

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 6th January 2023



Thought for the week

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

*Feast of the Epiphany
Gospel of Matthew*

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

I'd like to wish everyone a very happy new year and hope you have had a restful and happy Christmas holiday.



Today, our school attended Mass at church to mark the Feast of the Epiphany. This was the first time the whole school has celebrated together in church since it reopened, and to say I am proud is an understatement! The children were excellent throughout; readers were clear and singing was beautiful.

Well done to all our children. You are amazing.

Here's to a very successful, exciting and happy 2023 for St. Thomas of Canterbury school and church. I'm looking forward to continuing and building upon the strong links that already exist between home, school and parish.

Primary applications

The deadline for primary applications is drawing near so if you, or if you know of anyone needing a place in Reception for September 2023, please ensure applications are in by 15th January 2023.

Extra curricular clubs

Staff are currently planning and organising which clubs they will be running during the spring term.

These will begin week beginning 23rd January and will run for 6 weeks in total.

More info will be in next week's newsletter.

MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL

Just to remind parents about children and their use of mobile phones in school and now, smart watches.

I understand that some children may have received a smart watch for Christmas. Children should not wear a smart watch to school for many reasons, most importantly for safeguarding reasons.

Mobile phones—if your child needs to bring in a mobile phone because they walk home by themselves, the phone must be switched off and handed in to the class teacher for safe keeping. The phone will be returned to the child at the end of the day.

Phones should not be switched back on until the child has left school.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Important Dates for your Diary

January

23rd - Spring term extra curricular clubs start (6 weeks in total)

30th - Crucial crew (year 6)

February

1st - Young Voices (Performing Arts group)

6th - Mental health week

6th - Sacramental workshop 3

10th - End of Half term

20th - children return to school (this was originally an INSET day)

March

3rd - World Book Day

21st - Rock Steady concert

22nd - Parents evening

27th - Y6 residential to Conway Centre

31st - End of Spring term

April

12th - children return to school

17th - Sacramental workshop 4

May

1st - Bank Holiday

8th - Bank Holiday

9th - Start of Year 6 End of Key Stage tests (SATs)

June

5th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check (2 week window)

July

Further dates for your diary

Fr. Michael and I are meeting next week to set dates for Masses, Collective Worship and First Holy Communion. These dates will be in next week's newsletter.

Outside Agency Clubs starting week commencing 9th January 2023

A reminder that sports clubs and music tuition start again from next week.