



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 23rd May 2025



This week's Gospel

"Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14:23-29

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

What a wonderful celebration we had this morning in Church in honour of Our Lady.

Children in Year 4, dressed in their First Holy Communion outfits, brought their 'Flowers of the Rarest' to lay at the statue of Our Lady and during the homily, Joseph and Alfie (the youngest and the eldest in school) helped to crown Our Lady.

The traditional May Procession hymns were sung beautifully and the children's readings were confident and clear.

Thank you to the adults who gave their time to help walk the children to and from church, your help is much appreciated.

Thank you to Fr. Michael for such a lovely celebration in church with our school family.

So, we reach another half term and time has gone really quickly. I wish all our families a restful (and hopefully sunny) holiday. School reopens on Monday, 9th June. Many thanks to all of you for making it another amazing half term. Your support is really appreciated.

Thank you.

When we return on Monday, 9th June, our children in Year 1 will be involved in their phonics screening assessment and children in Year 4 will be completing the multiplication tables check. These are important external assessments and attendance in school is vital for this week. Please ensure your child is in school to complete the assessments. Thank you .

Sports day

The date set for sports day this year is

Wednesday, 2nd July

Lets hope for good weather!

Nursery and Reception Classes will start at 9.10am.

Children from Year 1 & Year 2 will start their sports day events at 10.30am.

Children from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 will start their sports day events at 1pm.

We look forward to seeing as many parents and grandparents, who are able to attend, to cheer on the children!

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PTFA summer fayre

This year the summer fayre will be held on Friday, 27th June

In preparation, there will be non-uniform days held on

Friday, 13th June and Friday, 20th June

Information regarding the types of donations requested on the non-uniform days will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you.

Raffle Prizes for summer fayre

The summer fayre raffle is a big part of the fundraising and it is fast approaching so if any parents/grandparents of the school are able to offer a raffle prize or know of any contacts who could help with this, we'd really appreciate it. Any products we can raffle or vouchers/tickets would be great. Any raffle prizes can be left at the office or passed on to a member of the PTFA.

Thank you for your support.

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 & 2026

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.

We are also taking applications for 2026 nursery places

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

Summer Sports Camp

Healthy Active Lifestyles will be running a 3 day Summer Sports Camp at school on the following days:

Monday, 28th July

Tuesday, 29th July

Wednesday, 30th July

Letters will be sent home with the children next half-term nearer the time with information and details on how to sign up for a place.

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Important Dates for your Diary

June

- 3rd - Half-term Sports Camp (Healthy Active Lifestyles 9am—3pm for those signed up)
- 9th - School re-opens (8.40am)
- 11th - Y5/Y6 visit to Edgehill
- 11th - Reception New Intake Meeting (2.15pm)
- 12th - Bikeability level 3 course
- 13th - First non-uniform day for summer fayre donations
- 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 - Second non-uniform day for summer fayre donations
- 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)
- 27th - PTFA summer fayre (starts 3.30pm)

July

- 2nd - School Sports Day (see schedule in newsletter)
- 4th - Y6 Enterprise Day
- 7th - Year 6 De La Salle Transition week (all week)
- 9th - Transition Day for whole school (new intake Nursery & Reception taster sessions)
- 15th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip
- 15th - Rock Steady Summer Concert (2.15pm school hall)
- 17th - Y6 Leavers Performance (time TBC)
- 18th - End of school year mass (church 11am)
- 21st - Nursery end of year celebration assembly (9.30-10.30am)
- 21st - Y6 end of year awards night (5pm)
- 22nd - End of Summer term (school closes at 1.30pm)**
- 28th - Summer Sports Camp Day 1
- 29th - Summer Sports Camp Day 2
- 30th - Summer Sports Camp Day 3

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 23rd May 2025 the whole school attendance is 95.4%

Reception = 97%

Year 1 = 98.9%

Year 2 = 96.3%

Year 3 = 93.8%

Year 4 = 98.9%

Year 5 = 94.6%

Year 6 = 88.5%

Growing Together in God's Love

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming event that promises to be both fun and beneficial for our community - the **Smile Squad**. This initiative is a collaborative effort between St Helens Family Hubs, the University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry, and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP), aimed at promoting early years oral health care.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday 4th June 2025
- **Time:** 10.00am to 2.00pm

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

What will the Smile Squad team do? A Smile Squad team member will conduct a brief oral health check for each child. This check will not replace the usual dental check-up, but it will help identify if further assessment is needed. We can also assist families who do not currently have a dentist. Our goal is to help ease children's dental anxiety and ensure they receive the care they need.

Additional Activities:

- Tips and tricks for maintaining healthy teeth and gums, provided by the Smile Squad team and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP).
- Free samples of toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Meet and greet with Croc-o-Smile and Captain Tuck, our friendly mascots.

Why are we doing this? Healthy teeth are essential for a child's well-being and development. Tooth decay and sore teeth are preventable, and we understand that accessing dental care can be challenging for some families. This event aims to bridge that gap and provide valuable resources and support.



MAY HALF TERM MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP



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Our camp encourages teamwork and friendship, helping children build confidence and learn valuable life lessons through imaginative games.

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Themed Activities

**Wet
Wednesday
returns**



COST

£25 per day standard day 9am-4pm

£35 extended day 8.30am-5.30pm

10% sibling discount



LOCATION

St Mary's Birchley
Catholic Primary School,
Birchley Road, Billinge
WN57QL



DATE

**Tuesday 27th - Friday 31st
May 2025**



Our staff all hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS.
We go out of our way to ensure a personal and special day.

FOOTBALL CLASSES

First Class FREE to try

All sessions are based around fun, with matches being played. Even if you are in a team why not come along for extra training. My sessions are designed to build confidence, learn new skills and make new friends.

I am DBS approved and an FA qualified coach. I have over 15 years experience in coaching both in the UK and overseas.



Course Details

Ages 3 - 15 years

**Walmsley Road
Football Fields
WA105JR**

CLASSES AVAILABLE.

Monday 5-6pm (Girls - Year 4 - Year 6)
Tuesday 5-6pm (Mixed - Year 1- Year 3)
Tuesday 6-7pm (Girls Year 1 - Year 3)
Wednesday 5-6pm (Boys Year 4 - Year 6)
Wednesdays 6-7pm (Boys Year 3 - Year 5)
Thursdays 5-6pm (Boys Reception - Year 1)
Thursdays 6-7pm (Mixed 9 - 12 Years)
Friday 6-7pm (Mixed 10 - 13 Years)
Saturday 9.15-10am (3 - 4 Years Nursery)
Sunday 11-12 (Mixed Year 3 - Year 5)

For more information on prices and availability contact - Steven Pagendam on 07492091999 or message me on facebook Steven Pagendam

Water and shin pads essential.