

Weekly Newsletter - 21/3/25

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are curious.

Dear Parents,

This week our Year 6 children have been sitting their Mock SATs. I am proud of the maturity they have shown. Opportunities such as these are to be used for teachers, children and parents to identify areas for revision or further support. The real SATs week begins on Monday 12th May. These next few weeks can make a real difference to their grades so please support them at home and ensure they come into school ready to learn. I also remind all parents to continue to support with learning at home; regular reading, times table practice and the learning of spellings all contributes towards your child's academic achievement.

A reminder that after the Easter holidays children can return to school in either their winter or summer uniform: Please refer to our [School Uniform Policy](#).

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



Thurrock Poetry Competition: A big well done to Kaobi, Feyikemi, Dorothea, Miriam, Moriara, Serena (3E); Chisom (4N); Jaden and Korey (4B); Rebeka, Ava, Emily, Lennah (5MD); Ayodimeji, Talia, Bianca, Brooke, Daizie, Nelly, Samantha and Phoebe (6C) who took part this year. Although no heats were won, every group performed with confidence and made a fantastic impression on the staff involved in the event and their parents who watched. They were such a credit to our school!



Year 1 were very lucky to have their RE learning supported by Father Pascal this week. He talked about the importance of The Last Supper and worked with some children to record this important even in Jesus' life.



Congratulations to Sophia 6U, for achieving 2nd place in the cross country championships.

Important Dates

25.3.25 2:15pm	Easter Passion Play - Yr 3 parents
27.3.25 2:15pm	Easter Passion Play - Yr 4 parents
4.4.25	End of Term 1:30pm finish
22.4.25	Back to school



The School Council would like to a big thank you for everyone's generosity towards the Clothing Collection. We managed to fill a van and Leukaemia Care were incredibly grateful!



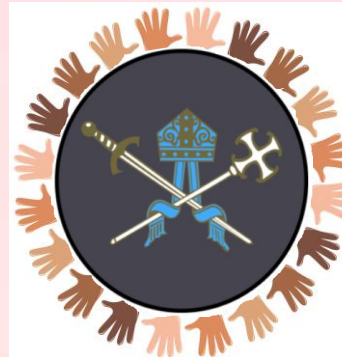
Mother's Day is fast approaching and this year FOST are doing the Mother's Day gift sale.

All orders must be placed by Wednesday 19 March 2025.

This year, orders will need to be placed online and the gift will be delivered to your child(ren) in their classrooms.

Please see the FOST website link below to place your orders, www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstoc

FOST



Upcoming fundraising Events planned in Spring term

March - Mothers day sales 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 able to buy or bake some cakes for this sale please let the office, Mrs Foley know or email the PTA on: friendsofstoc@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

A quick reminder to all students and parents about the upcoming **Art Competition!** This is a fantastic opportunity for you all to showcase your creativity and talent. Whether it's a painting, drawing, collage, or mixed media piece, we can't wait to see the amazing work our students and parents will create.

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.

Theme: Spring to Life

Winners will receive a prize!



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Art Competition for parents

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Theme: Spring to Life

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Prize available for our winners!

Congratulations!

I am thrilled to announce our St Thomas Art Ambassadors. As representatives of our school's artistic spirit, they will play a key role in inspiring and encouraging their peers to express themselves through art. Their first job was to suggest great prizes for the winners and remind everyone about the competition so that lots of students can join in and show off their creativity!

Congratulations to Eliza Jachym, Elize Yevdokimova and Naomi Akinde for receiving a highly commended artwork certificate for the Rotary Young Artist competition! Your talent and dedication truly shine through in your work. Keep up the fantastic effort, and may this be just the beginning of many more achievements ahead! More information can be found here

<https://www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk/>

Miss Hamlet



Please give your artwork to Miss Hamlet by Thursday 6th February. Years 3-6 only.

ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Theme:
Wonderful Water

TO PRODUCE ONE FINISHED 2-DIMENSIONAL PIECE OF ARTWORK, UP TO A MAXIMUM SIZE OF A2, UNFRAMED, BASED UPON THE THEME.

WONDERFUL WATER: WE WELCOME ARTWORK IN VARIOUS MEDIUMS, SUCH AS: PEN & INK, PAINT, COLLAGE, PRINT MAKING, ETC.

TO ACCOMPANY THE SUBMISSION, EACH ENTRANT MUST PROVIDE A BRIEF SENTENCE DESCRIBING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ARTWORK TO THE THEME. PLEASE WRITE THIS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL MEAN THE ENTRANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.