



# St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very interesting and exciting final week. On Wednesday, the children watched a performance of The Hobbit which was delivered by M&M Productions. They were absolutely spellbound! It was a joy for the staff to watch the children's reactions to it.



Despite England's defeat on Sunday, our Euro's celebration this week was still greeted with great enthusiasm. I'm sorry to say that England didn't do any better this time either but our winners, Belgium, did beat Spain. Big thank you to Mr Woodhouse for organising the tournament.

In this week's Gospel, we heard how Jesus prepared his apostles to go out and preach the Gospel. First, Jesus instructed them to go out in pairs, so that they would have the company and support of one another. Starting new things is exciting but can be scary and it is always easier to face them with the help of a friend. It felt very apt that this was the Gospel for this week as our wonderful Y6 children are leaving us today to start their new schools in September. Many of them are going with friends and I have every faith that they will continue to support one another regardless of where they are next. We hope that, through their time here, the children are prepared for this next stage of their journey and that they will continue to be the Beacons of Faith that have shone so brightly during their time here with us. Thank you Y6. We will miss you all.

Just as we say 'goodbye' to our Y6 children each year, we often have staff moving on to new things. I would like to thank Mrs Bellamy, Mrs Pruna, Mrs Needham, Mrs Eaton and Miss Saja who are leaving us this July. We wish you well and know you will be missed. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Howard, our new IR Lead, and Miss Fitton, Y1 teacher, to the St Thomas of Canterbury family in September.

Thank you so much for all of your support this year.  
Have a wonderful summer.  
God Bless  
Mrs Clements

## School Calendar

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – Inset Day (No pupils in school)
- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Pupils return to school  
(Reception having phased transition)
- 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  
**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)

### Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

### Evo Dance Summer Camps

Please see the attached leaflet, use discount code: “EvoSummer” for an extra 10% off.

### Athletics Coaching

If any families are interested in taking up athletics and would like some information on coaching at Woodbourn Road, please see contact the below email.

[rudispikemayathletics@outlook.com](mailto:rudispikemayathletics@outlook.com)

Sessions cover all aspects of athletics - running, jumping and throwing.

### 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.

### Whole School Attendance

Our attendance this week was 96.5 %

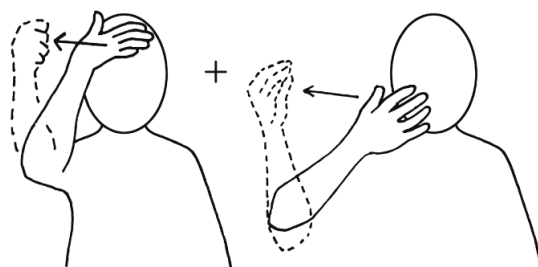
Our attendance this week was 96.4 %

### Makaton Sign of the Week

This week’s sign is **Summer**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/llOfXU1sENg>



Summer



# 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](#))

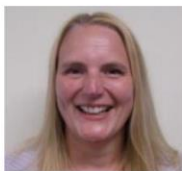
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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.