

Weekly Newsletter - 15/11/24

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are inclusive.



November Reflection Parent Newsletter



Important Dates

22.11.24	Non-uniform day - Bring a jar of sweets
25.11.24	Yr 1 Trip - Colchester Zoo
25.11.24	Yr 4 Viking Workshop

Dear Parents,

Our school community came together on Monday to honour Remembrance Day, reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who served. Pupils participated in thoughtful activities, fostering a deep appreciation for the importance of peace and remembrance in our lives.

We were delighted to welcome our governors to school on Thursday. Their visit provided an invaluable opportunity for them to witness firsthand the exceptional learning environment we've cultivated. These visits are crucial in maintaining our high standards and fostering a strong school community. Please see some of their comments on the following page.

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



Parish Christmas Bazaar: Sunday 24th November.

Each child has been given a book of draw tickets to sell and potentially win some fantastic prizes! Please return the stubs and correct money to the school in a sealed envelope. Please note that we need contact details written on every ticket.

On **Friday 22nd November** children are permitted to wear their own clothes to school in return for donating a covered jar of sweets. The jars of sweets will be sold at the Parish Bazaar on **Sunday 24th November**.



Last Friday a group of our KS2 children took part in a Kurling competition. The children had never played before and finished 2nd out of 12 schools, losing the final by 1 point!!

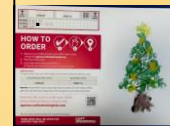


Celebration of the Word

Thank you to 4N for teaching us about 'World Kindness Day.' They reminded children and parents of ways we can show respect, kindness and love in our daily lives.

Christmas cards

Your child designed a Christmas card last week. The proofs of these cards are in your child's book bag today. Please scan the QR card to place your order before next Wednesday. There are many products to choose from and school FoST (PTA) will be gaining a percentage of the profits.





The pupils are truly committed to the school mission statement. There is a clear care for one another. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Governor day as it brought joy to my day.

Fr Matus Meleg

Curious, calm and confident students. I loved visiting St Thomas'.

Fr. Paschal Uche

Thank you Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for having me in your maths lessons. You were all so well behaved and showed your maths skills beautifully. Well done.

Mrs D. James

Thank you so much for your kindness and behaving so beautifully. A real pleasure to come in. The singing was amazing - beautiful voices.

Mrs M.Ikwudirim

Governor Day Thursday 14th November 2024

We extend our sincerest thanks to Ms. Taylor who has served as our Chair of Governors for the past 4 years and been a dedicated member of our Governing Body. We are so grateful for the time, support, care and commitment she has shown to our school community.

We welcome Mr. Thompson in his new role as Chair of Governors.



Thank you to the children and staff who delivered a beautiful Musical Celebration of the Word. And, especially to all who created gifts and cards for me, after 12 years of service as a school governor. I was really touched. Thank you!

Ms H. Taylor



Christmas Concerts

2:15 - 3:15pm



5.12.24 - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert - (Year 5 parents to attend)

6.12.24 - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert - (Year 6 parents to attend)

11.12.24 - Reception Christmas Concert - (All Reception parents to attend)

12.12.24 - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play - (Year 1 parents to attend)

13.12.24 - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play - (Year 2 parents to attend)

Design a Pair of Odd Socks



Reception child

Recognising Anti-Bullying Week at St. Thomas of Canterbury

Year 2 discussing
how to play with
others



Anti-Bullying Week

What is Anti-Bullying Week?
Anti-Bullying Week tells people about bullying and the ways we can help stop it from happening. It starts on Monday 13th November and ends on Friday 17th November in 2024.

What is Bullying?
Bullying is when someone chooses to hurt someone else over and over again. Bullying can hurt someone's feelings or their body.

Hurting Someone's Body
This could be pushing or kicking more than once.

Hurting Someone's Feelings
This could be name-calling.

Where Does Bullying Happen?
Bullying can happen inside or outside of school.

Questions

- When does Anti-Bullying Week start this year? Tick one.
 - Friday 13th November
 - Monday 17th November
 - Wednesday 13th November
- What is this year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week? Tick one.
 - Our Cuckoo!
 - Choose Respect
 - Make A Noise About Bullying
- What is bullying? Tick one.
 - hurting someone once
 - hurting someone over and over again
 - hurting your friend
- Which one of these is **not** bullying? Tick one.
 - playing games
 - pushing
 - name-calling
- How can a bully hurt your body? Tick one.
 - name-calling
 - kicking
 - being unkind



Bullying behaviour is when someone is nasty or hurts you, on purpose, again and again.

Always remember

STOP - Several Times On Purpose

Bullies Out

