



# St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I can hardly believe that we are coming to the last week of the school year! There are a lot of mixed emotions for many of us at this time. Many of us are looking forward to the summer holidays while also looking back and thanking God for the many fantastic things that have happened over the year. July is also a time where we say 'goodbye' to members of our school community who are moving on to other things. Each year we use our last week to give our Y6 children a fantastic and well deserved send off to their new schools and this year is no exception. We have our Leavers Mass at Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury Church on Wednesday evening and Leavers Assembly on Friday afternoon. All Y6 classes are loved and missed. The current class stand out for their exceptional kindness and caring attitudes that they show to each other and to all in school. Their behaviour has been praised by the members of the public, most recently just yesterday by the staff leading the trip we went on. Thank you Y6. You are excellent role models for our younger children.

Next Friday, we will also say goodbye to Mrs Bellamy who is retiring. She has been a teaching assistant for many years and has been at St Thomas' for the last 6 and a half years. During her time, Mrs Bellamy has worked in a number of different classes, supporting our children both with their learning and when they have found school life particularly challenging. Thank you so much Mrs Bellamy. We will all miss you (and the wonderful knitted gifts that mysteriously appear around school) very much. Enjoy your retirement and thank you for all you have brought to our school.

This week, the Y6 children performed 'Alice - The Musical' for the whole school and then for their parents and other family members. They were amazing! The costumes were truly exceptional too. Thank you, children and parents.



We have finished the week with our school pilgrimage. This has been a truly joyful day filled with fun and prayers. I am so proud of our children! Their behaviour has been exceptional today both on the walk and in the churches. Many of our children sang all the way and we raised the roof of St James Church in Norton with Mr Richardson leading us in song! To sum up the day, one Y4 child had spotted that everyone we met smiled at us and said 'we are making people happy!'

## **EYFS Teaching Assistant Job**

Please see the attached job advert for a role that has opened up here at St Thomas.

## **Evo Dance Summer Camps**

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

### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Y3&5 Visit to Synagogue

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July** – 2pm Y2-Y6 Singing Concert

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July** – 7pm Y6 Leaver's Mass at Church

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Pre-school Family Fun Day

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of Term

### **2024/25 Important Dates**

**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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Summer Term 2 - 2025**

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

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last day of school year

### **Whole School Attendance**

Our attendance this week was 97.2 %

Our attendance this week was 96.5 %

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

This week's sign is

#### **Disability**

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/ZIYSOI0icIQ>



Dominant hand makes 'D' against non-dominant index finger. Twist dominant hand forward pivoting on thumb tip



## 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](#))

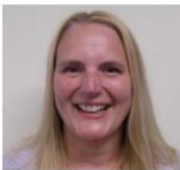
If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

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

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**Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:**

Name: Mr M Richardson

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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.