

Weekly Newsletter – 10/01/25

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are respectful.

Dear Parents,

Extending a very warm welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope you all had time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and meet with friends and family. The children have returned to school re-energised and focused on their learning. This half term we shall focus on the next school value, **respectful**.

Just a reminder if you have any concerns about your child do speak with the class teacher at the end of the day or arrange an appointment via email or calling the school office.

The school designated safeguarding leads are Mrs Poulteney, Miss McAnally, Mrs Smith and Mrs Coppin. Please make contact if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Best wishes for the New Year.
Mrs Poulteney

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



Parent consultation meetings will be available on the 11th and 13th February so please add these dates to your diary.

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Important Dates

13.1.25 2:30pm	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Parents Meeting
15.1.25 2:45pm	1H Liturgy - Parents welcome
17.1.25	Yr 3 Trip - Leeds Castle
22.1.25 2:45pm	1B Liturgy - Parents welcome
24.1.25 2:45pm	Yr 6C Liturgy - Parents Welcome



St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Ward Avenue, Grays, Essex, RM17 5RW

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Are you able to listen to children read?
Help with educational visits?
Help with school displays?
Assist with whole school events such as Cultural Diversity Day or Sports Day?

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

Please collect a form from the office.

Reception Intake 2025

For those looking to secure a place for the Reception 2025 intake, please visit our [website](#). The certificate of Catholic Practice from the priest is **not** required. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2025**.

Thurrock Catering Services

We are seeking experienced and enthusiastic Catering Assistant's with a positive 'can-do' attitude!

We have several vacancies across Thurrock for this unique role which is an exciting opportunity to work within the School Meal Service.

Thurrock Catering Services provides Bronze Food for Life, award winning lunchtime meals at 24 Primary Schools, 3 Secondary Schools and 2 Alternative Provision Academies within the Borough, serving more than one million meals each year to children and school staff. Due to the Universal Free School Meal's for KS1 pupils and continued expansion and growth of our service which now includes catering for Grangewaters Residential Groups and Holiday Activity Feeding Events, an opportunity now exists to work in a friendly and flexible environment within school kitchens in Thurrock.

You will be required to prepare, produce, and deliver an excellent standard food service to the staff and pupils at schools in Thurrock, you must be able to organise, arrange and supervise all activities in the school kitchen, counter display and dining room area and must be prepared to cover where-ever required across Thurrock in other schools if needed. You will need to promote the service and keep abreast of new products, promotions, and any changes in legislation.

Your main responsibilities will include:

- Promotion of the Catering Service and supporting the Head of Kitchen to keep abreast of new products & legislation,
- Support the Head of Kitchen and Catering Services to organise and deliver a high standard of service and customer care.
- Support the Head of Kitchen with food preparation and cooking as required.
- Participate in annual appraisals and any training required.
- Support the Catering Service to increase uptake and business growth.

Full workplace training will be given, which includes food hygiene and safety training. A flexible approach with a 'can-do' attitude is required together with a pleasant personality and excellent customer care ethics.

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check at Enhanced Level with Children's Barred List is required for this post.

Salary: £23,656 per annum (pro rata)

15 - 25 Hours Per Week (Service-Dependent) (term time)

You can easily apply by visiting - www.thurrock.gov.uk Jobs & Careers



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council if interested.