

# Weekly Newsletter - 7/2/25

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

Dear Parents,  
Next week parents have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher on **Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February** from **3:30 until 6:00pm**. Please ensure you have made an appointment. We would like parents to attend with their child, to discuss how your child is progressing this year and strategies you can use to support your child at home. To ensure all children are kept safe, pupils and siblings are to remain with parents at all times. Our SENCO Mrs Hall, and Inclusion Manager Mrs Cuff, are also available to meet you. Please contact the office if you would like a separate appointment  
Thank you in advance for your attendance.  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Poulteney

*We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.*



Thank you to 2S  
for their Celebration of the  
Word on the  
Presentation of the Lord.

## February Reflection [Parent Newsletter](#)



### Spirit of the Wild Workshops for Year 2

On Wednesday our year 2 children had the opportunity to learn lots of interesting facts about animals and their adaptations which enable them to survive in their habitats. The children loved handling the animals and impressed all the adults with their excellent behaviour.



### Introducing our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Cuff.

Supporting pupils with their emotional, social and behavioural challenges, to help them reach their potential in their personal and academic performance.



## Important Dates

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| 11.2.25<br>13.2.25 | Parents evening 3:30-6:00 pm      |
| 11.2.25            | Safer internet day                |
| 14.2.25            | 5B Celebration of the word 2:45pm |
| 14.2.25            | FOST valentines event             |
| 17.2.25 - 21.2.25  | Half term holiday                 |
| 24.2.25            | Back to school                    |
| 28.2.25            | 4B Celebration of the Word 2:45pm |
| 6.3.25             | World Book Day                    |

# Friends of St Thomas' PTA

Thank you to all those that supported the school and our children in our fundraising efforts over the last year. To date, we have managed to raise a total of £6556. We have only made two purchases with the money raised so far; bikes and dolls. We will continue with our fundraising efforts to ensure all children benefit from the money raised and enrich their school environment.



What your contributions have allowed us to purchase:



£6556  
Raised



Please contact  
Arley for pre-loved  
Uniform sales



# Friends of St Thomas' School

**Friends of St Thomas**

**VALENTINES PINK or RED DAY**

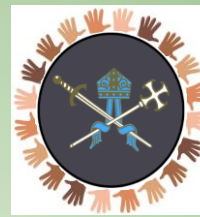
**£2 per child cash to be handed to the teacher**

**14th February 2025**

**Lets colour our school in pink or red and spread love and kindness!**

**Wear one item of red or pink, it could be a red hairband, pink t shirt or a red jumper!**

**Each child will receive a gift**



## Upcoming fundraising Events planned in Spring term

- 3rd March - Mothers day sales (more info on pre-orders to follow)
- 21st March - Tea and coffee sales at the Easter Passion plays (Year 3 parents)
- 22nd March - Tea and coffee sales (Year 4 parents) at the Easter Passion plays

If you are available and would like to help with purchasing items, gathering donations from local businesses or volunteering for our sales please email:

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

No amount of time is too small. A couple of hours per half term etc, all help is appreciated. If you can also buy or make and donate items such as cakes and biscuits, we would love to hear from you.

If you work for a company that would donate for a raffle or sale, please get in touch too.

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This week we took part in Children's Mental Health Week (3rd-9th February). It is a crucial time to reflect on the importance of mental well-being in young people. This week served as an opportunity to raise awareness, provide support, and foster conversations around mental health for children and young people everywhere.

Throughout the week, we focused on ways to support children's mental health. Whether it was through our Zones of Regulation, mindfulness exercises, creative activities, or simply taking time to check in with the young people around you, small actions can have a big impact.



### Ways to support at home:

**Encourage Open Conversations** – Start talking about mental health openly. Let children know it's okay to feel a range of emotions and there are ways to manage them.

**Promote Activities that Boost Well-Being** – Encourage children to engage in physical activities, show kindness to others, connect with others, learn a new skill and be present in the moment.



## Reading Ambassadors-preparation for WBD

The role of reading ambassadors is to engage, encourage and support the creation of a positive reading ethos across the school.

If you are interested in becoming a Reading Ambassador, your half term holiday homework is to create your application.

During your reading slots in week commencing 24-02-25 you will be given time to present why you wish to be selected as the new Reading Ambassador for your class. You can make a poster, write a few paragraphs, make a presentation or just get up and tell the class;

1. Why you should be chosen
2. How you think we could encourage children in school to read more

Class teacher will select one person per class after these presentations

Criteria for being selected:

- You should demonstrate a **joy** for reading by reading regularly
- You must be an **avid** reader as you will need to recommend books to other



New Reading Ambassadors will be announced on World Book Day during a special Assembly.

# St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



This year's theme for World Book Day (WBD) on **Thursday 6th March** is Reading for Pleasure. **We will be dressing as our favourite book characters this year.**

For WBD homework, you will be asked to take a **photograph** of you reading in 'your way'- in your favourite or an unusual place. Your photos need to be sent to your class teacher via email (please see class pages on website for email address) by **Friday 28th February**. The winning photos in each year group will be announced in our special Assembly on WBD.

On the day, you also need to bring in your **favourite book**, ready to talk about it to your friends.

We will be welcoming another author this year: Rea Malhotra Mukhtyar. Books will be available to pre-order and have signed like previous years.

Lastly, parents, we would like to invite you in to our 'Reading Cafe' to read **your** favourite book with your children at the end of the day.

KS1 at 2.30pm,  
KS2 at 2.45pm.

You will be kindly asked to leave classes at 3.05 and children will be dismissed from their usual collection points.

# READ YOUR WAY

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
6 MARCH 2025

