

Weekly Newsletter - 6/12/24

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are inclusive.



December Reflection for Parents



For Advent - our hall has been decorated with art on the theme of 'Jesus, our light.' We remember Advent is a time to pause, reflect and get ready to welcome Jesus with open minds, open hearts and open lives.



Fr Pascal and children in KS1 led an Advent Service on St Nicholas, whose feast day is celebrated today.



Job Vacancy - Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner, 3:15 to 5:15pm with a start date of January 2025. Please see further details in the link below:
<https://www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk/page/?title=Cleaner&pid=1891>

Important Dates

11.12.24 2:15pm	Reception Christmas Concert
12.12.24 2:15pm	Yr 1 & 2 Nativity Play (Yr 1 parents to attend)
13.12.24 2:15pm	Yr 1 & 2 Nativity Play (Yr 2 parents to attend)
18.12.24	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday I accompanied the Year 4 children to watch Cinderella at the Royal Opera House. The performance was presented through ballet and accompanied by a live orchestra. It was a truly magical performance and both myself and the children were amazed at the talent of the ballerinas and musicians. I hope children were inspired when considering future careers!

The first week of Advent introduces the Year of the Jubilee, which officially begins on Christmas Eve with Pope Francis opening the [Holy Door](#) at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. A Jubilee Year is an ancient celebration, now celebrated in the Church every 25 years. Pope Francis has named 2025's Year of Jubilee - **Pilgrims of Hope** and it's an invitation to place our hope in God's love for us and to share His love with others. It's a celebration of reconciliation and renewal.

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



Cake donations please

Friends of St Thomas' PTA need cake donations to sell at our school Christmas events. Please hand in at the office, if you are able to make or buy some cakes for us. Please also support the school by bringing along some loose change and purchasing, sweet snowmen or cakes at the upcoming carol concerts, and Nativities.





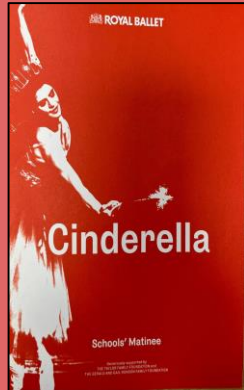
Naomi - 4N

“My favorite part was when all the chorus ballerinas were on the stage dancing together in the ball scene at the palace.”



Jaden - 4B

“The best part of it was the ball because they were all dancing. It was good to see see ballet in real life as we are doing it in PE at the moment too.”



Devine - 4FV

“When the pumpkin exploded it was awesome. When they were dancing, it was incredible.”



[Royal Opera House : Cinderella](#)



Christmas Concerts

2:15 - 3:15pm



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

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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)