



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Thursday, 28th March 2024



This week's Gospel

*"Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God!
Christ is risen! Christ is alive!"*

Pope Francis

Mrs. Rawlinson's message

Time flies when you're having fun, and this is very much the case this term; spring term completed in the blink of an eye! It certainly has been a busy yet fun filled time with so many activities and so much learning taking place. Our new style curriculum has been a great success with positive feedback received from both children and parents. We will continue to monitor the delivery and impact of the new style over the summer term and make any necessary 'tweeks' accordingly, but so far, so good.

This term we have:

- ◆ Refurbished a classroom and turned it into our new Becketts therapeutic room
- ◆ Had special visitors to school (Fairtrade, Mary's Meals, Jen Carney (author), Usborne books to name but a few...
- ◆ Taken children to the arena in Manchester for an amazing Young Voices concert
- ◆ Completed parents evening
- ◆ Had fun at the PTFA Easter bingo
- ◆ Rocked out at the termly Rock Steady concert
- ◆ Listened to the Passion of Christ during an incredibly moving Easter service in church
- ◆ Taken children on various sports competitions and events
- ◆ Held a St Thomas of Canterbury Parkrun at Victoria Park
- ◆ Year 4 have made their First Forgiveness
- ◆ Year 6 have been to the Conway Centre on residential
- ◆ Nursery have had a very cute and beautiful Easter bonnet parade.

This term we have also been actively encouraging the children to develop their oracy skills by giving them opportunity to share their learning with the whole school every Friday in assembly. To develop oracy skills is part of our school improvement plan this year and will continue into the summer term.

All that is left for me to say at this stage is to wish you all a very happy, restful and Holy Easter. I hope you get the time to spend with family, friends and loved ones and that the sun will come out and make an appearance!

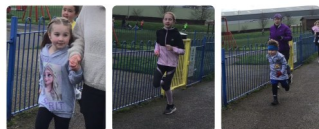
Happy Easter everyone and see you back in school on Wednesday, 10th April.

When we return we will be saying goodbye to Miss Lloyd (TA in reception class) who has secured a new job elsewhere. Miss Lloyd will be finishing here on Friday, 12th April and starts as an Assistant Speech and Language Therapist the following week. Although she will be greatly missed, we wish Lyndsey the very best of luck in her new ventures.

Thank you for all you have done for our children at St. Thomas of Canterbury.



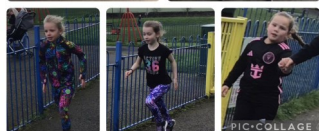
Junior Parkrun



The rain held off long enough on Sunday morning for our children who were taking part in our second school takeover of Junior Parkrun at Victoria Park.



Many thanks and very well done to all our children (and adults) who came along.



We had a super turnout with some children making their Parkrun debut and some achieving a personal best!

It really was a lovely morning with lots of smiling faces. Well done to you all.

We will be doing another school takeover during the summer term. I hope to see as many of you there. Date to be confirmed.

Year 6 Residential



Children in Year 6 have been kayaking, climbing, problem solving, dancing, paddleboarding, quizzing, building a campfire, walking and generally making memories that will last a lifetime!

The Y6 residential has been a great success once again and the children have been an absolute credit to themselves and their families.

Well done to all our children for taking part in all activities with such confidence, enthusiasm and superb team work.

You are all amazing!



Thank you to Mr. Hale, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Bishop and Miss. Singleton for making it happen.

World Autism Acceptance Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we will be marking World Autism Acceptance Week by celebrating and raising awareness of autism and neurodivergence.

Throughout the week we will have different activities and assemblies taking place to help the children understand more autism.

There will be two special assemblies during Friday, 12th April to which parents and family members are warmly invited (adults only need to attend one assembly).

The adults can then stay for tea/coffee, cake and a chat. The times of the assembly will be:

EYFS and KS1 assembly: 9am followed by a coffee morning

KS2 assembly: 2pm followed by a coffee afternoon

The children can wear the colours of the rainbow (non-uniform day) on Friday, 12 April and will be asked to donate £1 with money raised going to the National Autistic Society.

Children with ASC (autistic spectrum condition) or ASC advocates will be leading the assemblies as we strive to empower and support our neurodivergent pupils.

If you would like to get involved in spreading awareness please let Miss. Hitchen know by emailing the school office.

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

April

- 10th - School Re-opens for Summer term (doors open from 8.40am)
- 12th - EYFS & KS1 Autism Assembly followed by coffee morning (9am)
- 12th - KS2 Autism Assembly followed by coffee afternoon (2pm)
- 15th - Y4 Sacramental Workshop (5pm)
- 22nd - Nursery/Reception Living Eggs (chicks) delivered

May

- 1st - Y3 visit to Liverpool Museum (re-arranged from 7th March)
- 1st - Reception Vision Screening
- 3rd - Y1/Y2 visit to Liverpool Museum (re-arranged from 1st March)
- 6th - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 9th - Service of the Word Ascension Day Mass (11am)
- 10th - PTFA Family Quiz Night at Ruskin
- 13th - Y6 SATs week (Monday - Thursday)
- 20th - Y4 Sacramental Workshop (5pm)
- 22nd - Y5 Trip to Tatton Park
- 24th - May Procession (11am)
- 24th - End of Summer term 1 (school closes for Whit half-term)

Message from St Mary's Lowe House

On Good Friday morning in St Mary's Lowe House Parish Hall, Crab Street entrance, there will be stations of the cross for children aged 6-12, accompanied by an adult.

This is an opportunity for the children to learn about Jesus' journey to our salvation. There will be drama, singing, reflections and prayers. The session will take place from 10.30am until 11.30am and will be followed by light refreshments, including hot cross buns and drinks. If there are any food allergies, please let us know beforehand.

The session will be led by Pat Johnson and Jane Bowyer who are both Catholic teachers and have enhanced DBS certification.

We look forward to seeing you on Good Friday. Email: janebowyer2@gmail.com

Attendance

For week ending Thursday, 28th March 2024 the whole school attendance is 93.48%

Reception = 98.57%

Year 1 = 100%

Year 2 = 89.16%

Year 3 = 90.48%

Year 4 = 91.90%

Year 5 = 89.05%

Year 6 = 95.24%