

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 26th January 2024



## This week's Gospel

*"The people were so astonished...*

*and Jesus' reputation rapidly spread everywhere"*

Mark 1:21-28

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

## **Mrs. Rawlinson's message**

Our week began with a launch assembly to get Art week off to a great start. The children in every class have been immersed in developing their artistic knowledge and skills related to the following artists and artistic styles:

EYFS: James Rizzi

Reception: Bryan Nash Gill

Year 1: David Mackie

Year 2: Aboriginal art

Year 3: Elizabeth Catlett

Year 4: Roman Mosaics

Year 5: Klee, Holbein and Kahlo (portraits)

Year 6: Kara Walker, Banksy and Cornelia Parker

The week culminated in a fabulous child-led celebration assembly where the children were able to speak so confidently about the learning that has taken place this week. Their knowledge about each artist and artistic style was impressive and their artwork produced was creative and truly amazing (see our X/twitter feed for images of the children's work).

Well done to all our artists. You are amazing!

We also had two special visitors this week: Moira from Cafod who told everyone about the importance of Fairtrade; and Usborne books returned with books for each class after our very successful book fair held in the autumn term. We managed to secure over £1000 worth of books for the school which have now been distributed between the classes. A massive thank you to all who purchased books at the book fair. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Finally, just raising awareness of a change that will be happening in September 2024.....giving you plenty of notice.... There will be changes made to the length of the school day. The government requires that by September 2024 all primary school children should receive 32.5 hours per week at school. At the moment we are just short of that total amount of hours (only slightly). This means our school day will be:

**Gates open: 8:40am**

**Registers: 8:50am**

**End of day for both KS1 and KS2: 3:20pm (nursery remains unchanged).**

### **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
- Length of school day
- AOB

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served!

ALL ARE INVITED.

PLEASE DO COME ALONG.

### **On-line Safety Tip**

This week's tip is:

**Child tip:** ".Avoid clicking on links (usually underlined in blue) to websites that you don't recognise - especially if you receive these in an email " Vertity R

**Parent tip:** Are you aware of how to report any incidents and where you can report them? This website can help: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>

### **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 26th January 2024 the whole school attendance is 96.13%

Reception = 96.3%

Year 1 = 96.6%

Year 2 = 94.7%

Year 3 = 96.9%

Year 4 = 96.7%

Year 5 = 95.9%

Year 6 =95.7%



Lent is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that we are all members of a global family. Through the simple action of walking we can remind ourselves that we are all connected and by joining forces we can make a huge difference

For Lent 2024, St Thomas of Canterbury is once again working with CAFOD and hoping to raise money to help hardworking people get the tools and training they have asked for to put food on their tables.

Our challenge is to walk 200km in 40 days during Lent beginning on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and to get family and friends to sponsor. This is 5km a day but it doesn't have to be 5km all in one go instead it can be spread out over the day such as the walk to and from school or if you do a 15-minute cycle this is equivalent to a 5km walk. A 35-minute exercise class is also equivalent to a 5km walk. Your effort and participation are appreciated regardless of whether you achieve the 5km a day target or not so please get walking every little bit counts!

We will be doing our part in school by taking the children on a planned walk.

Nursery and Reception	Walk around the school grounds and field. (laps of the school field)  Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 1.30 pm
Year One and Year Two	As above but a greater distance. Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 1.30 pm
Year Three and Year Four	A walk around the cemetery Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 9.00 am
Year Five and Year Six.	A walk to and around Victoria Park. Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 9.00am

## Growing Together in God's Love

### Important Dates for your Diary

#### January

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

11th - Parents Forum Meeting ( 5pm)

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)

## **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