

Weekly Newsletter - 28/2/25

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are curious.

Dear Parents,
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable break. This half term we shall focus on the next school value, **curious**. Curiosity is an essential skill for learning. Encourage your child to ask questions, explore ideas and discover the unknown.

Lent begins with our **Ash Wednesday** service on 5th March. All are welcome. If you do not wish your child to receive ashes please inform their class teacher.

Spring 2 is a very busy time at school so please refer to the newsletter and Arbor reminders. I am very much looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday and exploring the magical world of reading!

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



Just a reminder to wear your costumes for World Book Day and bring in your favourite book with your name on it.



Thurrock Catering is our school dinner provider.
They would like parents to complete this questionnaire with their child:

[Link](#)

Reception mobile zoo visit

It was wonderful to see the smiles and laughter of the Reception children during their handling of the insects and other animals this week. It was a great way to start their new topic of Minibeasts.



Important Dates

4.3.25	Year 2 Florence Nightingale experience
5.3.25 10:15 am	Ash Wednesday Service
6.3.25	World Book Day- Parents welcome 2.30 KS1, 2:45 KS2
10.3.25	Science Week
12.3.25 2:45pm	2F Celebration of the Word - parents welcome
14.3.25	4F Celebration of the Word - parents welcome

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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



Art Competitions for all ages and parents!

If you have any questions, please ask Miss Hamlet. Enjoy!

Please bring your artwork to Miss Hamlet by
Monday 24th March 2025.



Art Competition

Produce one finished two-dimensional piece of artwork size A4 only, unframed relating to the theme 'Spring to life'. We welcome artwork in various mediums, such as: pen and ink, paint, collage and printmaking etc.

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Application



Are you creative and passionate about art? Then our Art Ambassador role is for you!

Your responsibilities would include:

- Look at your year groups Art books bring Miss Hamlet work from their year group that they think should be celebrated.
- Promote art competitions and remind children deadline dates.
- Ask pupils for their opinions about our Art lessons.
- Take photos in Art lessons.
- Making sure the classroom is tidied and cleaned after art lessons.
- Help judge our termly Art competitions.

If you would like to be apply to become an Art Ambassador, please write a letter about why you should have this role and give to Miss Hamlet by Friday 14th March 2025.

If you are creative and passionate about Art and would like to become an Art Ambassador, please write Miss Hamlet a letter by Friday 14th March explaining why you should be chosen for this role. If you are unsure or need any help, please speak to Miss Hamlet.



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:



PAPER
ROCKETS

Monday 10th 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>