

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 30th June 2023



Thought for the week

Selflessness

"Love God, serve God: Everything is in that."

St. Clare of Assisi

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

It is in those unexpected times of upset and distress when the love of other people really shines through. As you will be aware by now, there was a road traffic accident on Rainford Road on Monday evening. Mrs. Kelly, one of our TAs, was involved in the accident and was taken to hospital. She has since been sent home but is in a lot of pain. She has injuries and swelling in her pelvic area and will need complete rest to fully recover.

As the accident happened at home time, many of our parents were about and offered their help in many ways. I wish to extend a sincere expression of gratitude to those parents who were completely selfless and acted so calmly and quickly in calling for emergency services and for reassuring Mrs. Kelly.

Please keep Beth and her family in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

In light of this incident, I am now in the process of contacting highways agency, police, St. Helens council (and any other agency I can think of) to come and assess the safety of the junction, especially at peak times. In the meantime, please take extra care during pick up and drop off times and just be extra patient when the area is busy.

SVP shop opens today!

There is a new SVP shop being officially opened today which is amazing news!

The shop is located at 175 Cambridge Road, St Helens WA10 4HA

The shop will be selling good quality clothes and other goods to help the people in St Helens, raise money for the work of the SVP and equally importantly to act as an additional place where people who need help can call in.



Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

On Thursday, the whole school went to celebrate the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul at Mass with Fr. Michael.

The children, once again, read and sang beautifully and it really was an uplifting service.

Thank you to Fr. Michael and massive thanks to all the parents/family members who helped in walking the children to and from church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sports day

Unfortunately, our sports day on Tuesday was called off due to the field being wet from the rain. It was a tough call but we have to put the safety of all our children and their families first. It has been rescheduled to Monday, 10th July with the following timings:

EYFS - 9.00—10.00am

Key stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) - 10.00—11.30am

Key stage 2 (years 3-6) - 1.30—3.00pm.

Many thanks for your understanding and fingers crossed for better weather on the 10th July!

Strike updates

Just a reminder that there will be industrial action taking place on Wednesday, 5th July and Friday, 7th July that will affect children in Year 1—6. School will be closed to all children in these classes for the 2 days.

Transition for the children in Year 6 should not be affected.

School will be open to EYFS only (nursery and reception classes)

Children's charity work

It is lovely to hear how our children are being ambassadors of our faith outside of school and showing that they are kind and compassionate towards others.

Last week, Oliver Bell in Year 4 was congratulated for his money raising efforts for Liverpool Women's Hospital.

This week we have two more children doing amazing things for their chosen charities:

Esther Wilcock in Year 4:

Esther has created a sponsor page on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and she set herself a goal of raising £120 for the charity. Esther has exceeded her goal and has raised over £250!

Barney Graney in Year 5:

Barney, together with his rugby team mates are joining the Saints Community Foundation in doing a 9-mile sponsored walk on Friday 7th July.

The walk will be starting at St. Helens Rugby Stadium and ending at Warrington Wolves Stadium.

Once arriving at Warrington, they will walk around the stadium before the Saints v Warrington match and then get to watch the game! This is all in aid of St. Helens Mind charity for mental health.

If you wish to support with this, please either see Barney's mum (Emma) or me for further information.

First Holy Communion

Please keep the children in Year 4 in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

We look forward to celebrating with the children and their families as they receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

"Just because we delete things or close things down, this doesn't mean people still can't see it. We leave a digital footprint. Think about what you are about to do before you do it on the internet."

- Sofia B

Parent tip - Have you set up parental controls on your child's device?

End of summer term

Please be aware that the last day of the summer term is

Friday, 21st July.

Children will finish school at 1.30pm.

Please note there will be no after school club on this day.

Thank you.

Mersey Care Mental Health Support Team Information

Following feedback from parents and carers, we are looking to increase awareness of the Mersey Care Mental Health Support Team in your school.

Below is a link to the Mersey Care Mental Health Support Team webpage where you will find information about the team and some resources and videos from young people who have benefitted from our input.

<https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/warrington/mental-health-support-teams-1>

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

**Ready,
Set,
Read!**

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

1 in 5 children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and skills. We're on a mission to change this and we need your help!

We invite you to encourage your children to take up the **Summer Reading Challenge**. It's the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries.

Children can sign up at their local library from **July 10th**.

Last year, in St Helens, over 1500 children joined the Challenge and we would like to beat that number this year!

For children who took part in 2022:

- **77% read more** over the summer holidays
- **75% improved** their reading skills
- **71% felt more confident** about their reading

How it works:

- Children sign up at any library in St Helens and receive a collector folder as well as a tote bag with a free book.
- They borrow 6 books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers.
- Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate.
- Children can take part online, too! www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

For further details contact your local library.

Important Dates for your Diary

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)
- 5th - Strike Day (only Nursery and Reception in school)
- 6th - Y2 trip to Speke Hall
- 7th - Strike Day (only Nursery and Reception in school)
- 7th - Y6 Leavers Party (4.30pm)
- 10th - Sports Day (EYFS 9-10am, KS1 10-11.30am, KS2 1.30-3.00pm)
- 10th - Reports will be sent home during this week
- 11th - KS2 Discovery and Learning Festival
- 11th - Rock Steady Concert (2.15pm)
- 12th - Y6 Leavers End of Year Show at De La Salle (5pm)
- 13th - Nursery & Reception New Intake Taster Day (times TBC)
- 17th - Y6 End of Year Awards & Collective Worship in school (4.30pm)
- 18th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)
- 19th - Y1 Trip to Catalyst Museum
- 19th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)
- 20th - Performing Arts End of Year Production (5pm)
- 21st - End of Summer term (finish at 1.30pm)

Sports Competitions

On Monday a group of Year 1 children took part in a 3v3 football event at Ruskin Drive

The children did really well and enjoyed the afternoon.

Yesterday, our Y5/Y6 Quadkids team competed at Sutton Athletics Track. They had to complete a 75m sprint, 600m run, a Vortex howler throw and a standing long jump.

Of the 16 schools competing, we amazingly finished in 1st place. Each child received a gold medal and the winners trophy for school.

Well done to the children who competed,
we are very proud of your achievements!