



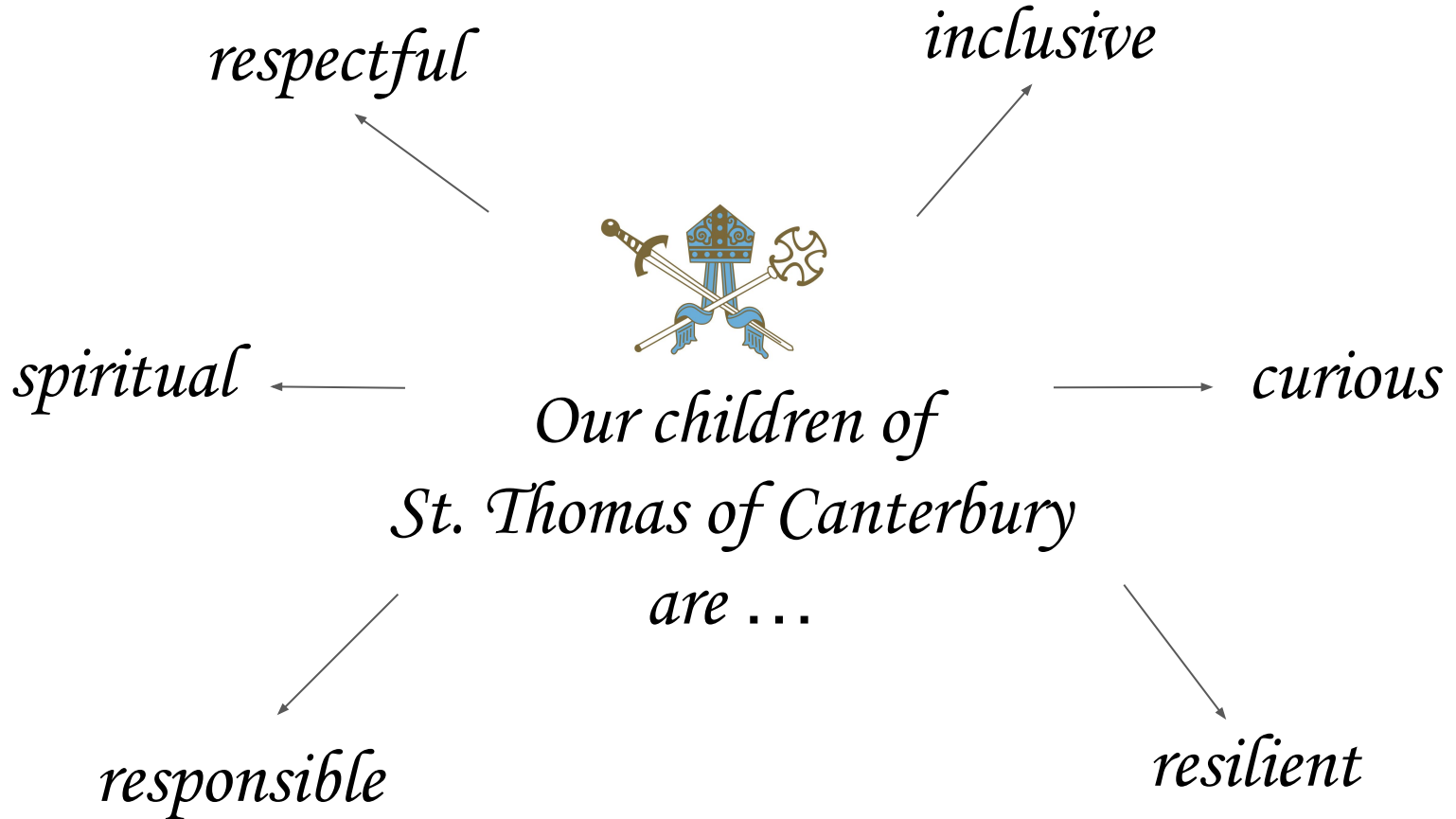
*St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School*

*Welcome to the Year 6  
Parent Information Meeting*

*15th January 2024*



# Our School Values



# *The Year 6 Team*

- ❑ **Miss L Underwood**- Year Group Leader & Class 6U teacher
- ❑ **Miss N Hayes** - Class 6H teacher
- ❑ **Mr J Lovell** - Class 6L teachers
  
- ❑ **Mrs J Sharp** - Year 6 support staff/ HLTA
- ❑ **Miss B Holland**- Year 6 support staff
- ❑ **Mrs S Wiseman**- Years 5 and 6 LSA
  
- ❑ **Mrs M Hall** - SENCo





# *Attendance and Punctuality*

Good attendance and punctuality is essential. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. Please note that holidays are not permitted in term time.

Unauthorised absence may result in the school referring to the Local Authority for sanctions and/or legal proceedings. This may include issuing each parent/carer with a Penalty Notice.

Please note the following times:

**8:40am** - Gates open

**8:55am** - Children are expected to be in the classroom for the register to be taken by 9:00am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late.

**9:15am** - Pupils will receive a mark of absence if they do not attend school before this time.



# *Absence Procedures*



If your child is absent for any reason, you should contact the school office via telephone before 9:00am on the first day of absence. You will be expected to provide an explanation for the absence and an estimate of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day.

Please note that coughs and colds are very common, especially in the winter, and generally do not require your child to be absent from school. Illnesses such as diarrhoea and vomiting only require 48 hours absence from school. If in doubt, please check for guidance on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> or contact the school office.



# Uniform



At St. Thomas of Canterbury, we are proud that our uniform fosters a sense of belonging within our school community.

**We have listened to parental views and updated our uniform policy which has now been ratified by Our Governors- see the changes on the next slides.**

Information about school uniform can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk/uniform/>

Our uniform is available to purchase from Uniformwise in Stanford-Le-Hope:

<https://www.uniformwise.co.uk/> Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name.





# Uniform - updates

	BOYS	GIRLS
<p>WINTER (Compulsory from October half term)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Shirt</li> <li>• School Tie (Preferably a non-elastic tie in KS2)</li> <li>• Grey V necked jumper preferably with the school logo</li> <li>• Grey trousers / shorts</li> <li>• Grey socks</li> <li>• Black shoes (not trainers)</li> <li>• Navy or black school coat</li> <li>• St Thomas' School blazer (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White shirt/ blouse</li> <li>• School Tie (Preferably a non-elastic tie in KS2)</li> <li>• Grey V necked cardigan preferably with the school logo</li> <li>• Grey skirt or pinafore</li> <li>• White or Grey socks / Grey tights</li> <li>• Black shoes (not boots or trainers)</li> <li>• Navy or black school coat</li> <li>• St Thomas' School blazer (optional)</li> </ul>
<p>St Thomas' book bag. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Small blue/black bag if children need to bring a change of clothes for clubs.</p>		
<p>SUMMER (Compulsory from May half term)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White polo shirt with school logo (Preferred) or plain white polo shirt</li> <li>• Grey shorts</li> <li>• Grey V necked jumper preferably with the school logo</li> <li>• Grey socks</li> <li>• Black shoes (not trainers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink gingham dresses</li> <li>• Neutral coloured (e.g. black, white) cycling shorts under dresses (Optional)</li> <li>• White blouse with revered collar/ grey skirt (Year 5 &amp; 6 girls only)</li> <li>• Grey V necked cardigan, preferably with the school logo</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul>

**Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo are preferred.**

**Grey socks are permitted for girls in the winter**

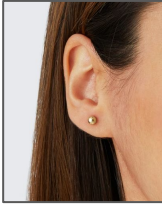
**Summer uniform- Year 5&6 girls- white blouse with a revered collar and grey skirt.**



# *Hair/Accessories - Updates*



- Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and should be in school colours. Red, white, blue in winter. Pink, white or blue in summer.
- Hair braids should be natural hair colours.
- One small stud earring per ear. (Children must not wear earrings on PE days.)



Alterations to the school uniform policy due to religious or medical reasons to be agreed by the Headteacher.



# PE kit - updates

Year 6's PE day is Thursday.

Your child should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.




**Children should wear their PE shorts and T-Shirt underneath their tracksuit as they will only need to wear the T-shirt with their shorts for indoor PE lessons.**

Please note that in the winter months, the St. Thomas of Canterbury tracksuit should be worn.

Children should wear black plimsolls or black trainers on their PE days.





The best option is to speak with the class teacher. From 8:40am staff are working with children so please speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

Email or call the school office to request to meet with a member of staff.

[admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk)



# How can parents communicate with the school?

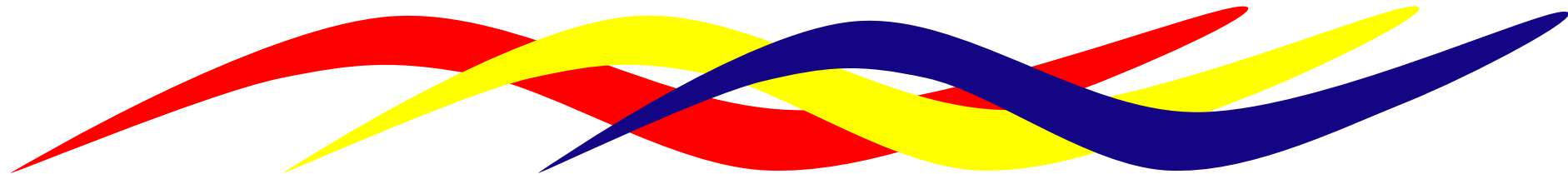
Email the class teacher.

Call the school office who may be able to answer your question immediately or pass a message to staff.  
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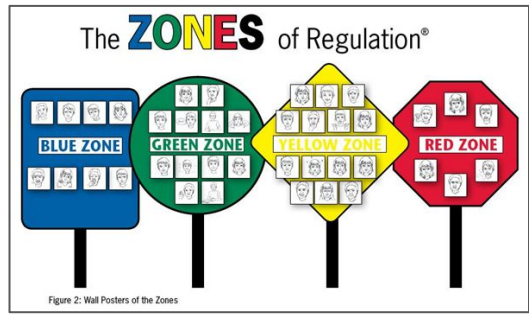
Speak with the staff on the school gate at the beginning or the end of the day.

Send in a note with your child.

Talk with Mrs Poulteney or any of our senior leaders:  
Mrs Coppin  
Mrs Smith  
Ms McAnally



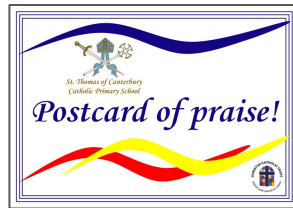
We have updated our behaviour policy at St Thomas's to better equip our children in understanding and articulating their feelings and emotions by using the Zones of Regulation.



We believe in a preventative approach, where children are treated with respect and where sanctions, when applied, are consistent.

Rewards for good behaviour at St Thomas's include:

- Verbal praise
- Communicating praise to parents
- Housepoints and stickers
- Certificates linked to our school values
- Prize ceremonies and special assemblies



# Religious Education

2 RE lessons per week

Spring term - themes and topics

- Local Church - Community
- Eucharist - Relating
- Lent/Easter - Giving



Weekly Assembly, Celebration of the Word and Hymn Practice



SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT



At St Thomas' we are learning to follow Jesus, showing respect and consideration for ourselves and others.

We all have the opportunity to learn and work to the best of our ability in a safe and loving environment.



Fr Stephen and Deacon Matus celebrate Mass regularly at school/church for whole school/year groups.

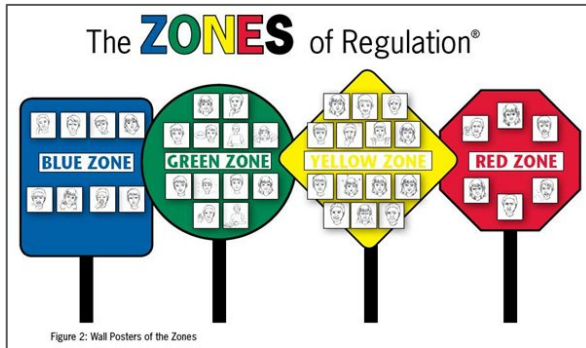


Deacon Matus supports learning in RE



We implement our PSHE curriculum through the use of the resource Life to the Full. This allows us to cover all the statutory requirements of Relationships and Health Education based on the structure of the Model Primary RSE Curriculum from the Catholic Education Service.

We supplement this with our own planning to cover elements of 'Living in the Wider World', such as: Digital Literacy, Shared Responsibility, British Values and Aspirations. Alongside this, we also ensure we cover important events throughout the year such as: Anti-Bullying Week, Black History Month, Children's Mental Health Week and Remembrance Day.



In each classroom, we have the Zones of Regulation to aid the children with understanding their emotions and feelings and knowing how to deal with them.



# SATs

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

The assessments are a way of making sure every child has mastered the basics when they leave primary education. The results help teachers to identify where children may need extra help or support as they move into year 7 and begin their secondary education.



# SATs

The school will report your child's test results as a scaled score for each subject. A scaled score is created from the number of marks your child scores in a particular test.

A scaled score:

- below 100 means that your child may need more support to help them reach the expected standard
- of 100 to 109 means that your child is working at the expected standard for the key stage
- Of above 110 means that your child is working above the expected standard for the key stage.

Year 6 SATs Boot Camp- Homework and revision tool







# *Our learning this term*

Throughout the Spring term, this is what we will be covering:

**English:** During Reading lessons, we will be reading the texts 'Floodland' and 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. During writing lessons, we will be following a writing cycle structure of exploring a genre, planning, writing and editing for variety of genres: diary entries, newspaper reports

**Maths:** In Maths lessons, we will be covering the Year 6 objectives for ratio (new to Year 6), algebra (new to Year 6), fractions, decimals, percentages, area, perimeter, volume and statistics.

**Science:** We will be covering electricity in Spring 1 and air pollution in Spring 2.





## *Our learning this term*

**Art & Design:** This half term, we will be studying different artists' work to find meaning in paintings as well as how art can be used to portray messages and tell stories.

**Computing:** This half term, we will be focussing on data, specifically inputting, analysing and evaluating data. Next half term, we will be focussing on the history of computers.

**Design & Technology:** Next half term, we will be focussing on structures (playground) and electrical systems (steady hand games).





## *Our learning this term*

French: This term we will be focussing on the topics Les Verbes Réguliers and Le Week-end.

Geography: We will be covering Extreme Earth focussing on the Earth's climate and the effects of extreme weather such as tornadoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

History: Next half term, we will be exploring World War 2, specifically how it began, evacuation, women's roles, countries who helped the allies and how the war came to an end.



## *Our learning this term*

**Music:** This term, we will be deepening our understanding and use of formal, written notation. We will also be playing and performing in solo or ensemble contexts with increasing accuracy, control, fluency and expression.

**PE:** This term we will be focussing on improving our gymnastics skills and our tennis skills.



# Homework



**Homework is set on a Thursday and due in the following Tuesday.**

All Grammar and Maths homework will be set on the Year 6 SATs Boot Camp website.

Spellings will be put on the Year 6 page on the school website for children to practise at home ready for their test the following week.

All Year 6 children must read their reading book at least 5 times a week and write about it in their Reading Record. Parents must sign the Reading Record before it is given in to the class teacher.



# *Educational Visits*



This term, we plan to visit:

- The Natural History Museum to further explore our topics of extreme earth (Geography) and evolution and inheritance (Science).

Please note that if we do not receive sufficient contributions towards educational visits, then they may have to be cancelled. Payments are made via Arbor.

Consent forms must be returned by every child before we can allow them to participate. Verbal consent is **not** accepted for children to take part in any activity.





## *After school clubs*

We are delighted to offer an increased range of after-school clubs this academic year, details of which are sent out at the beginning of each term.

Parents/carers can also access Jules et Lis before and after school clubs, run by an external provider. Details can be found on <https://julesetlis.co.uk/>





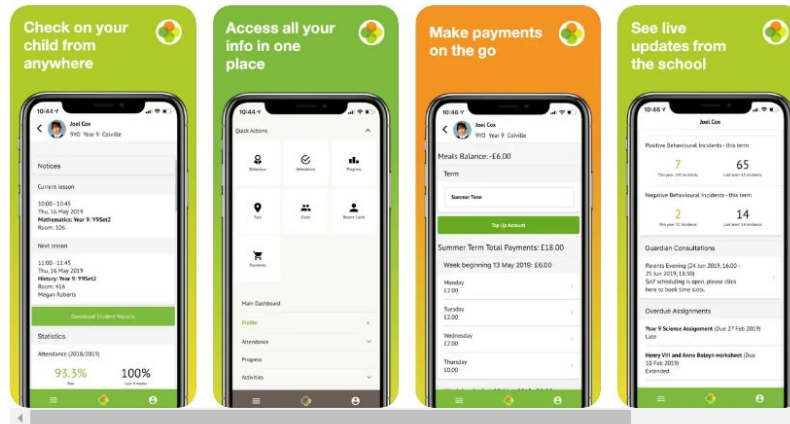
# Arbor

All correspondence, payments, club bookings and consent for trips will be sent electronically through Arbor.



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# *Dates for your diary*



- Parents' Evening: Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February
- Half term: Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February
- Return from February Half Term: Monday 26th February
- Mock SATs week: Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March
- End of Spring term: Thursday 28th March
- Return from Easter break: Monday 15th April



# Come and join us!

## St. Thomas of Canterbury's Parent Heritage Group



### Welcome to St Thomas of Canterbury's Parent Heritage Group!

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to discuss how our school supports the diverse heritages and multi-cultures within our school. We would like to hear your suggestions about how else we can embrace all aspects of our diverse community.

Everybody welcome!

Dates to be confirmed...

#### What we aim to achieve:

- Working together as a school/home community to celebrate our diverse cultures across the school.
- Planning cultural days: traditional clothing, traditional music, traditional stories.
- Ways in which the school can support families in celebrating diversity.
- Your ideas for what you would like to see implemented/how you would like to take part and support the children.

If you would like to join our Parent Heritage Group - leave your email address and telephone number with the office and Miss Paul will contact you.

Mrs Foley, our Community Involvement Lead is leading the establishment of the Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury. If you would like to be a part of this parent support group, who come together to help raise much needed money for our school, you can contact our email address:

[friendsofstoc@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:friendsofstoc@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk)

We got together to organise the tea, coffee and sweet treat sales after the recent Nativities and concerts. We will be arranging; fete's, discos, non-uniform days and other fundraising events. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please speak to one of the FOST parent support group after this meeting.

