



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 20th June 2025



## This week's Gospel

"Taking the five loaves and two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. He gave them to the disciples to give to the people, They all ate and were satisfied."

Luke 9:11-19

## A message from Mrs Rawlinson

Thank you to those who attended Monday evening's Parents' Forum. I found the meeting incredibly valuable and appreciate the open, honest feedback shared. One of the main topics we discussed was the school's communication systems—an area that often receives mixed feedback from parents. While questionnaire results generally show that communication is rated as "good" or "very good," some parents shared concerns about the number of different platforms in use, especially for families with more than one child at the school.

With that in mind, we've decided not to renew our contract with Teachers to Parents at the end of this year. Moving forward, we'll be using **School Spider** as our sole platform for messages. To ensure a smooth transition, please make sure you've downloaded the School Spider app. We'll be sending reminders and support to help everyone adjust.

Your feedback truly makes a difference. While some changes take time—like waiting for contracts to expire—I want to reassure you that your suggestions are heard and valued. I will continue to hold Parents' Forum meetings each term and always welcome feedback through our regular questionnaires. If you have ideas or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Online safety was another important topic raised during our recent discussions. It's clear that this is an area where many parents would welcome further guidance and support. We're committed to working together to keep our children safe online—both in school and at home. We will be providing more information and opportunities for discussion in the near future, so please **watch this space** for upcoming resources and events.

## Playtimes

Playtimes are a vital part of the school day, giving children the chance to run, play, explore, and socialise. These moments aren't just about fun—they're also opportunities for children to build important life skills such as sharing, taking turns, developing independence, resilience, and problem-solving.

We also recognise that some children prefer quieter, more calming activities during playtime, such as colouring or making loom bands. To support a wide range of interests and needs, we're excited to be enhancing our outdoor spaces. Thanks to the generous support of the PTFA, we have ordered new picnic benches and a variety of resources to help enrich playtime experiences for all children.

We hope these additions will not only make playtimes more enjoyable but also help reduce minor first aid incidents and playground conflicts.

## Growing Together in God's Love

### 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 next Friday, 27th June**

Once again thank you for all the generous donations we have received today.

We now have plenty of fantastic prizes for the various stalls and it's much appreciated.

**From Monday 23rd June, donations of:**

- pre- loved toys, games, books
- spare gift sets/toiletry sets/beauty sets etc. that you have and know you won't use, as these can be prizes on the adults 'Grab a Bag' stall
- any spare gift bags (not bottle bags) that can be used on the 'Grab a Bag' stalls

Raffle tickets will be handed out at the beginning of next week.

### PTFA Family Quiz Night

The PTFA will be holding a Family Quiz Night on **Friday 11th July at LSH rugby club.**

Letters with information about this event will be sent home in the coming weeks

#### 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.

#### 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.

## Growing Together in God's Love

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

#### **June**

- 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)
- 11th - PFTA Family Quiz Night (LSH rugby club)
- 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 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, 20th June 2025 the whole school attendance is 96.2%**

Reception = 93.7%

Year 1 = 93.3%

Year 2 = 98.9%

Year 3 = 95.4%

Year 4 = 97.8%

Year 5 = 98.2%

Year 6 = 95.9%