



# St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a funny week of weather we have had! I've seen a lot of 'big coats' and even some scarves and gloves. Despite the cold and rain, the children's wonderful smiles and cheerful good mornings have kept me warm.

With the weather being so changeable, please can you make sure that your child has a suitable coat for breaks and lunchtimes. I also ask that children have a pair of plimsolls to change into on wet, muddy days. Thank you so much for your support.

In the Gospel on Sunday, we heard how Jesus was asked to heal a man who could not hear and could hardly speak. This has made me think about how we can sometimes be deaf to the things Jesus is trying to tell us. We talked in assembly about how we need to listen out for his messages and that we can live these out through Gospel values of love, justice, faith, truth and forgiveness. Our own school values of ready, respectful and safe help remind us to do this in all we do.

I'm very much looking forward to our welcome assembly for our new Reception children and their families which will be held in the school hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00.

I would like to remind you that you are invited to a parents' information event on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30 - 7.30 in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to find out more about aspects of school, including the curriculum, SEN and the pastoral support available to our children. School will be open from 6pm if you would like to come in and look around. Please register for this event, along with any questions you have, using the following link by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://forms.gle/7gUwArDLadZswWZg9>

Have a lovely weekend everyone.  
God bless  
Mrs Clements

### School times reminder

In the morning, the school gates are opened at 8:35am. The gates will be closed at 08:45 promptly. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to come through the school office and will receive a late mark in the register.

At the end of the day, the school gates will be open from 3:15pm each day. The end of the school day for Reception and Key Stage 1 is 3:15pm. The end of the school day for Key Stage 2 is 3:20pm.

### School Calendar

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Sept** – 18:30 Rec-Y6 Parent Information Event

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** – 09:00 Reception Welcome Assembly  
(Parents invited)

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**- 14:15 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – 14:15 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** - 14:15 Y1 & Y5 Open Afternoon

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Book Fair

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Individual and sibling photos

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 09:00 Year 6 Class Assembly

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – 17:00 Reception 2025 Prospective Parent event

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – 13:30 Reception 2025 Prospective Parent event

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Inset Day (No pupils in school)

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Half Term**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Pupils return to school

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 09:00 Year 5 Class Assembly

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** – 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 09:00 Year 4 Class Assembly

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Pupil Flu Vaccinations

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 14:00 Winter Warmer Performance

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Infant Christmas Dinner

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Junior Christmas Dinner

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 14:00 Traditional Winter Warmer in Church

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 14:30 Nativity Performance for Year 2 Parents

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 14:30 Nativity Performance for Year 1 Parents

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – The Hive Pantomime Trip

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 09:15 Pre-school Christmas Performance

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 14:30 Nativity Performance for Reception parents

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School Finishes at 12pm

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Christmas Break**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Pupils return to school

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 4 Swimming Lesson

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 4 Swimming Lesson

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Year 4&6 Swimming Lesson

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – 09:00 Year 3 Class Assembly

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 4&6 Swimming Lesson

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Year 4 &6 Swimming Lesson

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Year 5 &6 Swimming Lesson

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Internet Safety day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

### **February Half Term**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Inset Day (No pupils in school)

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Pupils return to school

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 09:00 Year 2 Class Assembly

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Fair

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar** – World Book Day

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Mar** - 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** - 15:30 – 17:45 Parents Evening

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** – 09:00 Year 1 Class Assembly

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Easter Holidays**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Pupils return to school

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Egg Decorating Competition

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Good Friday (No pupils in school)

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Easter Monday (No pupils in school)

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – 09:00 Reception Class Assembly

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Mayday Bank Holiday (No pupils in school)

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May** – **SATS Week**

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – **Year 6 Residential**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Spring Bank Half Term**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Pupils return to school

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photos

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Residential

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June**- 14:15 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:15 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> June** - 14:15 Y1 & Y5 Open Afternoon

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Pre-School Family Fun Day (Pre-school closed)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole School Sports day at EIS

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last day of School Year

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – 14:30 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **Whole School Attendance**

Our attendance last week was 98.9 %

Our attendance this week is 97.4 %

### **Makaton Sign of the Week**

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

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/VawNRu5gmTM>





# 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](#))

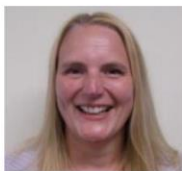
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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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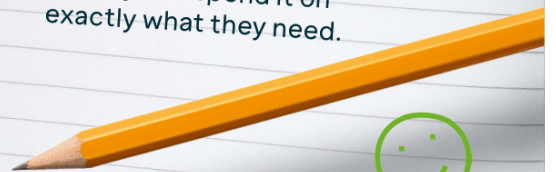
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## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.