



NEWSLETTER

Friday, 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here is another attempt at a new style newsletter! I hope you agree, it is much more user friendly and easier to read.

We have quite a few important upcoming dates for the diary, so please make sure to keep up to date with forthcoming events through this weekly newsletter.

De la Salle Open Evening



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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

Meet the teacher

Wednesday, 23rd September
3:30pm in the School Hall

We warmly invite Year 1-Year 6 parents and carers
to our annual Meet the Teacher evening on
Wednesday, 23rd September.

The evening will begin at 3:30pm in the hall, where
Mrs Rawlinson will give a short introduction before
parents are invited to visit classrooms and hear
from class teachers.

Each classroom talk will be repeated, so you can
attend more than one if needed:

- Talk One: 3:45 – 4:00pm
- Talk Two: 4:15 – 4:30pm

(please note revised times from last week's
newsletter)

We look forward to welcoming you!

New Intake Meetings for our Reception Class 2027

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

Do you know of anyone with a child due to start school in September 2027?

Then please do come along to St. Thomas of Canterbury for one of our new
admission meetings.

In these meetings, you will be given all the information you need to help you make
your choice and give you a flavour of what school life is like here at St. Thomas of
Canterbury.

Prospective parents are warmly welcome to visit school on:

- Tuesday, 13th October at 9.30am;
- Tuesday, 3rd November at 9.30am; and
- Tuesday, 17th November at 4.00pm

Please ring the school office to book a place. Thank you.

Dates for visits to church

Here are the planned Masses/Services for whole school Mass at church.

Harvest - Thursday, 22nd October 2026 at 11.00am

Advent - Wednesday, 2nd December 2026 at 11.00am

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, 10th February 2027 at 11.00am

Easter Service - Wednesday, 24th March 2027 at 11.00am

May Procession - Friday, 21st May 2027 at 11.00am

First Holy Communion - Saturday, 1st May 2027 at 12.30pm

Leavers Mass - Friday, 16th July 2027 at 11.00am

As always, we will need volunteers to help escort the children safely to and from church.

If you are able to help, please arrive at school for 10.30am as the children will be ready to leave by then.

Parents evening

Parents evening will be on the following dates:

**Wednesday, 14th October (by invite only); and
Wednesday, 21st October (through the online
booking system nearer the time).**

PTFA Cauliflower Christmas Card Designs

Every child will be completing their Christmas card design in class and once completed, will be bringing it home attached to the order form alongside a letter explaining what to do. They should all have brought their design home by 25th September.

If you place an order, we kindly ask that their order form/artwork is returned to school by Wednesday 30th September. Please hand to a member of staff on the door or hand directly to the office to avoid any going astray and not being handed in. Artwork will then be collected by the company and orders delivered back to school before December.

Thank you for your support with this project.

Reception Phonics Workshop

We are excited to invite you to a phonics workshop for Reception parents. This informative session will be held on Wednesday, 23rd September, right after school. We understand the importance of involving your little ones in their learning journey, so children are most welcome to attend alongside you.

The workshop aims to provide valuable insights and practical strategies to support your child's phonics development at home. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn, ask questions, and engage in activities that will enhance your child's reading and writing skills.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this educational experience with you and your children.

PTFA Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who attended yesterday's coffee morning. It was lovely to see new faces and to have some new parent volunteers to carry on our fundraising events. If you would ever like to be part of our friendly PTFA team please ask Mrs Rawlinson or the office for details

New Parents

Unfortunately we are still experiencing technical issues with School Money. As a temporary solution we have manually added our new reception parents on to a visitors group and emailed out a welcome message.

Over the weekend parents will be able to book on to breakfast/after school club. Any money that has been sent through will be added on to your child's account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Important Dates for Your Diary

September

- 23rd - Meet the Teacher Y1-Y6 (3.30pm School Hall)
- 23rd - Reception Phonics Workshop (3.20pm Reception Classroom)
- 28th - Whole School Flu immunisations
- 30th - Height & Weight Screening for Reception & Y6

October

- 13th - Reception/Nursery Intake 2027 parents open day (9.30am)
- 15th - PTFA Halloween Disco (information will be sent)
- 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)
- 11th - Information session for January 2027 Nursery intake (3.30pm)
- 13th - Own clothes day for donations to Christmas Fayre
- 17th - Y1-Y3 Cinema Trip
- 17th - Reception/Intake 2027 parents open day (4pm)
- 18th - Y4-Y6 Cinema Trip
- 19th - Y4 Liverpool World Museum Trip
- 20th - Own clothes day for donations to Christmas Fayre
- 27th - PTFA Christmas Fayre (3.30pm)

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, 18th September 2026 the whole school attendance is 98.5%

Reception = 95.5%

Year 1 = 100%

Year 2 = 99.6%

Year 3 = 99.2%

Year 4 = 99.6%

Year 5 = 97.7%

Year 6 = 98.2

