



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



Friday, 12th September 2025

This week's Gospel



*"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved. "*

John 3:13-17

A message from Mrs. Rawlinson

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of self-giving – and what better way to live this out than by supporting our wonderful PTFA?

Our PTFA work tirelessly to enrich the lives of our children, raising funds that go directly towards special experiences and extras the school simply couldn't provide otherwise. Thanks to their efforts, our pupils have enjoyed cinema trips, transport to events, party treats, and even new picnic benches—just to name a few!

But here's the truth: these things can only happen because of the time and energy given by volunteers. As a new school year begins, some of our dedicated helpers have moved on as their children start high school, and now we need *new recruits*. Could that be you?

The PTFA will be hosting a **Coffee Morning on Friday, 17th October at 9:00am in Becketts**. Please join us for a cuppa, a chat, and a chance to hear more about how you can get involved. We're not asking for huge commitments—just whatever time and skills you can offer. Every little bit helps, and together, we can achieve so much more.

So why not come along, meet some friendly faces, and discover how you can play a part in supporting our PTFA and, most importantly, our children? Many hands make light work—and we'd love for yours to be among them!

Warm regards,

Mrs Rawlinson

A Positive Start in the Car Park!

We're delighted to report a very positive start to the year in the parental car park—thank you all for your cooperation!

Just a gentle reminder: drop-off and pick-up times are always very busy, so a little extra patience goes a long way. Please also remember not to park where you shouldn't—the Highway Code still applies, as the car park is on a public highway.

We really appreciate your continued support in keeping everyone safe.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Wednesday, 24th September

3:30pm in the School Hall

We warmly invite all parents and carers to our annual *Meet the Teacher* evening on

Wednesday, 24th September.

The evening will begin at **3:30pm in the hall**, where Mrs Rawlinson will give a short introduction before parents are invited to visit classrooms and hear from class teachers.

Each classroom talk will be repeated, so you can attend more than one if needed:

- **Talk One:** 3:45 – 4:00pm
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- **Talk Two:** 4:15 – 4:30pm
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These sessions are a great opportunity to find out about class routines, expectations, and the curriculum for the year ahead.

If you need to discuss any personal matters, please arrange a separate appointment with your child's teacher so they can give you the time and attention required.

We look forward to welcoming you!

After school activities clash!

Sports Club & Young Voices – You Can Do Both!

We know that some children would like to attend Adam's (Healthy Active Lifestyles) football club on Thursday evenings, but that this clashes with Young Voices, which also takes place on Thursdays.

Good news—it's not a problem! Children are very welcome to take part in both. If your child would like to attend Adam's football club, please go ahead and sign them up. They can then join Young Voices *after half term* and will still have plenty of time to learn all the songs in time



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas Project Fundraiser

This term we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

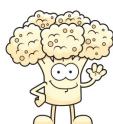
Over the next couple of weeks, your child will be creating his/her own Christmas design in class, which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs etc. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the Mugs are great for gifts! Visit cauliflowercards.co.uk for more information.

Once completed in class, your child will bring home their form and artwork. This will be by 26th September if not before. If you decide to make an order, you can place orders along with payment online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions. Other family members can also place an order as long as they have your child's unique code.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by: Wednesday 1st October. The designs will then be collected by courier the following day. Cards and products will then be delivered by the beginning of December.

We realise it is early but the 'early bird offer' means the products are a little cheaper and we make a bit more profit for school. The more orders placed, the more money we raise for school. This money is then spent directly on the children to enhance their time at primary school. Thank you for your support with this project.

St Thomas of Canterbury PTFA



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High school applications

A number of parents have asked about the process of applying for high school places for September 2026. The online portal is now live and the closing date is 31st October. Please make sure to have completed the application by then.

Parents are notified of allocations on 2nd March 2026.

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Merchant Taylor School

Merchant Taylor are offering an open morning on:

Saturday 11th October 2025.

This event is for children in Years 5 & 6 and is open to the whole family. If you require further information please contact: admissions@merchanttaylor.com.

Flu Vaccination

A message from the Flu Immunisation Team was sent by email last week providing information regarding this years vaccination programme and containing a link to consent to your child receiving the vaccine in school on 20th October 2025. A copy of the message is below, please ensure you complete the on-line consent as soon as possible, if not already done so.

Dear Parent/Carer.

It's that time of the year again, Flu season!

Please visit this link <https://econsent.merseyscare.nhs.uk/> and complete your Childs flu form with a consent or decline as soon as possible. You can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu, if required via this link.

If you require any further support, please contact the school Immunisation team on 0151 351 8805 who will be happy to help.

Kind Regards,
School Immunisation Team

Extra-curricular school clubs

The teacher led after school clubs will commence next week and will run for 6 weeks, taking us up to October half term. Each club is from the end of school day until 4.00pm.

Letters have been sent home: to sign up for the club on offer please make sure to return the permission slip with payment by Monday morning

NB: Mrs Houghton's club is now full.

The staff after school clubs on offer this term are:

Spirit & Wellbeing Club with Mrs Cain & Mrs Barry - Monday - Year 1 & Year 2

Reading Club with Mrs Houghton - Monday - Year 3

Book Club with Mrs Ganson - Monday - Year 4

Ukulele (STRUM) with Mr Brown - Tuesday - Key Stage 2

Debate Club with Mr McCue - Tuesday - Key Stage 2

Young Voices with Mrs Rawsthorne & Mrs Rawlinson - Thursday - Years 4, 5 & 6.

PLEASE NOTE: there is a charge of £1 per week per child for each club, payable in full by Monday

Growing Together in God's Love

Important Dates for your Diary

September

24th - Meet the teacher 3.30pm in hall (session 1 @ 3.45pm/session 2 @ 4.15pm)

October

14th - Reception & Nursery 2026/27 parents afternoon(2.00pm school hall)

15th - Parents afternoon/evening - 1.30pm to 6pm (school hall)

17th - PTFA coffee morning (Beckets)

20th - Whole school flu vaccinations

21st - Reception & Year 6 height & weight screening

23rd - End of first half-term

November

3rd - Return to school

11th - Reception & Nursery 2026/27 parents evening (4.00pm school hall)

28th - Christmas Fayre (3.30pm)

December

2nd - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity - time TBC

3rd - EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Nativity - time TBC

9th - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity - (9am)

10th - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity - (2.30pm)

11th - Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

12th - KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Nativity/Carol Service in Church - time TBC

15th - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas party

16th - Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party

17th - Breakfast with Santa (8am)

17th - Nursery Christmas party

17th - Altru Dram performing 'Little Red Riding Hood' for the whole school

18th - Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party (date may change)

19th - End of Autumn term

NB: Dates will be added to the diary as we go through the term

Attendance at school

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

For week ending Friday, 12th September 2025 the whole school attendance is 99%

Reception = 99.1%

Year 1 = 98.8%

Year 2 = 99.2%

Year 3 = 99.2%

Year 4 = 98%

Year 5 = 98.9%

Year 6 = 99.6%