiday Big fun games Monday 20th July 10:00am – 4:30pm You're invited to a super fun games time at the library! We'll be playing big board games, card games, and lots of silly group games. Bring your friends, your favourite game if you have one! There might be snacks too Drop In
Summer holiday Lolly picture frame Monday 27th July 2:00pm – 4:00pm Join us for a creative and exciting session where children will design their very own lolly stick picture frames! Why not take home some of our crafting books and carry on your creativity at home! Drop In	National Year of Reading – Paperback book day! Thursday 30th July 2:30pm – 3:30pm You're Invited to Paperback Book Day! Join us for a fun – filled celebration of stories, creativity, and imagination at Paperback Book Day craft Event! Drop In	Opening Times Mon – 10:00am – 5:00pm Tue – 10:00am – 5:00pm Wed – closed Thu – 10:00am – 5:00pm Fri – 10:00am – 5:00pm Sat – closed Sun – closed



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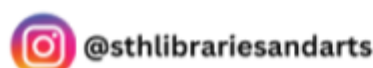
What's On in July for Adults

Speak to library staff for more information.

Fit Forever gentle keep it Every Tuesday 11:00am – 12:00pm Fit Forever Gentle Keep-Fit Session is a gentle exercise session run by the Active Lives & Sports Development Team and aimed at those aged 50+ Booking is required	Warm welcome Brew and Chat Every Thursday 10am - 12pm Come and enjoy a lovely cuppa and a chat with friends. Browse some books, enjoy jigsaw puzzles and crosswords while you are here. Drop In	Reading group 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month 2:00pm Love reading and great conversations? Come be part of our cozy community of book lovers! • Exciting discussions • New books every month • Refreshments & fun Drop In
Stitch & Chat group 2nd Friday of the month 1:00pm Love sewing, knitting, crochet, or any kind of stitching? Come along to our friendly Stitch & Chat group! • Bring your latest project • Enjoy great conversation • Relax with a warm drink & biscuit Drop In	New Mum's Café Every Monday 11:30am - 12:30pm A tea and coffee morning at the library. An informal gathering with a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, take a moment for yourself in a welcoming, understanding space. Whether you'd like to chat, listen, or simply enjoy a quiet cup of tea or coffee, you are very welcome. Drop In	Digital Drop In Every Friday 1:00pm – 3:00pm Need help getting online Our Volunteer can help with, filling in forms, mobile phones, laptops & tablets Emails, social media and online entertainment Plus many other things Drop In
Cllr Keogh surgery Monday 6th July 10:30am – 11:30am Come along to Cllr Keogh's surgery for the windle community Drop In	Library Community walk Monday 20th July 10:30am A gentle, supportive walk, to encourage conversation, and promote wellbeing. This event is a chance to come together, enjoy fresh air, and connect with others in a relaxed and welcoming environment. And come back for a tea or coffee Drop In	PCSO Surgery Friday 10th & 24th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm Community PCSO surgery drop-in session to meet the local Police Community Support Officer. Discuss local concerns, ask questions, and receive advice in an informal setting. Drop In

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Important Dates for your Diary

July

- 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 (all children attending)
- 10th - Last swim session for Year 4
- 10th - Year 6 Enterprise Day
- 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**

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.

Attendance

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



For week ending Friday, 3rd July 2026 the whole school attendance is 97.3%

Reception = 99.5%

Year 1 = 94.8%

Year 2 = 98.8%

Year 3 = 97.3%

Year 4 = 92.9%

Year 5 = 100%

Year 6 = 98.2%