

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 19th January 2024



This week's Gospel

"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1:14-20

(You can share this week's Gospel together at home by using the Wednesday Word on our website)

Mrs. Rawlinson's message

I always have reason to say 'thank you' to parents and families and this week is no exception; thank you for your efforts on Tuesday in getting the children to school safely in the snow. We had excellent attendance on Tuesday, despite the snow and obvious traffic issues it brings. The children were allowed to play in the snow for a short amount of time (before they got too cold) and they had lots of fun building snowmen, making footprints and being out with their friends. In future, I would recommend children bring a change of footwear in snowy conditions so they can play for longer (wellies would be ideal).

Today we ended our first 'block' of teaching in history and we have celebrated the new knowledge and learning the children have been immersed in over the last two weeks. This new initiative will also help to develop children's oracy by allowing them more opportunities to speak aloud to different audiences for different purposes, as the children will be telling the rest of the school what they have been learning, as they did so eloquently today. To further deepen the children's knowledge it would be beneficial to continue the conversation at home.

To help, here are the topics that have been taught:

EYFS—communication in the past

Year 1—The First Man on the Moon

Year 2—Queen Elizabeth II

Year 3—Ancient Civilisations

Year 4—The Romans

Year 5—Anglo Saxons

Year 6—Transport

Next week we will be embarking on a week of art. This will be for one week, so next Friday's assembly will be based around the work and learning in art.

All of this are actions towards our School Improvement Plan—thank you for supporting us on our journey of continued improvement.

Fairtrade Week

Unfortunately, our special visitor was too ill to come to school today, but we will continue to mark Fairtrade week next week.



This is an important part of our Live Simply action plan. Please look for the Fairtrade logo when shopping.

Parents Forum for Spring Term

The next parents forum meeting will be held on Monday, 11th March at 5pm.

To discuss:

- New style curriculum and impact.
- Reading at home
- Spelling
- AOB

ALL ARE INVITED.

PLEASE DO COME ALONG.

Lowe House Little Church

Lowe House Little Church is up and running again at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, but we do need more help!

We need two more people to lead, and four more helpers, as each group must have an extra adult for each session.

If we have enough help, we only need to be on a rota for one session per month.

Please have a think about helping or leading a group. It's a short session and we're only out of Mass for a little while, but the children enjoy it so much and it makes Mass more understandable for them.

Looking forward to hearing from you! Please contact Carol on 07985553413

Fruit for Key Stage 2 children

The children in key stage 2 will now start to receive free fruit as part of a Government funded scheme. The fruit will be delivered for three days each week on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. Any fruit left over from each of these days will be given out on the two remaining week days.

The fruit is for morning snacks, allowing the children access to healthier choices.

Unhealthy snacks are discouraged for morning play.

Nursery Admissions for 2024

We still have 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available in our Nursery 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:

Child tip: "If you have a social media account, make sure that you have asked your parents to look at the privacy settings and that it is set to a private account." Macey V

Parent tip: Have you checked the privacy settings for your child's social media accounts?

Mental Health Support Team

WELLBEING WEBINARS

Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN

4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE

Zoom

(link will be emailed)



To register please email which
webinar you want to attend to
events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available
for safety purposes.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

January

- 22nd - Fairtrade Week
29th - Y6 SATs Parents Meeting at 4.30pm

February

- 2nd - Y5 attending Crucial Crew
5th - Y5 Bikeability Training - different group each day throughout this week
5th - Y4 Trip to Deva Discovery Centre Chester
7th - Young Voices Concert
9th - end of Spring term 1 (break for February half-term)
19th - Staff Inset Day
20th - School Re-opens (doors open from 8.40am)
23rd - Year 5 start swimming sessions (runs for 5 weeks)
26th - KS1 Fencing starts after school until 4.15pm (running for 5 weeks)

March

- 1st - Y1/Y2 Trip to World Museum Liverpool
4th - Whole school photographs (Academy Photography)
7th - Y3 Trip to World Museum Liverpool
13th - Parents Afternoon (1.30pm - 6pm)
20th - Y4 First Forgiveness (5pm)
21st - PTFA Easter Bingo
25th - Y6 Residential (The Conway Centre) leave at 10am
27th - Y6 return from Residential
28th - end of Spring term (school closes for Easter at 1.30pm)

Attendance at school

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

Attendance and punctuality 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 19th January 2024 the whole school attendance is 95.97%

Reception = 95.56%

Year 1 = 97.32%

Year 2 = 95.40%

Year 3 = 94.44%

Year 4 = 96.93%

Year 5 = 94.44%

Year 6 = 97.78%