

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 1st December 2023

This week's Gospel



"Be on your guard, stay awake"

Mark 13: 33-37

This week's Gospel Value has been:

Hope (Advent week 1)

The next Gospel Value will be:

Peace (Advent week 2)

Mrs. Rawlinson's messages

What a huge success last week's Christmas Fayre was. There was such a lovely atmosphere all around school with lots of happy, smiling faces and excited children. Thank you to everyone for coming and supporting our school.



A massive thank you to the PTFA for their hard work, determination, team work and attention to detail. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all our school community.

I must thank Santa as well for taking time out of his schedule at his busiest time of year to come and see our children at St. Thomas of Canterbury!

Even Boots made an appearance! I have it on good authority that he had a great time welcoming everyone at the door!

PTFA will be selling sweets at pickup (3.10/3.15pm) on 8th December.

Every penny given to PTFA events throughout the year will be spent on our children, so far this term the PTFA have raised over £3500 from the Christmas Fayre, the Lottery, Xmas4schools and the Halloween discos!

- ⇒ Recently, the children have had a trip to the cinema and the cost of the transport was paid for by the PTFA;
- ⇒ All the children took part in an African Drumming workshop held in school and paid for by PTFA
- ⇒ Altru Drama company are coming to school to perform Pinocchio for the children on 11th December, this will also be paid for by the PTFA
- ⇒ Redesign of a classroom to create a therapeutic room for all children to access.

So, on behalf of our children—thank you!

On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

WEAR IT WELL FOR WILLOWBROOK and MARY'S MEALS

Our Chosen Christmas Charities

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER



The children are asked to come to school wearing something festive on their heads as part of the Willowbrook 'Wear it Well' fundraiser. Alternatively, children can wear their Christmas jumpers if they have nothing to wear in their hair or on their head. Children are asked to bring a donation (suggested £1 per child) for this good cause.

We are combining this with our second charity—Mary's Meals, which helps to provide meals to some of the world's poorest countries.

As always THANK YOU!

Mrs Houghton.

Junior Parkrun

St. Thomas of Canterbury 'take over' at Junior Parkrun!

This will be taking place on Sunday, 10th December at 9.00am at Victoria Park.



It would be amazing to have as many of our children there (there will be goodies too!)

To take part, all you need is a barcode (use google for this) or come and speak with Mrs Rawlinson who will be more than happy to help you.

My aim is to get as many children as active as possible as it is good for physical and mental health for everyone. Children (and accompanying adults) can walk, jog or run the 2km course but most of all you get to enjoy the fresh air and make new friends.

The NHS needs your help at Christmas!

Calling all children! We need your help again this Christmas! 🎄👤

Can you draw a Christmas picture or make a card to cheer up our patients and brighten their stay this festive season? ✨

Post or email your pictures to the details as shown.

Thank you.



KS2 Carols in Church

Our KS2 children will be performing Carols in Church on Tuesday, 19th December.

Time is yet to be confirmed but we will let you know in the coming weeks.

Rock Steady

The children who have music with Rock Steady will be performing for parents on Tuesday, 12th December at 2.30pm

Nativity Performances

EYFS Nativity

Will take place on:

Monday, 4th December at 2.15pm

Tuesday, 5th December at 9.30am

KS1 Nativity

Will take place on:

Monday, 11th December at 3.30pm

Tuesday, 12th December at 9.30am

Breakfast With Santa

Children are invited to join Breakfast with Santa at 8am in school on Wednesday, 20th December.

Letters have been sent home earlier this week with information on how to book your child's place.

Christmas dinner day

Christmas dinner day will be held on Thursday, 7th December.

Please note we are unable to take any further orders for children who normally have packed lunch.

The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.

Pinocchio

We are excited to welcome Altru Drama group into school on the morning of Monday, 11th December. Their mission is to offer high quality, engaging performances during the festive season.

We know that many children may not have seen a theatre performance yet and we want to give them an engaging, exciting and memorable experience this year. We are excited to welcome them into school.

We would like to thank the PTFA for funding this event.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

December

- 4th - EYFS Christmas Nativity (2.15pm)
- 5th - EYFS Christmas Nativity (9.30am)
- 6th - Y4,Y5,Y6 visit to Liverpool International Slavery Museum
- 7th - Christmas Dinner Day
- 8th - Christmas jumper/wear it well for Willowbrook day
- 8th - School Choir to visit the Dementia Café
- 8th - PTFA sweet sale (pick up time 3.10/3.15pm)
- 10th - Park Run (Victoria Park 9am)
- 11th - Altru Drama performance of Pinocchio (1.30pm)
- 11th - KS1 Christmas play (3.30pm start)
- 12th - KS1 Christmas play (9.30am start)
- 12th - Rock Steady Performance (2.30pm)
- 18th - Y1 & Y2 Christmas parties (during the afternoon in school)
- 19th - KS2 Carol Service in Church (9.30am)
- 19th - Y3 & Y4 Christmas parties (during the afternoon in school)
- 20th - Breakfast with Santa (8am start)
- 20th - Reception & Y6 Christmas parties (during the afternoon in school)
- 21st - Y5 & Y6 Christmas parties (during the afternoon in school)
- 22nd - end of autumn term (school closes for Christmas at 1.30pm)

Attendance at school

Good attendance at school is not just valuable — it is essential.

Attendance at school is not just for the academic progress your child will make, but is also important for developing personal qualities too, such as:

- ◆ Friendships
- ◆ Social skills
- ◆ Team and school values
- ◆ Cultural awareness
- ◆ Life skills etc

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 1st December 2023 the whole school attendance is 96%

Reception = 97.5%

Year 1 = 97%

Year 2 = 90.42%

Year 3 = 95%

Year 4 = 94.6%

Year 5 = 100%

Year 6 = 97.5%