

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 21st July 2023



## *Thought for the week*

*"I said to myself,  
"Relax, because the Lord takes care of you".*

**Psalm 116:7**

## Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

What a way to finish our academic year of 2022/2023....and what a year it has been! I feel that every year goes quicker than the last and this has been no exception. The year has flown over and we have had so many achievements, accomplishments, celebrations and things to be thankful for. This week alone has been full of achievements and emotional celebrations:

- Year 6 led a beautiful Collective Worship for their families on Monday evening, followed by an award presentation, where each child received special gifts to remind them of their primary years and friendships.
- Nursery children really enjoyed their celebrations with their families on Wednesday, where they all received an award for being special and unique.
- Year 2 celebrated their graduation into Key Stage 2 with their families with songs, readings and awards.
- Year 5 have shared a Collective Worship for their families and friends.
- Three fantastic productions of 'The Rocky Monster Show' which were absolutely amazing. Well done to our Performing Arts group.
- Our school being ranked 2nd out of all Merseyside schools (see link: <https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/education/top-12-best-primary-schools-in-merseyside-as-named-by-the-sunday-times-4220266>)

St. Thomas of Canterbury is such a special place to be and I am incredibly proud of all the children across each year group for what they have achieved this year.

I am also incredibly thankful to the wonderful staff who work hard to ensure the very best opportunities, experiences and outcomes for all children.

Thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support throughout the year.

Here's to another successful year starting in September!

*Thank you Lord for this year;*

*for the challenges,*

*the successes and the lessons*

*from which we have learnt.*

*Give us the strength and courage to do what is right.*

*Keep us safe in your love. Amen*

Have a Great  
Summer.

## Growing Together in God's Love

### Year 6 Leavers

What a special evening we had with our Year 6 children and their families as they gathered together on Monday evening to reminisce and celebrate their St. Thomas of Canterbury journey.

It was a such a lovely, memorable occasion filled with prayer, song, laughter, memories and a few tears!

Many thanks to Mr. Hale and Mrs. Woodward for all of their hard work, time and effort into making it an occasion to remember and a perfect finish for our Y6 children.

We wish them all the very best of luck and love as they move on to their new schools.

They will always be part of our school family and we look forward to hearing how they are doing in the future.



### **September 2023**

Children return to school on Monday, 4th September (gates open at 8.40am)

Full uniform to be worn but if the weather is still warm, summer uniform can be worn.

**All children must wear school shoes (no trainers).**

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\* On behalf of all the staff at St. \*  
\* Thomas of Canterbury, thank you \*  
\* for all the kind words, cards and \*  
\* gifts received over the last few \*  
\* days. \*  
\* Your kindness and generosity are \*  
\* really appreciated - thank you. \*  
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### **New (academic) Year Resolution**

Since the pandemic, attendance levels at schools across the country have declined and have not fully recovered, with absence rates across schools nationally still well above pre-covid levels. Our school also shows a decline in attendance and an increase in unauthorised family holidays.

Improving attendance is going to be a top priority for school in 2023/2024 so I am making a new year resolution for everyone, starting the first day in September!

Each family must endeavour to send their child(ren) to school every day and aim for 100% attendance (or as close to 100% as possible).

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**



### **Grease at St Helens Theatre**

Four of our children (Nicole, Flossy, Georgia and Ewan) are performing at the St Helens Theatre Royal in Dream Academy's production of Grease.

18th—20th August and tickets start at £20.

Tickets available at  
sthelentheatreroyal.com or call  
01744 756000

We wish them the best of luck.

### **Donations of clothes**

Mrs. Burrows, one of our grandparents of the school and ex-governor, has asked for donations of any clothes to be brought into school. This is to help refugees who arrive in the UK with absolutely nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

If any donations could be bagged and labelled (eg: male size L/child aged 3-4 etc) that would be great. Thank you.



### **Mums on the Run are celebrating too!**

Our 'Mums on the Run' running group was set up a couple of years ago now by one of our mums (and now a member of staff) Jenny Dickinson, and the group meet every Tuesday evening. They cater for all running abilities and they promise that no one gets left behind.

Well, Jenny has been nominated and is a finalist for BBC Merseyside's 'great neighbour award' for setting up the running group and encouraging likeminded people to go out, get running and keep fit. BBC have filmed the group this week before their weekly run which is exciting in itself, but Jenny will now compete with other finalists during a glitzy award ceremony at the Titanic Hotel in Liverpool in September!

What an amazing achievement and good luck Jenny!