

## Weekly Newsletter - 31/1/25

*Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are respectful.*

Dear Parents,

This Monday I spoke to the older children about marking the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz - Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex. We offered our prayers to the Jews and all those persecuted during the Holocaust. In October I visited Auschwitz and the Birkenau camp myself. It was such a sobering experience but so important to know how such atrocities must never be repeated. [FOR A BETTER FUTURE](#) is the theme for the Holocaust Memorial Day this year. I encouraged pupils to go home and ask their parents about this event so that they could gain a better (age appropriate) understanding. It is important to have a secure knowledge of significant historical events so that they are never repeated in the future.



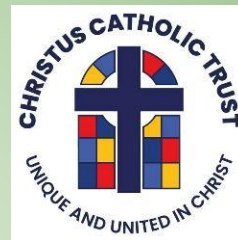
Best wishes,  
Mrs Poulteney

*We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.*



## Open Schools Week

Next week our Christus Catholic Trust is hosting an Open Schools Week. Schools across the trust are inviting staff to watch lessons which demonstrate strategies or subjects that they are proud of. Sharing of excellence contributes towards staff professional development. Our school are proudly showcasing our enrichment activities such as Now Press Play and our school inclusivity.



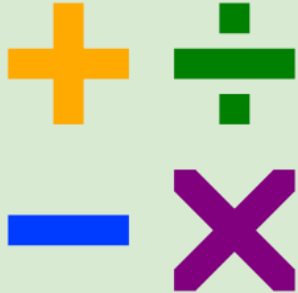
## Important Dates

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| 5.2.25                  | 2S Liturgy -<br>Parents welcome                                 |
| 11.2.25<br>&<br>13.2.25 | Parents evening   |
| 14.2.25                 | FOST Valentine's<br>Event<br><br>5B Liturgy - Parens<br>Welcome |
| 17.2.25                 | Half Term break   |
| 24.2.25                 | Back at School  |

### How safe is WhatsApp for children?

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It is rated at 16+ but all you need to set it up is a phone number and we are aware that there are a large number of children in school using it. If your child uses WhatsApp, please take the time to look at the guidance in the link below about the dangers associated with it.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>



## Times Tables Rockstars/NumBots Day

On Friday 31st January, we hosted our annual TTRockstars and NumBots day at school. Children in Reception and Year 1 dressed up as robots or had costumes linked to numbers.

Children in Years 2 to 6 dressed up as rock stars. All of the costumes were very creative. Through assemblies, the children have been reminded of how crucial it is that they know their number bonds and times tables. The children and staff had a brilliant day full of fun Maths activities!

**Log onto Times Table Rockstars and NumBots at home to keep practising!**

