



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 13th June 2025



This week's Gospel

"When the spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth."

John 16:12-15

A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Welcome back to summer term 2. We hit the ground running this week with a continuation of the formal assessment process in Year 1 and year 4. Year 1 completed their phonics screening check where they had to read 40 words (20 real words and 20 'pseudo' words) using their phonics skills. The children in Year 4 had to answer 25 multiplication/timestables questions as quickly as they could using the Ipads and were only given 6 seconds per question. Well done to all the children involved—you are all amazing! I'd like to extend a massive thank you to the staff involved in the administration of the assessments and supporting the children throughout.

On Wednesday afternoon, the parents of our new reception class were welcomed into school. Thank you all for coming along to mark the start of your journey with us. We look forward to working with you and your children for the next 7 years. You were given a lot of information during the afternoon and I hope the information has been useful to you. If you still have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me (lyn.rawlinson@sthelens.org.uk) and I will be more than happy to help you.

Today has been 'own clothes day' in return for donations for our summer fayre. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our school in such a way. It really does astonish me when I see just how generous and thoughtful our families are. Thank you. Our PTFA are busy preparing for summer fayre which is on Friday, 27th June straight after school. Next Friday is also own clothes day in return for donations. All money raised by the PTFA is spent directly on the children, so please do come along to our summer fayre and have a go at the stalls and games.

Finally I would like to wish all the dads, grandads, uncles and special men in our lives a very happy Fathers' Day. I hope you all have a lovely day.

Congratulations to the children in Nursery and Reception classes who led an assembly for the special men in their lives. Their readings, singing and artwork brought many a smile (and a tear or two) to their audience. You were wonderful—well done!

Reminder: Parents forum with Mrs. Rawlinson.

Monday, 16th June at 4.45—5.30pm

On the agenda so far

- school spider app (communication)
- Online safety

If you have an agenda item you would like to have discussed with myself and a group of parents, please let me know.

These meetings are focused on school improvement and your contributions are vital. It is so beneficial to gain a parental insight. Please do come along if you can.

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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!

PTFA summer fayre

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

In preparation, we will have our second non-uniform day on

Friday, 20th June

Once again thank you for all the generous donations we have received today and to the parents who also donated raffle prizes.

Next Friday we would appreciate donations of:

From Year 5 & Year 6 :

Bottles of alcohol and sweets for the bottle tombola and kids tombola - please no sweets or chocolates that contain nuts.

From Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4:

New Toys which can be used as prizes on the Spinning Jenny, Kids Tombola and kids grab a bags.

Thank you

After School Club

The after school club will be open on the date of the Summer Fayre, Friday 27th June.

However, children booked into the club will be unable to attend the Summer Fayre until picked up by a parent or carer.

Thank you.

School Nurse Drop In

On Thursday, 19th June between 8.30am and 9.30am

The school nurse will be available for parents to drop in and discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child's health or well-being.

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

Leavers Photographs

Academy Photography will be in school on Tuesday 17th of June 2025

They we will be photographing:

The Year 6 Leavers Group and taking individual informal Year 6 photo's.

Please ensure full uniform is worn.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image and
the option to make a purchase.



End of summer term

Please be aware that the last day of the summer term is

Tuesday, 22nd July.

Children will finish school at 1.30pm.

Please note there will be no after school club on this day.

Thank you.

Attendance at school

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



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:

- ◆ Friendships
- ◆ Social skills
- ◆ Team and school values
- ◆ Cultural awareness & Life skills

Attendance

For week ending Friday, 13th June 2025 the whole school attendance is 97.47%

Reception = 96.3%

Year 1 = 98.9%

Year 2 = 97.4%

Year 3 = 93.1%

Year 4 = 99.2%

Year 5 = 100%

Year 6 = 97%

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Important Dates for your Diary

June

- 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