

# Weekly Newsletter - 14/2/25

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

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy half-term in school. We have had a TTRockstars/ Numbots day, Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week, Parents' Evening and the launch of the Jubilee Year. We also took part in our first swimming gala and came 3rd!

As we are now in the Jubilee Year, we have been focussing a lot on the meaning of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All children have been exploring the different aspects of the jubilee logo in their classes and the logos are popping up all over school. You might have seen them when you attended your child/children's parents' evenings this week.

Next half term, we are looking forward to Lent, the Easter Production, World Book Day and Science Week.

We hope you have a happy and safe half term break.

Best wishes,



Oliver and Ruva  
(Head Boy and Head Girl)



*We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.*

## Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday 11th February we explored how to be safe when using the internet. The theme this year was 'Too good to be true'. All year groups developed their understanding of the importance of being safe online.

To help and support your child with this at home you can: have conversations about online safety, monitor their activity, make sure there is privacy settings on their devices and encourage responsible screen time.



## Safeguarding Leads

The school designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Poulteney. Miss McAnally, Mrs Smith and Mrs Coppin, the Assistant Headteachers have responsibility for Safeguarding in School and would be the first point of contact if you have any concerns.

## Important Dates

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



Thank you to 5B for your Celebration of The Word on forgiveness.

# Some of the lovely artwork entries for the Young Artist competition!



Nyla 5MD



Syra 5MD



Elize 5MD



Eliza 6L



Kuba 4N



Marnie 5H



Gabriella 5B



Reggie 5H



Elliott 5MD



Shashwina 5H



Kamsi 5B



Naomi 4N

"I loved creating my artwork, it made me feel really calm and peaceful."

"I love nature and I love art, so creating artwork about nature was really fun."

"My children worked really hard on their artwork and were so excited when creating them. Thank you for giving them this opportunity, I'm so proud of them."

# Science Week



Monday 10th - Friday 14th March  
Our chosen theme is  
Change and adaptation in space!

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

As a Home learning Project we would like you to make your own rockets! They need to be brought into school on Monday 10th March 2025 and we will give the children the opportunity to test them throughout the week. The following links may help you with your invention:



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Dress up as an astronaut or a scientist!



<https://www.science-sparks.com/5-easy-rockets-kids-can-make/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/509602/build-and-launch-your-own-rockets>

<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/stem-activities/paper-rocket>

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/bottle-rockets/>

<https://www.northstareducationalexplorations.com/blog/bottle-rocket-easy-stem-activity>





# 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 speci



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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 addresses) 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

