

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 30th September 2022



Thought for the Week

“Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.
Do all that you do with love”

St. Therese of Lisieux

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

This week began with a very exciting assembly for the whole school about the forthcoming Rugby World Cup. Two coaches from St. Helens visited the children to explain more about the teams/countries taking part in all of the categories and told us about the matches being held in St. Helens. Following on from a very successful weekend for St. Helens, this assembly was perfectly timed! We will be hearing more about World Cup activities once the competition starts.

The week ended with a lovely MacMillan coffee morning. Helen Shields helped organised our first coffee morning last year and it was very well received, raising a fantastic amount of money for this charity close to the hearts of our school. Thank you to Miss. Hitchen, Mrs. Bishop and our school councillors in helping to organise this year's event. Thank you to all the adults who joined us this morning and enjoyed a cuppa, cake and a chat.

We continue to keep Helen and her family in our prayers.

St. Thomas of Canterbury Mini Vinnies at Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

On Tuesday evening, our Mini Vinnies travelled to Liverpool to the Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

The children led a procession around the Cathedral with Archbishop Malcolm and his priests following. Archbishop Malcolm led the Mass in honour of St. Vincent de Paul and thanked the congregation (adults and children) for continuing the charitable work in helping those who are lonely, sick, struggling and need a helping hand.

The children were impeccably behaved and had a lovely evening. Thank you, I was very proud of you all.

I will continue to work with the Mini Vinnies throughout the year in turning concern into action.



Mental Health Awareness Day

Monday, 10th October is Mental Health Awareness Day. To help us raise awareness of the importance of mental health, Jayne Aspinall, a Senior Mental Health Nurse, will be in school to lead an assembly about mental health and how we can help ourselves stay mentally fit just as we stay physically fit.

To help promote this event, Jayne has asked that the children wear something yellow (e.g: socks/tee shirt/ ribbons etc) on this day.

New intake for 2022/2023

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 and are considering St. Thomas of Canterbury as one of your choices, then we have new admission meetings coming up, offering a chance to look around our school and speak with the head teacher, Mrs. Rawlinson.

Prospective parents are warmly welcome to visit school on:

Thursday, 13th October at 2.00pm

and

Tuesday, 18th October at 3.30pm.

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school, please pass this information on to them. Many thanks.

Christmas dinner day

Thursday, 8th December.



This is the date set for Christmas dinner and this year all children are invited to have a Christmas dinner.

If your child is normally on packed lunches, they can pre-order a Christmas dinner by letting the office know.

(£2.50 will then be payable via school money on the day).

Orders must be in by Wednesday, 30th November.

Important Dates for your Diary

(more dates will be included as the term progresses)

October

- 3rd - Start of Black History month
- 5th - Y2 World of Glass Visit
- 10th - Parents forum at 5pm– 6pm in meeting room
- 10th - Sacramental Workshop 5-6pm in hall
- 13th - New intake meeting for prospective parents 2pm
- 18th - New intake meeting for prospective parents 3.30pm
- 19th - Parents' evening (face to face)
- 20th - Harvest celebration
- 21st - School closed for children (staff INSET)
- 31st - School closed for children (staff INSET)

November

- 1st - Flu vaccines

December

- 7th - EYFS Nativity
- 9th - Christmas jumper day
- 14th - KS1 Nativity
- 15th - KS2 Nativity
- 21st - End of Autumn term

Class Collective Worships

- "" EYFS (Rec and Nursery) - 11th Nov 2022 & 23rd Jun 2023
- "" Year 1 - 18th November 2022 and 10th February 2023
- "" Year 2 - 16th December 2022 and 17th March 2023
- "" Year 3 - 25th November 2022 and 10th March 2023
- "" Year 4 - 27th March 2023 and 12th May 2023
- "" Year 5 - 2nd December 2022 and 3rd February 2023
- "" Year 6 - 9th December 2022 and 20th January 2023

Parents Forum

The next Parent Forum meeting will be on
Monday, 10th October at 5pm in the meeting room
(not the hall as previously advertised).

Meetings usually last one hour.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Our agenda items so far are:

- * Rainbow Flag award
- * School improvement plan for 2022–2023
- * Parish Links and the reopening of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church
- * School opening times
- * Pencil cases/water bottles/book bags/uniform/communication/homework

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Many, many thanks for all the donations of cake, biscuits and scones for our MacMillan coffee morning.

Our school councillors did a wonderful job in helping make tea and coffee, sell cakes and lead the games. Well done to you all.

Together we have helped raise just over £230.00 which is an incredible amount.



Thank you!

Celebration page



Well done to our stars of the week.

The award this week is for a determined effort and positive attitude during Maths work

Reception: Theo Tarpey

Year 1: Dylan Nolan

Year 2: Austin Muldoon

Year3: Bella Smith

Year 4: Kinley Pennington

Year 5: Molly Critchley

Year 6: Zachary Shields

PTFA news

We will be holding a meeting for EVERYONE at Ruskin sports centre (Sticky Wicket) on Thursday, 6th October at 7.30pm.

We will be discussing fundraising events for the year and how to contribute in any way we can (ideas, contacts, creative, financial...any skills you can offer would be great!)

All ideas welcome. All parents welcome (Reception and nursery parents also, please come along and see what we are all about).

We are a friendly bunch and would love to see new faces!

Growing Together in God's Love

Sacramental Preparation for Year 4

2022 - 2023

The children in Year 4 are invited to start their Sacramental journey through a series of workshops leading to their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.

The dates for the programme are as follows:

<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Workshop/activity</u>	<u>Who should attend</u>
During school day on Monday, 3rd October 2022	Lowe House Church	<u>Sacramental Workshop 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Come to the water (booklet 1)	Children only (with teachers)
Monday, 10 th October 2022 <u>5.00 – 6.00pm</u>	school hall	<u>Sacramental Workshop 2</u> Called by name (booklet 2)	Parents/carers and children
Monday, 14 th November 2022 5.00 – 6.00pm	school hall	<u>Sacramental Workshop 3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Come back to me (booklet 3)	Parents/carers and children
<i>During school time, children will complete their preparation for First Reconciliation</i>			
During Advent Details to be confirmed		First Reconciliation	Parents/carers and children
Monday, 6 th February 2023 5.00 – 6.00pm	school hall	<u>Sacramental Workshop 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A new way of living (booklet 4)Teach us to pray (booklet 5)	Parents/carers and children
Monday, 17 th April 2023 5.00 – 6.00pm	school hall	<u>Sacramental Workshop 5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jesus brings us together (booklet 6)Jesus calls us to follow him (booklet 7)	Parents/carers and children
<i>During school time, children will complete their preparation for First Holy Communion</i>			
May 2023 Details to be confirmed		Celebration of Communion	All family

More information about the Sacramental programme will be shared on the evening of Monday, 10th October.

If your child is Catholic, has been baptised and you wish for them to receive their Sacraments of Forgiveness and the Eucharist, then these are the dates you need.

If your child is not Catholic or has not been baptised, they can still take part in the workshops and celebrations but will not receive the Sacraments.

If you have any questions, you can email me on stcparents@sthelens.org.uk

OPEN EVENT
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THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 4.30 – 7.30PM

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RETURNING WOW SCHOOL



Dear parent/carer,

Living Streets' **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

As you know, WOW is a pupil-led behaviour-change initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed, healthy, and ready to learn
- A reduction in congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

Remember, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Park or hop off public transport **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the rest of the way.

The WOW badges

There are 11 new WOW badges to be earned, one for every month of the school year. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

Pupils will be taking part in a *Walk through Time*, earning badges while learning about key historic moments ranging from prehistoric creatures, to ancient societies, to important moments and great journeys that changed the world.

The badges are made in Cornwall from recycled plastic material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

In the UK, over 1,500 schools and around half a million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact

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livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.