

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 12th May 2023



Thought for the week

"We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, to be respected and loved."

Pope Francis

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

Year 6 have completed their End of Key Stage assessments this week and I have to say that each and every child has been absolutely amazing. Their conduct, determination and application to the tests has been incredible. They have done themselves proud and I am immensely proud of them all, as is Mr. Hale and Mrs. Woodward. That said, these tests do not reflect the incredible achievements made by each and every child during their time at this school. The children are much more than that. They have achieved so much more, and for all those personal achievements - whether they be academic or personal, we congratulate them. Well done, children.

Reminder:

The Building work on EYFS will be starting next week with our new arrangements for drop off and pick up being in place from Monday morning. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this temporary arrangement, please let me know.

See over for the arrangements in place.

Assessments still to come:

Year 2: will be completing their End of Key Stage assessments next week.

Year 1: The phonics screening check will take place week beginning 12th June.

Year 4: Multiplication tables check will take place week beginning 12th June.

Ascension Day Mass

Next Thursday, the 18th May is Ascension Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The children in Key Stage 2 will be going to church for Mass at 11am. Families are more than welcome to join us at church.

If any parents or grandparents are available to help walk the children over to church, please be at school for 10.30am.

May Procession

The whole school will be at church for our May Procession on Friday, 26th May at 11 am.

Fr. Michael and I have planned this together and kindly ask that the children in Year 4 (our Holy Communion children) and Year 6 (our leavers) bring in flowers to lay at the statue of Our Lady.

Children who have Rosary Beads are asked to bring them to school for the procession.

Families are warmly welcome to join us with this very special celebration.

(again, any helpers available to walk the children to church would be greatly appreciated).

Morning and evening changes in routines for drop off and pick up

Class	Time in	Time out	Location
Nursery	8:40	3:00	Year 2
Reception	8:40	3:00	Year 2
Year 1	8:50	3:10	Year 2
Year 2	8:50	3:10	Year 2
Year 3	8:40	3:10	Office
Year 4	8:50	3:15	Office
Year 5	8:40	3:10	Hall
Year 6	8:50	3:15	Hall

There will be staff around at each point at the start and end of the day to help this go as smoothly as possible.

If you arrange with your child where they will be able to locate you at the end of the day and keep to this space, that will help also.

Children attending Breakfast or Afterschool Club should be dropped off and collected via the main entrance.

These arrangements will remain in place until the site manager gives the all clear that the EYFS area is safe to use once again.



PTFA summer fayre

Dates for your diary!

- The summer fayre will be held on Friday, 23rd June from 3.30pm.
- Non uniform days for donations will be Friday, 19th May and Friday, 16th June.
- On Friday, 19th May we ask for: bottles and luxury toys
- On Friday, 16th June we ask for: luxury items
- Anyone who is available on the day of the fayre and willing to help out. Please let the school office know and they will pass your name onto the PTFA.

Thank you.

Nursery

We are now taking nursery applications for September 2024 for children who turn three before

31st August 2024.

If you would like any further information regarding nursery places, funding entitlements or to pick up application forms, please contact the school office on telephone number 01744 621380

On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

"Make sure to tell your parents if you are downloading a new app."

- Isaac S

Live Simply Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Live Simply newsletter. We are delighted to share some of the wonderful things that we have been doing in school and within the community as we strive to do our best to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with others.

EPIPHANY MASS

We started the year with our celebration of the Epiphany. The children read and sang beautifully and I know from your comments that you enjoyed joining us in this celebration.

CAFOD



During Lent, we took part in CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk to support our Global neighbours with the skills and tools they need to fight the climate crisis by taking part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk. Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised £337.00.

EASTER SERVICE

This was a joyous occasion in church as once again our children lead the service to celebrate the most important time in the church's calendar. The children's singing filled the church and it truly was a most special time.

MINI VINNIES

As you know, we already donate unwanted school uniform which is kept in the school entrance (please help yourself) but our Mini Vinnies have initiated a valuable way to recycle other unwanted clothing and are working in partnership with Mrs Burrows to ensure that any recycled clothing which is in good condition is distributed across the community. More details on this to follow in the Summer Term.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Our vegetable garden continues to progress well and we are looking forward to our summer crops.

I look forward to sharing our Summer term journey later on in the year.

Kind regards

Mrs Houghton.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

May

- 15th - EYFS building works commence - (change in drop off and pick up routines)
- 18th - Ascension Day Mass in Church 11am
- 19th - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer fayre (donations of bottles and luxury toys)
- 25th - Reception Class Vision Checks (0-19 team)
- 25th - Y6 trip to Lancashire Mining Museum
- 26th - May procession Church 11am
- 26th - Close for Whit Half-term (2 weeks)

June

- 12th - Children return to school
- 12th - Year 4 Multiplication tables check
- 12th - Y4 start swimming (each Monday for 5 weeks)
- 16th - Own clothes day for PTFA Summer fayre
- 16th - Nursery & Reception Fathers Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 19th - Nursery September 2023 intake meeting (3.30pm)
- 20th - Y6 Leavers Photographs
- 20th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)
- 22nd - Reception September 2023 intake meeting (1.30pm & 4pm)
- 23rd - EYFS Collective Worship (9am)
- 23rd - PTFA Summer fayre from 3.30pm
- 27th - Sports Day (times TBC)
- 28th - Sports Day Reserve (in the event of bad weather on 27th)
- 29th - St Peter & St Paul Holy Day of Obligation Church 11am
- 30th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip

July

- 1st - Y4 First Holy Communion - Church 12noon
- 3rd - Nursery & Reception trip to Windmill Farm
- 3rd - Y6 De La Salle transition week
- 4th - Times tables workshop for parents (4-5pm)
- 7th - Y6 Leavers Party (4.30pm)
- 11th - Rock Steady Concert (2.15pm)
- 14th - Y6 Leavers Mass Church (11am)
- 21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)



Well done to our stars of the week.

**This week's award is for:
Showing resilience and a positive
attitude to their learning**

Nursery: Noah Rigby

Reception: Teddie Brown

Year 1: Scarlett Waller

Year 2: Sophie Donohue

Year 3: Millie Hampson

Year 4: Thomas Everett

Year 5: Jessica Michalec

Year 6: All of Year 6

Sports Competitions

Today a group of our Year 1 & Year 2 children took part in a multi-skills event held at Newton Health and Fitness Centre. The children demonstrated some excellent skills and team work..

They had lots of fun and enjoyed taking part in the different activities, representing our school so well.