

St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Friday, 25th November 2022



Thought for the week

Advent: The season of hope, peace, joy and love.

A message from Fr. Michael:

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church will re-open on

Saturday, 26th November with Mass at 6.00pm.

This will be the regular weekend Mass time at St Thomas of Canterbury.

There will also be a Mass each Friday at 11.00am at St. Thomas of Canterbury beginning Friday, 16th December for a trial period.

Volunteers are needed to help, such as stewards, collectors, cleaners and Sacristans. All help would be much appreciated, so if you can help, please email:

stmaryandstthomas@rcaol.org.uk

Thank you.

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

I am so happy to have church reopened again and in time for Advent, just as Fr. Michael set out to do. It will be lovely to see our school family at Mass each weekend.

If you can help out with any of the above roles please do email to let them know of your interest and availability.

We are the church and the church needs you!

Year 3 Class Collective Worship

Our Year 3 children led a very special Collective Worship this morning for their families.

The theme was 'hope' and the first candle on our Advent wreath was lit as it marked the first Sunday of Advent.

The children spoke about how we can give hope to others who are most in need.

Thank you, Year 3, your reading and singing was beautiful.



Year 5 Class Collective Worship

Our Year 5 children will be holding their first Class Collective Worship on Friday, 2nd December at 9.00am in the school hall and parents/grandparents of our Year 5 children are warmly invited to celebrate with us.

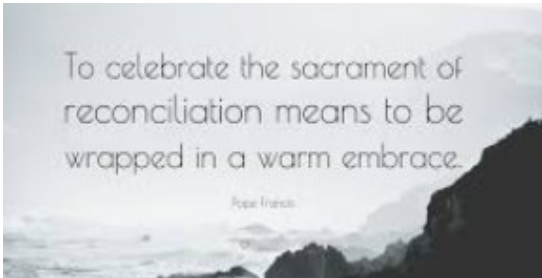
Adults are to come in through the main office area.

We look forward to seeing you there.

First Reconciliation (First Confessions)

The service for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Y4 children will be held on Thursday, 8th December starting at 5.00pm in St. Thomas of Canterbury Church.

The children will be seated at the front of the church and will return to their families once the service is over.



We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Forgiveness with our Year 4 children and their families.

School Games Santa Dash

We will once again be taking part in the School Games 'Santa Dash' on Friday, 9th December.

Children can wear a Santa suit/something red/something festive on this day and each class will be doing a sponsored run (Santa dash) on our school mile track.

Sponsor forms will be sent home with the children next week.

Christmas dinner day

Christmas dinner day is on Thursday, 8th December and children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.

Originally, the 9th December was going to be Christmas jumper day but the children will be wearing something red (or a Santa suit) to join in with the Santa Dash on this day instead.

Thank you for your support in making these activities so much fun for our children.

Christmas coffee afternoon

Our Performing Arts group would like to invite parents and families to a very special coffee afternoon on Friday, 16th December at 2.15pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served whilst the children sing Christmas songs and Carols for you.

It promises to be a very special afternoon and put you in the Christmas spirit.

Come along and enjoy a chat, a brew and the children's performance.

Year 5 and 6 at De La Salle

The Performing Arts team at De La Salle have invited our Year 5 and 6 classes to their production of 'Days Like These: A Rock and Roll Musical Extravaganza' on Tuesday, 13th December.

The performance is during the school day (11.15—12.30pm) so please ensure a sensible shoes and a coat are worn on that day.

Important Dates for your Diary

November

30th - last date to book Christmas dinner

December

2nd - year 5 class Collective Worship (9.00am)

7th - EYFS Nativity (9.30am repeated at 2.30pm)

8th - Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day

9th - Sponsored Santa Dash (children to wear red or a Santa Suit)

9th - year 6 class Collective Worship (9.00am)

13th - Rock Steady concert (2.15pm)

13th - Year 5 & 6 at De La Salle's production of Days Like These

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)

16th - Performing Arts coffee afternoon (from 2.15pm)

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

20th - children return to school (this was originally an INSET day)

Attendance at school

Good attendance at school is not just valuable — it is essential.

Attendance 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



Our attendance figures are slowly recovering from the pandemic but are still not where they should be. Please help us to make every day count and aim for excellent attendance all year. Thanks.

Celebration page

**Stars
of the
week!**

**Well done to our stars of the
week.**

**The award this week is for
Making excellent progress in
spellings**

Reception: Millie Ashall

Year 1: Bridgette Toole

Year 2: Harrison McMurray

Year3: Jonah Mower

Year 4: Paloma-Blue Ealey

Year 5: Anna Naughton

Year 6: Elijah Whalley

Sports news

Today our Y5/Y6 girls football team took part in a schools festival held at Ruskin Drive.
The girls played really well, winning four out of their six matches.

On Wednesday we took a group of KS2 children to Broadway Sports Hall to take part in a
Boccia event.

The children enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school.

Well done to all the children who took part in these events and represented our school.
We are really proud of you all!

PTFA Christmas Bake Off
Calling all future Bake Off stars!

If you would like to be the star of the cake stall and be crowned our winner, it's time to get imaginative! Please bring your cake to school, labelled with your name and class (plus ingredients, remember we are a nut free school) on the morning of Friday, 2nd December.

There will be a winner from the Nursery & Infants and a winner from the Juniors. If you would like tins/containers to be returned please ensure they have your name on.

We look forward to
creations!



seeing your marvellous

Christmas Fayre Toy Stall

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate and new toys received today.

We would be very grateful for donations of second hand toys, games and age appropriate console games to sell on our toy stall.

Donations can be brought into school from Monday to Wednesday next week.

Thank you

PTFA Christmas Fayre

After a couple of years away, we are looking forward to hosting the Christmas Fayre once again this year!

It will be held after school on Friday, 2nd December starting at 3.30pm.

Unfortunately all the Santa's Grotto visit times slots have been taken, we are unable to accept any further requests.

Slips showing your child's time slot will be sent home on Monday.

St. Helens council have asked that we share this information about NHS services with all parents.

Does your child need care this winter?

NHS
St Helens and Knowsley
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust



If your child is ill it can be a worrying time, but lots of childhood illnesses can be treated quickly and effectively at home or by accessing the right healthcare service. Here is our handy guide to services available in your area. By choosing the right service you can help your little one feel better, quicker.

Online symptom checker

Our friends at Alder Hey have created an online symptom checker with lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit the website: www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker

You can then decide where best to get the right care for your child.

When to go to a doctor

If you are worried about your child's health, then you should speak to your GP first. Out of hours, you can call 111 who will help to decide whether your child needs to be seen right away or if the issue can wait to be treated the next day by your own family doctor.

Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are;

- Persistent coughs
- Skin infections
- Eye infections
- Ear pain



When to go to A&E

Accident and Emergency is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E. Conditions that require immediate attention include;

- Shortness of breath or working hard to breathe resulting in drawing in of the chest when breathing or making a grunting noise
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions causing swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue, fainting or trouble breathing
- Serious animal bites
- Infants under 2 months of age with a fever
- Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails
- Uncontrolled pain



When to go to a pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can offer advice and has a wide range of over-the-counter medicines that can help treat common illnesses. Make the pharmacy your first stop to help with;

- Coughs and colds
- Upset tummy
- Minor cuts, bumps and bruises
- Minor stings and bites



When to go to urgent treatment / walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, or your child's condition is more urgent, but not life-threatening, then your local Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centre has specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Many local centres have x ray equipment too, which means you don't always need to attend A&E. Common conditions that can be treated here include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties (asthma / croup / bronchiolitis)
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever



If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999



Urgent Treatment & Walk-in Centres

Your local centre is closer than you think.

Open 365 days a year, including bank holidays, to treat all sorts of urgent illnesses and injuries.



St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre
Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm
Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm

Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre
Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre
Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre
Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

Kirkby NHS Walk-in Centre
Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre
Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm