



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 25th April 2025



## This week's Gospel

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:19-31

## A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Welcome back for the summer term and I trust you all had a lovely Easter holiday. We started our term on Wednesday with the children and staff gathered together for our Celebration of the Word assembly. We discussed what it means to 'believe' and then heard the Gospel Story of Doubting Thomas. The children's responses during our Celebration of the Word gatherings are so thoughtful and reverent, showing that the children enjoy listening to the Word of God and do strive to live like Jesus. To share this lovely experience with you as parents and families, the class teachers will invite you to their class Celebration of the Word during the summer term. At the moment we are still in the planning process (dates and themes etc) so watch this space for further information. We look forward to sharing this experience with you.

During our worship on Wednesday, we also prayed for Pope Francis. The children agreed that it is important for us to continue to do the work Pope Francis was so passionate about, which he wrote about in his encyclicals: Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti. Laudato Si (Praise be to you) asks us to care for our common home and protect the planet, whilst Fratelli Tutti asks us to live as brothers and sisters in Christ. Important lessons for us all to learn across the world.

We then ended our worship by praying the 'Eternal Rest' for Pope Francis. May he rest in peace.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
~Amen~



## An important message from Mr. Brown, Chair of Governors

### Vacancy for Foundation Governor.

Many of you will know Mr. Tony Blackburne very well and many of you may have been taught by him at some point. Tony, having served the school diligently as a foundation governor for over 15 years, has decided to retire from his role as foundation governor. We would like to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Tony for his unwavering commitment to the school during his time as governor where his support, professionalism and wisdom have been invaluable in school improvement and development.

Mr. Blackburne's retirement means that we now have a vacancy for a new foundation governor. The role principally involves supporting the head teacher by overseeing the activities and performance of the school as part of a team of twelve. It does not require any experience or knowledge of how schools are run; however applicants must be a practising Catholic. If you would be interested in learning more about the role, please leave your details with the school office (01744 621380) and I will be in contact with you.

Many thanks. Kevin Brown.

**Beckets 'Out of Hours Club'**

A reminder that sessions should be booked and paid for in advance via the school money app so that we can manage numbers. If an occasion arises where you need to book on the day, money should be put onto your account to cover the session as well as the late booking fee prior to contacting school to make the booking.

**The charges are below:**

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - £5.00

After School Club from 3.20 up to 4.30pm - £6.25

After School Club up until 5.30pm - £8.00

Late Booking Fee (on the day bookings) - £2.50

**Please do not drive through the school gates to drop off or pick up children.**

**The car park is for staff only, parents must use the parent car park before the school. gates.**

**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

**Attendance and punctuality at school**

Attendance and punctuality at school is not just for the academic progress your child will make, but is also important for developing personal qualities too, such as:



**Lateness**

We kindly remind parents and carers about the importance of ensuring children arrive at school on time. Arriving late not only disrupts the start of your child's day but also impacts the learning of their classmates. The morning routine sets the tone for the day, and being on time helps children settle, engage with their peers, and begin lessons without stress or distraction. Please aim to have your child at school by 8.40-8.45am, ready to start their day.

**Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a positive learning environment for everyone!**

**Attendance**

For week ending Friday, 25th April 2025 the whole school attendance is 95.83%

Reception = 95.3%

Year 1 = 95.3%

Year 2 = 100%

Year 3 = 93.7%

Year 4 = 90.3%

Year 5 = 98%

Year 6 = 98%

## Growing Together in God's Love

### **Important Dates for your Diary**

#### **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
- 11th - Reception New Intake Meeting (2.15pm)
- 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)
- 19th - School Nurse Health Drop In Session (8.30-9.30am)
- 20th - Year 5 & 6 attending performance of a Winters Tale at De La Salle (pm)
- 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)
- 21st - Nursery end of year celebration assembly (9.30-10.30am)
- 22nd - End of Summer term (school closes at 1.30pm)

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

# Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Second Tuesday of the month at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub 1pm to 4pm\*.**

**Third Tuesday of the month at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.**

**Fourth Tuesday of the month at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.**

*\*Please note, on Tuesday 8 July the session will be held at Sutton Family Hub 1pm to 4pm only.*

**13 May** at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**10 June** at Parr Children's Centre, 9.30am to 11.30am and Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**8 July** at Sutton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**20 May** at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**17 June** at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**15 July** at Newton Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**27 May** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**24 June** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

**22 July** at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

Sutton Family Hub, Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PY

Parr Children's Centre, Ashton's Green Drive, Parr, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

Newton Family Hub, Patterson Street, Newton-le-Willows, St Helens, WA12 9PZ

