



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 11th July 2025



**This week's Gospel**  
**"You go and do likewise."**

**Luke 10:25-37**

## **A message from Mrs Rawlinson**

### **Year 6 Transition and Celebrations**

The children in Year 6 have now completed and enjoyed their transition week at their future high schools—which explains why drop off and pick up times have been a bit quieter!

The children moving on to De La Salle spent the week there, gaining valuable insight into their next steps. A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for embracing this exciting new chapter with positivity and maturity.

Mr. Hale will be sharing upcoming event dates with Year 6 parents via Class Dojo, so please check your messages for details. A special event to look forward to is our **Whole School Mass** on **Friday, 18th July at 11:00am**, where Year 6 will lead the liturgy and singing in a celebration of their time at primary school. We warmly invite you to join us for this meaningful occasion.

### **Welcome to Our New Starters**

It was a pleasure to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and their families into school on Wednesday. They had a wonderful time meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants, and exploring the classrooms they'll be learning in next year.

### **Transition to new classes**

The rest of the school spent time with their new teachers in their new classrooms on Wednesday and had a great time familiarising themselves with their new surroundings. The staffing for next year will be as follows (subject to change):

Class	Teacher	Teaching assistants
Nursery	Mrs. Horrocks (Nursery manager)	Miss. Taylor and Mrs. Scott
Reception	Ms. Farrell	Mrs Snee and Mrs Dunning
Year 1	Mrs. Barry	Mrs. Draper and Mrs Dunning
Year 2	Mrs. Cain	Mrs. Shepherd
Year 3	Mrs. Houghton	Mrs. Hayton
Year 4	Mrs. Ganson	Mrs. Rignall and Miss Wilkinson
Year 5	Mr. McCue	Mrs. Mills
Year 6	Mrs. Rawsthorne	Mrs. Tucker

## Growing Together in God's Love

### **Own Clothes Day – Thursday 17th July**

We're excited to announce an extra Own Clothes Day next Thursday, 17th July, kindly organised by the PTFA. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and bring in £1, which will enter them into a special raffle.

There will be a raffle prize for each class, plus one fantastic whole-school prize: a *family ticket to a Saints game in September!* All funds raised will go towards supporting school activities and resources. Thank you for your continued support!

### **School reports**

End-of-year school reports will be sent home with the children on Monday.

Each report includes a section for parents and carers to share their thoughts and feedback. We greatly value your responses, so please do take a moment to complete this section.

Thank you for your continued support!

### **Year 2 End of Year Performance**

Year 2 children will be celebrating the end of KS1 by inviting their parents into school on Friday, 18th July at 2.30pm.

After a special performance, parents will be treated to tea/coffee and scones in the school hall.

### **Nursery End of Year Celebration Assembly**

Our nursery children will invite parents to a special end of year celebration assembly on Monday, 21st July starting at 9.30am in the school hall.

### **Rocksteady Performance**

The children who attend Rocksteady will be performing to the whole school on Tuesday, 15th July at 2.15pm.

Parents of children who will be performing are welcome to attend the concert.

### **Altru Drama Workshops**

On Wednesday, Altru Drama are in school delivering workshops to all the children. Each class has been allocated a time during the day and the sessions will be based around the themes of adventure and transition.

Thank you to the PTFA who have kindly agreed to cover the cost of these workshops.

### Summer Reading Challenge

We had a special Summer Reading Challenge assembly this morning. Claire from Eccleston Library very kindly presented a power point and spoke about the challenge with the children.

This year's Challenge is called **Story Garden**, and it's all about nature, exploring the outdoors, exploring magical spaces, storytelling - and reading! Your library can help you find new books to enjoy and will be hosting lots of events and activities connected to nature and wildlife, that will be sure to inspire your next story adventure.

Explore the magical connection between nature and reading with our Story Garden characters! You'll meet them inside your collector's sticker booklet and spot amazing fantastical creatures and plants dotted around the garden – all illustrated by this year's special guest award-winning illustrator, Dapo Adeola.

Come along to your library for sign up day to collect your own sticker booklet and start reading!

## Take on the Challenge!

- Go to your library this summer to sign up and get your **Story Garden sticker booklet...**
- Read **ANYTHING** you like.
- Collect **stickers** from your library and add them to the magical garden as you read more.
- **Get REWARDS** for meeting your goal!



Complete the Challenge to be awarded your **certificate of achievement!**



Why not challenge your friends to take part too and compare your fave books?

## Growing Together in God's Love

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

#### **July**

- 15th - Y6 Crocky Trail Trip
- 15th - Rock Steady Summer Concert (2.15pm school hall)
- 16th - Altru Drama Workshops—taking place throughout the day
- 17th - Y6 Leavers Performance (time TBC)
- 18th - End of school year mass (church 11am)
- 18th - End of Y2 performance with tea/coffee & scones (starts at 2.30pm in school hall)
- 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

#### **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.

### **Out of Hours Club**

Please ensure that any outstanding arrears balances are cleared on your out of hours club accounts.

Bookings should be made and paid for via schoolmoney in advance.

A reminder that for emergency on the day bookings the money to cover the cost of the session along with the £2.50 late booking fee is credited to the account before contacting the school office.

Thank you.

### **Attendance at school**

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

#### **Attendance**

**For week ending Friday, 11th July 2025 the whole school attendance is 98.1%**

Reception = 97%

Year 1 = 96.6%

Year 2 = 97.4%

Year 3 = 97.7%

Year 4 = 98.5%

Year 5 = 99.6%

Year 6 = 100%