

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 4th November 2022



Thought for the Week

“He is not the God of the dead, but of the living
for to Him all are alive”.

Gospel of Luke 20:38

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

Children from Year 2—6 marked All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation) with a very special Mass at church; the first Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury for nearly 3 years and Fr. Michael's first Mass there. It was truly a very special occasion for so many different reasons and I was immensely proud of the children; their reading, singing and participation at the Mass was exceptional.

This occasion also marked the start of a new era for St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

Now, more than ever, we need to further strengthen our links between home, school and parish.

The involvement of our entire school community (children, staff, governors and parents) is pivotal in the success of the church for the future, because, without us, there is no church.

Fr. Michael needs readers, Eucharistic Ministers, greeters, flower arrangers - in fact if you can help in any way at all in keeping church open it would be much appreciated.

Rotas will be set up and the more helpers we have, the better.

You can contact me (lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk) if you wish to volunteer and/or find out more information.

We are very excited in having our church open again and look forward to celebrating Mass, Nativities and First Holy Communion and other Liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

Important dates and celebrations will be shared via this newsletter and the Church's own newsletter.

It is an exciting time and I hope that together, we can make it an incredibly successful time.

Parents evening (rescheduled)

The rescheduled date for Parents' evening is Wednesday, 16th November. Your original allocated time should transfer automatically to this new date, but if you need to change your time slot, you can do this by contacting the school office.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Parents evening take place face-to-face in the school hall. Parents are asked to come in via the school office.

Important Dates for your Diary

November

- 7th - Start of Judaism week
- 9th - School Closed (Mrs Shield's funeral)
- 10th - whole school cinema trip (free for all children, paid for by PTFA)
- 11th - EYFS & Reception class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 14th - school values week
- 14th - Sacramental workshop 5-6pm
- 18th - year 1 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 18th - own clothes day (in return for Christmas fayre donations)
- 25th - year 3 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 25th - own clothes day (in return for Christmas fayre donations)
- 30th - last date to book Christmas dinner

December

- 2nd - year 5 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 2nd - PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 7th - EYFS Nativity (9.30am repeated at 2.30pm)
- 8th - Christmas dinner day
- 9th - Christmas jumper day
- 9th - year 6 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 13th - Rock Steady concert (2.15pm)
- 14th - KS1 Nativity (9.30am repeated at 4.00pm)
- 15th - KS2 Nativity (9.30am repeated at 4.00pm)
- 16th - year 2 class Collective Worship (9.00am)
- 20th - Breakfast with Santa
- 21st - Production of Charlotte's Web for whole school
- 21st - End of Autumn term (1.15pm finish)

January

- 30th - Crucial crew (year 6)

February

- 1st - Young Voices (Performing Arts group)
- 6th - Mental health week
- 6th - Sacramental workshop 3
- 10th - End of Half term

Celebration page



Well done to our stars of the week.

The award this week is for excellent attitude and effort in reading

Reception: Arthur Turner

Year 1: Roman Swift

Year 2: Oliver Pilling

Year3: Zachary Avison

Year 4: Adam Gruszczynski

Year 5: Orla Lynch

Year 6: Fionn Donegan

PTFA

We are starting to plan for the Christmas Fayre, which will take place in school on Friday 2nd December.

We are looking for donations for raffle prizes. If you have your own business and would be willing to donate a prize, this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Cinema Trip - Thursday, 10th November 2022

Mr Hale has secured free cinema tickets for the whole school on Thursday, 10th November 2022.
The children will leave school at 9.30am and travel by coach to Cineworld in St Helens to watch the
10am screening of **The Croods 2 – A New Age**

The PTFA have very kindly agreed to pay the transport cost for this trip, so there is no cost for parents!

Children are allowed to bring a small bag of nut free sweets and a drink to have during the film.

**If you have not yet returned the annual parental consent for a school visit form, this was sent out in
September, please return by Monday, 7th November .**

New intake for 2022/2023

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 and missed our new admission meetings before the half-term and are considering St. Thomas of Canterbury as one of your choices, we have arranged an extra new admission meeting, 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:

22nd November, at 2.00pm

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

School Closed, Wednesday 9th November 2022

A reminder that school will be closed this coming Wednesday, 9th November so that staff
can attend Mrs Shields funeral.

The funeral is being held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church at 1pm.

Thank you for your understanding.