

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 3rd February 2023



Thought for the week

"You are the light of the world."

Gospel of Matthew

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Once again, I feel incredibly proud of our children and entire school community for the events and activities that have taken place this week.

Firstly, a massive thank you to the parents who attended the Year 6 meeting this week about End of Key Stage 2 tests and Conway Centre. If you have any further questions about any aspect of Year 6, please contact either myself or Mr. Hale at your earliest convenience. We will be more than happy to help.

On Wednesday, we had a St. Thomas of Canterbury 'first', when the children from our Performing Arts group attended Manchester Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert for the very first time. Young Voices is the largest school choir in the world with over 8,000 children all singing and dancing together. They were joined by other performers: Beat Box Collective, Urban Strides, Anna Phoebe (violinist) and Heather Small (singer from M People).

It was an amazing experience for the children; they performed brilliantly and sang their hearts out. It was truly a magical experience and I'm sure the children (and parents) have created life long memories. In the words of Heather Small, you certainly did do something to make me feel proud!



As I mentioned last week, I was marshalling at the Junior Parkrun on Sunday at Victoria Park and it was lovely to see some of our children running the 2km at their own pace and having a great time - well done to you!

It would be lovely to see even more children from our school involved in Junior Parkrun. It is a free event that happens every Sunday at Victoria Park (and other parks across the country) and is a lot of fun, a great way to build stamina, enjoy some fresh air and is very rewarding. If you look at the Parkrun UK website, register your child and obtain a unique barcode for them, then you are all set to go!

Thank you to Mrs Coulshed who has given her time to help work on our uniform donation station. The rail in the office area is now very neat, tidy and well organised, making finding uniform easier for you.

Thank you to our Year 5 children who led a beautiful Collective Worship this morning for their families and whole school, all about letting the fruits of the Holy Spirit shine.

Finally, without being political, thank you to everyone for making strike day run as smoothly as it did and in keeping our children safe. There are further strike days planned by the teaching union, further information will be shared in due course. Thank you.

PTFA coffee afternoon

Everyone is invited to a coffee afternoon being held by the PTFA on Friday, 10th February at 2pm in the school hall.

Our PTFA really help our children enrich their learning experiences throughout their entire journey at St. Thomas of Canterbury and their contributions to school life are very much needed and appreciated.

The PTFA is open to EVERYBODY (including grandparents) so come along, have a cuppa and a chat and find out more about how the PTFA works for our children. Thank you.



This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they need to fight the climate crisis. St Thomas of Canterbury is joining CAFOD in the big Lent walk to raise vital funds for this cause and so support our global brothers and sisters.

The challenge is to walk 200km in 40 days during Lent beginning on Wednesday 22nd February and to get family and friends to sponsor. This is 5km a day but it doesn't have to be 5km all in one go instead it can be spread out over the day such as the walk to and from school or if you do a 15-minute cycle this is equivalent to a 5km walk. A 35-minute exercise class is also equivalent to a 5km walk. Your effort and participation are appreciated regardless of whether you achieve the 5km a day target or not so please get walking every little bit counts!

We will be doing our part in school by taking the children on a planned walk.

Nursery and Reception	Walk around the school grounds and field.
Year One and Year Two	As above but a greater distance.
Year Three and Year Four	A walk around the cemetery
Year Five and Year Six.	A walk to and around Victoria Park.

The children will be bringing sponsor forms home after the half term break.

Thank you for your support and happy walking!

Mrs Houghton.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

February

- 6th - Mental health week
- 6th - Sacramental workshop 3
- 7th - Y5 trip to Tatton Park
- 10th - PTFA Coffee Afternoon
- 10th - End of Half term
- 20th - children return to school (this was originally an INSET day)
- 21st - Y4 trip to Deva Discovery Centre Chester
- 22nd - Ash Wednesday Mass Church 11am

March

- 3rd - World Book Day
- 6th - Whole School Photographs
- 9th - Y3 trip to Liverpool World Museum
- 10th - Y3 Collective Worship
- 15th - Y4/Y6 visit to Liverpool Catholic Cathedral
- 17th - Y2 Collective Worship
- 21st - Rock Steady concert
- 22nd - Parents afternoon/evening
- 27th - Y4 Collective Worship
- 27th - Y6 residential to Conway Centre (return 29th March)
- 31st - End of Spring term

April

- 12th - children return to school
- 17th - Sacramental workshop 4
- 18th - Y5 start Swimming (each Tuesday for 6 weeks)

May

- 1st - Bank Holiday
- 8th - Bank Holiday
- 9th - Start of Year 6 End of Key Stage tests (SATs)
- 12th - Y4 Collective Worship
- 18th - Ascension Day Mass in Church 11am
- 26th - May procession Church 11am

June

- 5th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check (2 week window)
- 12th - children return to school
- 13th - Y4 start swimming (each Tuesday for 5 weeks)
- 20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs
- 23rd - EYFS Collective Worship
- 29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am

July

- 1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon
- 11th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church 11am



Well done to our stars of the week.

**This week's award is for:
Amazing writing this week.**

Reception: Elijah Hunter

Year 1: Violet Miller

Year 2: Gracie Tasker

Year 3: Ellen Tucker

Year 4: Kinley Pennington

Year 5: Fraser Bain

Year 6: Elijah Whalley

Sports competitions

This week our Y6 boys football team attended a schools football Tournament at Ruskin Drive. The children played exceptionally well and achieved 3rd place out of a total of ten teams. They all received a bronze medal.

Well done boys!

Today our Y3/Y4 girls football team have taken part in a tournament held at Sutton Academy.

Once again, the children played exceptionally well and came 2nd overall, each receiving a silver medal and securing a place in the Schools Merseyside Cup Competition. Well done girls!

We are very proud of both teams achievements!