



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 6th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start by welcoming all of our new children and their families to our school community. It is wonderful to have you here and I look forward to getting to know you all.

It is so lovely to be back! I have heard some great stories about the things the children have been doing over the summer. There has been a calm and productive feeling all around school - the children seem really settled into their new classes.

We had some fairly big changes in school last year with the adoption of the new RE Directory and the introduction of Dojo Points and Golden Time. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to a parents' information event on Wednesday 18th September, 6.30 - 7.30 in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to find out more about these changes and also to hear about other aspects of school, including the curriculum, SEN and the pastoral support available to our children. Please register your interest for this event, along with any questions you have, using the following link by Monday 16th September. We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://forms.gle/SXSwJzHVntwcytmA8>

God bless
Mrs Clements

School Calendar

- Mon 2nd Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Tues 3rd Sept – Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Weds 4th Sept - Pupils return to school
(Reception having phased transition)
Weds 18th Sept – 18:30 Rec-Y6 Parent Information Event
Fri 27th Sept – 09:00 Reception Welcome Assembly
(Parents invited)
Mon 30th Sept- 14:15 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon
Tues 1st Oct – 14:15 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon
Weds 2nd Oct - 14:15 Y1 & Y5 Open Afternoon
Tues 1st – Fri 4th Oct – Book Fair
Weds 9th Oct – Individual and sibling photos
Fri 18th Oct – 09:00 Year 6 Class Assembly
Tues 22nd Oct – 17:00 Reception 2025 Prospective Parent event
Weds 23rd Oct – 13:30 Reception 2025 Prospective Parent event
Fri 25th Oct - Inset Day (No pupils in school)
Mon 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov - Half Term
Mon 4th Nov – Pupils return to school
Fri 8th Nov – 09:00 Year 5 Class Assembly
Thurs 21st Nov – 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening
Tues 26th Nov – 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening
Fri 29th Nov – 09:00 Year 4 Class Assembly
Thurs 5th Dec – Pupil Flu Vaccinations
Mon 9th Dec – 14:00 Winter Warmer Performance
Tues 10th Dec – Infant Christmas Dinner
Weds 11th Dec – Junior Christmas Dinner
Fri 13th Dec – 14:00 Traditional Winter Warmer in Church
Mon 16th Dec – 14:30 Nativity Performance for Year 2 Parents
Tues 17th Dec – 14:30 Nativity Performance for Year 1 Parents
Tues 17th Dec – The Hive Pantomime Trip
Weds 18th Dec – 09:15 Pre-school Christmas Performance
Weds 18th Dec – 14:30 Nativity Performance for Reception parents
Fri 20th Dec – School Finishes at 12pm
**Mon 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
Christmas Break**
Mon 6th Jan – Pupils return to school

Tues 7th Jan – Year 4 Swimming Lesson

Tues 14th Jan – Year 4 Swimming Lesson

Tues 21st Jan – Year 4&6 Swimming Lesson

Fri 24th Jan – 09:00 Year 3 Class Assembly

Tues 28th Jan – Year 4&6 Swimming Lesson

Tues 4th Feb – Year 4 & 6 Swimming Lesson

Tues 11th Feb – Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lesson

Tues 11th Feb – Internet Safety day

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

February Half Term

Mon 24th Feb - Inset Day (No pupils in school)

Tues 25th Feb – Pupils return to school

Tues 25th Feb - Year 5 Swimming Lesson

Fri 28th Feb – 09:00 Year 2 Class Assembly

Tues 4th Mar – Year 5 Swimming Lesson

Weds 5th – Mon 10th March – Book Fair

Thurs 6th Mar – World Book Day

Tues 11th Mar – Year 5 Swimming Lesson

Tues 13th Mar - 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening

Tues 18th Mar - 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening

Tues 18th Mar – Year 5 Swimming Lesson

Fri 21st Mar – 09:00 Year 1 Class Assembly

Monday 31st – Friday 11th April

Easter Holidays

Mon 14th April – Pupils return to school

Thurs 17th April – Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Fri 18th April – Good Friday (No pupils in school)

Mon 21st April – Easter Monday (No pupils in school)

Fri 2nd May – 09:00 Reception Class Assembly

Mon 5th May – Mayday Bank Holiday (No pupils in school)

Mon 12th – Thurs 15th May – **SATS Week**

Weds 21st – Fri 23rd May – **Year 6 Residential**

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Spring Bank Half Term

Mon 2nd June – Pupils return to school

Mon 16th June – Class Photos

Weds 18th – Fri 20th June – Year 5 Residential

Mon 23rd June- 14:15 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon

Tues 24th June – 14:15 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon

Weds 25th June - 14:15 Y1 & Y5 Open Afternoon

Weds 16th July – Pre-School Family Fun Day (Pre-school closed)

Fri 18th July – Whole School Sports day at EIS

Tues 22nd July – Last day of School Year

Tues 22nd July – 14:30 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Weds 23rd July – Inset Day (No pupils in school)

School Uniform

From September children will need a pair of black slip on PE pumps/plimsolls for indoor use. These are for indoor PE as well as to replace slippers that are worn inside.

Medication

We will no longer be able to administer non-prescribed medication. Any medication required during the school day must be in its original packaging with prescription label. Medication request forms are available from the school office. More information can be found in our policy here: http://www.st-tc.co.uk/images/First_aid_policy_2023.pdf

School Start and finish times

Gates will open at 08:35, please remember that the children remain in your care until we bring them in to school at 8.45 and return to your care at the end of the day. Please ensure your child is supervised before the whistle goes at start of the day and after handover. Neither children nor adults should be walking through or on the grass at the side of the car park. Infants finish at 15:15 and Juniors finish at 15:20.

Individual and sibling photos

We will be having our individual and sibling photos on Wednesday 9th October. If you would like your children to have a sibling photo (including any non-school siblings), please bring them to the school office between 8am-8:30am. **We will not be taking any sibling photos during the school day, therefore if you do not bring your children to the before school session, they will not have a sibling photo.**

Contacting teachers via Email

Please can we remind everyone that if you are wanting to contact your child's class teacher, please email enquiries@st-tc.co.uk and the message will be passed on to the class teacher. We ask that you do not email teachers directly to ensure that messages are read in a timely manner. Teachers do not always have time to read their emails in a morning or during the school day and important messages may be missed. This is also for the wellbeing of our teachers as some emails are received outside of school hours.

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **To Learn**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/B7HUVhBbtrc>



Whole School Attendance

Our attendance this week was 98.9 %



A Safeguarding Policy Front Sheet

Name of Education Setting: St Thomas of Canterbury School Academic Year 2023 - 2024

We all have a statutory duty to “safeguard and promote the welfare of children”, ([Working together to safeguard children, DfE 2015, page 5](#))

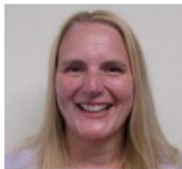
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues such as a child’s appearance, hygiene, general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

However, if you think that a child, a young person or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed, please talk to one of the people below immediately.

You can ask any member of staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.

The people you can talk to are:



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Name: Mrs L Clements

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy for under 5’s is:

Name: Mrs R Hanson

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Ms D Swain

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mr M Richardson

Their office is located next to the school office.

Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597

An allegation or disclosure involving someone working with children in a paid or unpaid capacity **must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher, Principal or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Body or Management Committee.

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for term time leave taken and irregular attendance.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Where there is 4 days of absence during a week where there is also a training day, a penalty notice may still be issued.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines can also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19th August) for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance this will be considered the first offence, and the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate.