

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 2nd February 2024



## This week's Gospel Message

"Love is the first ingredient in the relief of suffering."

St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

## Mrs. Rawlinson's message

I have exciting news for you all - our prayer garden is complete!

The project has taken longer than we originally anticipated due to the amount of rain we have had, followed by the frost.

Our next steps is to have it officially opened before it is used; with a very special guest coming back to St. Thomas of Canterbury to officially open it for us. I am now in the process of arranging a suitable time and date for Zachary (Mrs. Shields son) to open it for us and for Fr. Michael to bless it for us. More information to come - watch this space.

More exciting news.....work will be soon be starting on a therapeutic room as all the necessary furniture and furnishings have now been delivered to school. Again, watch this space for further updates.

Even more exciting news.... Young Voices is happening on Wednesday next week. Watch out for videos and photos on our social media platforms. It certainly is one of the highlights of the year. For the parents who are coming along to watch—you are in for a treat!

We have launched our science topic this week and this will continue into next week as well. The children are now being scientists for a fortnight. This will round up a successful half term of our new curriculum implementation. Looking forward to hearing parental feedback during our forthcoming parent forum meeting on 11th march at 5.00pm.

## On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

**Child tip:** "Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are." Max M

**Parent tip:** The best way to keep your child safe online is to talk to them about the kinds of things they are accessing.



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

## **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

# Growing Together in God's Love

## Important Dates for your Diary

### February

- 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)

## 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 2nd February 2024 the whole school attendance is 98.13%

Reception = 98.89%

Year 1 = 98.85%

Year 2 = 98.47%

Year 3 = 95.19%

Year 4 = 99.26%

Year 5 = 97.78%

Year 6 = 98.52%

# St Helens StoryFest

10th - 17th February

A **Wondrous** Storytelling Festival for Families

Tickets **£3.10** or **£10** for a group of 4. Book online at [wonderarts.co.uk](http://wonderarts.co.uk)

Kid Carpet:  
**The Noisy  
Garden Centre**



**St Helens Library**  
Saturday 10th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Daryl & Co:  
**Boxed In**



**Chester Lane Library**  
Monday 12th February  
2.30pm

Angel Exit Theatre:  
**Book Club for  
Super Spies**



**Haydock & Moss Bank Libraries**  
Tuesday 13th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hands Down Circus:  
**Tape That**



**Thatto Heath Library**  
Wednesday 14th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hurly Burly:  
**You are the Sun**



**Chester Lane Library**  
Thursday 15th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Oliver Sykes:  
**Fishing for Rainbows**



**Eccleston Library**  
Friday 16th February  
10.30am

Crows Nest Theatre:  
**Is that a Yeti Hetty?**



**Eccleston Library**  
Friday 16th February  
11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm & 2.00pm

Oliver Sykes:  
**Creative Writing  
Workshop**



**Eccleston Library**  
Friday 16th February  
2.30pm

Of the Jackal:  
**SPLAT!**



**Newton Le Willows Library**  
Saturday 17th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm