

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 11th September 2026

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks! Here is my first attempt at using a new platform for our weekly newsletter. Any feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Once I get used to using this, normal service will resume. It will take a bit of time and practice, so bear with me!

MEET THE TEACHER

At the beginning of each academic year, we invite families into school so that teachers can introduce themselves, share a little about what the children will be learning and explain how the classroom will work.

It is also a chance for parents and carers to ask any questions they may have and find out how they can support their child's learning at home.

Most importantly, the evening helps us to build positive relationships between home and school. We know that when we work together and share in our children's learning and development, we can give them the very best support.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and working together to make it a happy, successful and enjoyable year for your child.

Our Meet the teacher sessions will be held on **Wednesday, 23rd September**. Parents are asked to gather in the school hall for a 3.30pm start. Mrs. Rawlinson will give a welcome presentation before sending parents off to their child's classrooms.

Teachers will hold their sessions at 3.50 - 4.10pm and repeat the session at 4.30 - 4.50pm. The sessions are repeated so parents with more than one child can attend different sessions.

IMPORTANT: the school nurse will also be in school for the meet the teacher evening. Please do speak with school nurse if you have any concerns about sleep patterns, diet, allergies, medication, toileting and continence or any other health or wellbeing issue you are worried about.

De La Salle School is delighted to invite Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families to an Open Evening on Thursday 1 October 2026, from 4.30pm–7.00pm.

We recognise that selecting a secondary school is an important decision for pupils and their families, and our Open Evening provides an opportunity to learn more about De La Salle, our values and the educational experience we offer.

Families will be able to explore the school, meet our staff and students, visit departments and find out more about life within our Lasallian community.

During the evening, visitors will have the opportunity to hear from our Headteacher at either 4.45pm or 5.45pm, take part in student-led tours of the school, meet our teachers and enjoy a range of activities across different subject areas.

Families will also be able to find out more about the academic, pastoral and spiritual support available to our students, our Catholic and Lasallian identity, and the opportunities available both inside and beyond the classroom.

Most importantly, we hope families will have the opportunity to experience the warmth, ambition and strong sense of community that make De La Salle such a special place.

No booking is required and families are welcome to simply come along.



De La Salle
School
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**OPEN
EVENING**

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026
4.30PM – 7.00PM

Meet our students and staff, explore our school
and discover what makes our Lasallian
community so special.

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME
4.45PM AND 5.45PM



PTFA Coffee Morning

Thursday 17th September 9am

@ Becketts (breakfast and afterschool club)

All welcome! Come along for an informal chat and a brew.

We are a welcoming bunch—who do what we can to help raise funds for our lovely school.

There is no pressure to get involved and you can do as little or as much as you want.

Helping on the PTFA can include: Sorting through the generous donations for our Christmas and Summer Fayre, sourcing raffle prizes, manning a stall at one of the fayres, helping to organise the Halloween disco etc. New ideas also welcome!

If you can't make it to the coffee morning but would like to get involved please contact the school.

Volunteering with the PTFA is a wonderful way to make a significant impact on our children's educational experience. We are desperately in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help organize and run fundraising events, which are crucial for providing resources and opportunities that enrich our children's learning environment.

Whether you can spare a few hours or more, your contribution is invaluable. Join us in making a difference—your skills, ideas, and energy are much needed and will help create memorable experiences for everyone involved.

Together, we can achieve great things for our children!

Out of Hours Club (Beckets)

We kindly remind you to return the out-of-hours registration forms at your earliest convenience. These forms are crucial for ensuring we have up-to-date contact information for parents in the event of an emergency, such as a computer system failure.

Having accurate contact details allows us to promptly reach you and ensure the safety and well-being of your child.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated as it helps us maintain a secure and responsive environment for all our children.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Christmas Card Design Project

Once again we have signed up to the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Design Project.

In the next couple of weeks, every child will be completing a Christmas design in class which they will then bring home on an order form. An accompanying letter will come home with their design explaining how you can order products with your child's design on.

All artwork with an order placed will need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 30th September.

School will then earn commission on all products ordered. The more orders received, the more money we raise for school!

Many thanks,

New Parents

Please bear with us as we try and resolve an issue with our School Money system which has not brought our new children over automatically as it should have.

We have logged this with their support team and hopefully this will be resolved early next week.

Once the issue has been fixed you will receive a welcome message to School Money where you can book after school and breakfast club sessions and will pay for any trips etc.

In the meantime, if you require afterschool or breakfast club sessions next week, please email the office.

Thank you for your patience.

Important Dates for your Diary

September

- 17th - PTFA Coffee Morning (9am)
- 23rd - Meet the Teacher (3.30pm)
- 28th - Whole School Flu immunisations
- 30th - Height & Weight Screening for Reception & Y6

October

- 13th - Reception/Nursery Intake 2027 parents open day (9.30am)
- 21st - Parents afternoon (from 1.30pm)
- 22nd - End of Autumn term 1 (3.20pm finish)

November

- 2nd - Return to school start of Autumn term 2
- 3rd - Reception/Nursery Intake 2027 parents open day (9.30am)
- 17th - Y1-Y3 Cinema Trip
- 17th - Reception/Intake 2027 parents open day (4pm)
- 18th - Y4-Y6 Cinema Trip
- 19th - Y4 Liverpool World Museum Trip

December

- 18th - End of Autumn term 2 (1.30pm finish)

Attendance

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

For week ending Friday, 11th September 2026 the whole school attendance is 97.85%

Reception = 95.9%
Year 1 = 99.5%
Year 2 = 99.6%
Year 3 = 98.5%
Year 4 = 99.6%
Year 5 = 95.7%
Year 6 = 96%

