



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 11th April 2025



This week's Gospel

"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!"

Luke 19:28-40

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Our Spring term and Lenten journey have come to a close with a very special, reflective and moving Easter Service in church, led by the children. In song and reading, the children told the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. The readings delivered by the Year 6 children were clear and confident and the singing by the whole school was impeccable. Well done to you all for making it such a significant and memorable occasion for our school family. As always, thank you to the adults who gave up their time to help escort the children safely to and from church. Your help is always greatly appreciated. Thank you.

It certainly has been an eventful Spring term with so much going on in school; from Lenten walks, Young Voices concert and Rock Steady concerts, World Book Day fun, fundraising activities and lots of sports competitions to name but a few of the wonderful and fun activities that go on in school to enhance the children's experiences and education. Many thanks to the staff who work so hard in making sure the children have the best experiences in school.

I would like to wish our school family a happy, holy and restful Easter break.

Happy Birthday to us!

Many thanks to Mr. Brown, our chair of governors who has worked hard sorting through boxes and boxes of old memorabilia related to the history of school.

To mark the 25th birthday of school opening up on the new site (the school itself is much older than 25 years!) Mr. Brown has taken the time to create a display of old photographs, log books, punishment books(!) for you to have a look at.

They are on display in the main corridor of school and will remain there after Easter.

So, if you are at Easter bingo, feel free to have a look and recognise some familiar faces and reminisce.

There will be opportunity after the Easter holidays for people to have a look as well.

Deputy Head teacher update

Although we are very sad to have Mr. Hale leave us at the end of the summer term, I can now announce that the new Deputy Head teacher will be Mrs. Rawsthorne.

Mrs. Rawsthorne comes with a lot of teaching experience and a love of many subject areas, including English, maths and music.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Rawsthorne to our school family in September.

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RE newsletter

Mrs. Houghton has written our latest RE newsletter which will be sent out with this newsletter and also available on our website. Please do take the time to read and to gain an insight into the Catholic life and teaching of RE in school.

Talent show

The children wowed us with their amazing talents on Thursday afternoon at our annual Easter talent show.

We had everything from dancers and singers to guitarists and gymnasts, each as brilliant as the next.

Well done to all who performed, you were all exceptional and it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon (quite possibly the best talent show I have ever seen!).

Already looking forward to next year!

Nursery Admissions for 2025

We still have 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available in our Nursery for
September 2025
for children who turn three before
31st August 2025.

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

PTFA

PTFA Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who attended the bingo last night and for all the generous donations which were used for the prizes. We made a profit of £595. Thank you to everyone who helped with the organising and running of the bingo, with a special to thank you going to Andy Hart for being our brilliant bingo caller

PTFA Lottery

The lottery draws for March and April took place during assembly on Friday 4th April.

March winners:

1st prize £40

No. 22 Kirsty McEgan

2nd prize £ 20

No. 24 Chris McEgan

April winners:

1st prize £40

No. 15 Kathleen Mason

2nd prize £20

No. 19 Joanne Glover

PTFA money this term has been spent on writing resources to help with the teaching of writing, World Book Day workshops, stationery eg. Glue sticks, erasers for each class and an ice machine to help with First Aid.

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Important Dates for your Diary

April

- 11th - end of Spring term (school closes for Easter at 1.30pm)
- 22nd - INSET Day
- 23rd - Start of Summer Term (school open at 8.40am to 8.50am)
- 23rd - Year 4 Family Mass (6pm in Church)

May

- 3rd - Year 4 First Holy Communion (Church 11am for photographs)
- 5th - May Day Bank Holiday
- 6th - EYFS Living eggs/chicks delivery
- 12th - **Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 assessment week (SATs week)**
- 12th - Reception vision screening
- 23rd - May Procession (11am)
- 23rd - end of half-term (school closes for Whit holiday)

June

- 9th - School re-opens (8.40am)
- 11th - Y5/Y6 visit to Edgehill
- 13th - Y4 start swimming sessions (each Friday until 18th July)
- 13th - Reception Father's Day Assembly (2.30pm)
- 16th - Parents Forum (4.45pm)
- 17th - Year 6 Leavers photographs (Academy photography)
- 24th - Road safety awareness workshops (whole school)

July

- 7th - Year 6 De La Salle Transition week (all week)
- 18th - End of school year mass (church 11am)
- 22nd - End of Summer term (school closes at 1.30pm)

Further dates will be added to the diary as the term progresses.

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 11th April 2025 the whole school attendance is 96.18%

Reception = 96.3%

Year 1 = 96.5%

Year 2 = 96.4%

Year 3 = 94.8%

Year 4 = 96.8%

Year 5 = 96.8%

Year 6 = 95.5%