

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 23rd February 2024



This week's Gospel

"This is my son, the beloved. Listen to Him."

Mark 9: 2-10

Mrs. Rawlinson's message

Introducing 'Beckets'

We have transformed the out of hours/breakfast club room into a therapeutic room, now to be called **'Beckets'**.

All children have visited Beckets over the course of the week and have had the opportunity to spend time there for their lessons. Their reactions on their first visit were amazing; they were totally amazed by the transformation and very excited.



Each class will now have time allocated each week to do their learning in Beckets which is something they are already looking forward to.

This new addition to our school will have so many benefits for our children and has been made possible by our wonderful parents and families. The funding is thanks to the many PTFA events we have in school, the incredible support from our families with these events and, of course, the wonderful work and support from our PTFA volunteers.

On behalf of our children—thank you!

Remember, Beckets is open to all children for breakfast and after school (including nursery children).

Payment details on website and payment through the School Money app.

Photographs have been uploaded to X and parents attending our forthcoming parents forum meeting on 11th March can visit the room and see it in action!

Allergy Awareness

POLITE REMINDER:

We are a nut free school and are allergy aware.

Please do not send any nuts/nut based food/food that may contain nuts to school.

There are also children with allergies other than nuts (e.g. milk, dairy, wheat, soya etc)

Please do speak with your child about allergies and the importance of not sharing food with others.

The KS2 Government Fruit Scheme was a trial and came to an end at half-term. However, as the children enjoyed the fruit, we want to continue to encourage them to bring fruit in for morning snack time, which is better for everyone!

Thank you.

Junior Parkrun at Victoria Park

In the autumn term we held a 'St Thomas of Canterbury takeover' of Junior Parkrun at Victoria Park and it really was such a wonderful event. The children (and adults) who took part had a great time and were rewarded with special treats at the end of the run!

I promised there would be three of these takeover days throughout the course of the year, so the next agreed date for our school takeover is Sunday, 24th March.

It would be great to see even more of our children taking part for the spring term Parkrun. All you have to do is go to the Parkrun website, register your child and get a barcode. Bring the barcode along with you to the run and that's it!

Junior Parkrun is a free, weekly event.

You can run, jog, walk or skip the 2km - whichever way you do it, it is fun!

Please get Sunday, 24th March in your diaries and I hope to see you there!

There will be a third and final takeover day in the summer term too.

On-line Safety Tip

This week's tip is:

Child tip: "If you talk to someone online and they make you feel uncomfortable, remember that you don't have to talk back to them.

Sofia B

Parent tip: If your child uses a search engine independently, are the safe search settings activated?

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, we are taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk to support our global neighbours.

The challenge is to walk 200km in 40 days during Lent which began on 14th February.

Each class will be going on a Lenten walk during the school day as we play our part in the fundraising.

Y5 and Y6 took part in their walk on Thursday and other classes will be completing their walks next week.

To make things easier, rather than finding sponsors, we are simply asking for a donation to CAFOD instead.

Please could you send any donations into school on the day of your child's walk so that we may forward your generous contributions to CAFOD?

Please place all donations in a labelled envelope.

Thanks so much to you all for your continued support.

Mrs Houghton.



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

26th - KS1 Fencing starts after school until 4.15pm (running for 5 weeks)

March

4th - Whole school photographs (Academy Photography)

6th - Y3 visit to Ecclestone Library (1.30pm)

8th - Reception Mother's Day Assembly (2.30pm)

11th - Parents Forum Meeting (5pm)

13th - Parents Afternoon (1.30pm - 6pm)

15th - Stations of the Cross (11am)

20th - Y4 First Forgiveness (5pm)

21st - PTFA Easter Bingo (4pm)

25th - Y6 Residential (The Conway Centre) leave at 10am

26th - Rock Steady Performance (2pm)

27th - Y6 return from Residential

27th - Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade - time TBC

28th - end of Spring term (school closes for Easter at 1.30pm)

April

10th - School Re-opens for Summer term (doors open from 8.40am)

22nd - Nursery/Reception Living Eggs (chicks) delivered

May

1st - Y3 visit to Liverpool Museum (re-arranged from 7th March)

3rd - Y1/Y2 visit to Liverpool Museum (re-arranged from 1st March)

22nd - Y5 Trip to Tatton Park

24th - End of Summer term 1 (school closes for Whit half-term)

Attendance

For week ending Friday 23rd February 2024 the whole school attendance is 97.05%

Reception = 96.19%

Year 1 = 96.55%

Year 2 = 94.09%

Year 3 = 99.52%

Year 4 = 97.14%

Year 5 = 95.71%

Year 6 = 99.52%