



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 2nd May 2025



## This week's Gospel

*Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?"  
They answered him, "No."*

John 21: 1-19

## A message from Mrs Rawlinson

The children in Year 4 have been busy this week rehearsing and preparing for their special day, as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Please keep the children and families in your prayers as they take this next important step on their journey of faith.

The children need to be in church for 11.00am to have their official photograph taken. Mass is at 12.00 noon.

I hope they have a lovely day with their family and friends, celebrating receiving this most Holy Sacrament for the first time.

It was mentioned in last week's newsletter that we have a vacancy for a foundation governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact school for further information. I (and Mr. Brown, chair of governors) will be more than happy to speak with any potential future governors. Thank you.

Finally, it is that time of year again when formal assessments are taking place. Year 6 start their assessments on Monday, 12th May through to Thursday, 15th May. Year 1 phonics and Year 4 multiplication check will both be taking place during the first week back after half term (week commencing 9th June).

Attendance at school is vital for all assessments.

Further information for Year 1 and year 4 will follow in the coming weeks, but please be aware of these important dates.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy the long bank holiday weekend and see you all on Tuesday, 5th May.

## Primary School Admissions for September 2025

We do have a few spaces available in our Reception Class for the September 2025 intake. If you know of any families who would be interested or would like any further information regarding these places, please contact the school office on telephone number  
01744 621380

**Nursery Admissions for 2025**

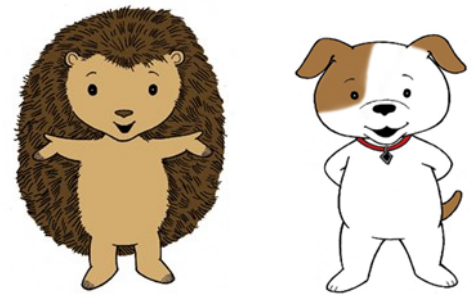
We still have 30 hour and 15 hour funded places available in our Nursery for  
September 2025  
for children who turn three before

**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

**PATHS® Programme for Schools (UK Version)**  
**Parent information session**

Want to find out about how your child is developing social and emotional skills through the PATHS® Programme?



**Where: St Thomas of Canterbury**

**When: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2pm**

Refreshments will be provided.

**What will you learn from the session?**

- Key strategies around self-control and supporting your child through uncomfortable emotions.
- Ideas around emotions and how to speak about them openly with your child.
- Problem solving tips and ways you can help your child independently problem solve.
- Common language around calming down and behaviour so that everyone in our school is using so that we are on the same page.
- Friendship support to promote positive relationships and how to support your child with this at home.
- Ideas to support listening, manners and positive social communication.

You will also get:

Expertise from Lisa Best, one of our St Helens' coaches for *the PATHS® Programme*.

**For information you can follow us on: PATHSEdUK** for Facebook & X, as well visit as our website for more information here: <https://www.pathseducation.co.uk/>

## 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
- 13th - PATHS parent information session (2pm in school hall)
- 14th - Year 3 visit to Liverpool World Museum
- 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 - EYFS (Nursery & 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)
- 24th - Nursery September new intake meeting (3.30pm)

#### **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)

### **Attendance**

For week ending Friday, 2nd May 2025 the whole school attendance is 96.6%

Reception = 96.6%

Year 1 = 98.5%

Year 2 = 94%

Year 3 = 98.4%

Year 4 = 94.2%

Year 5 = 97.4%

Year 6 = 95.9%

# 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

