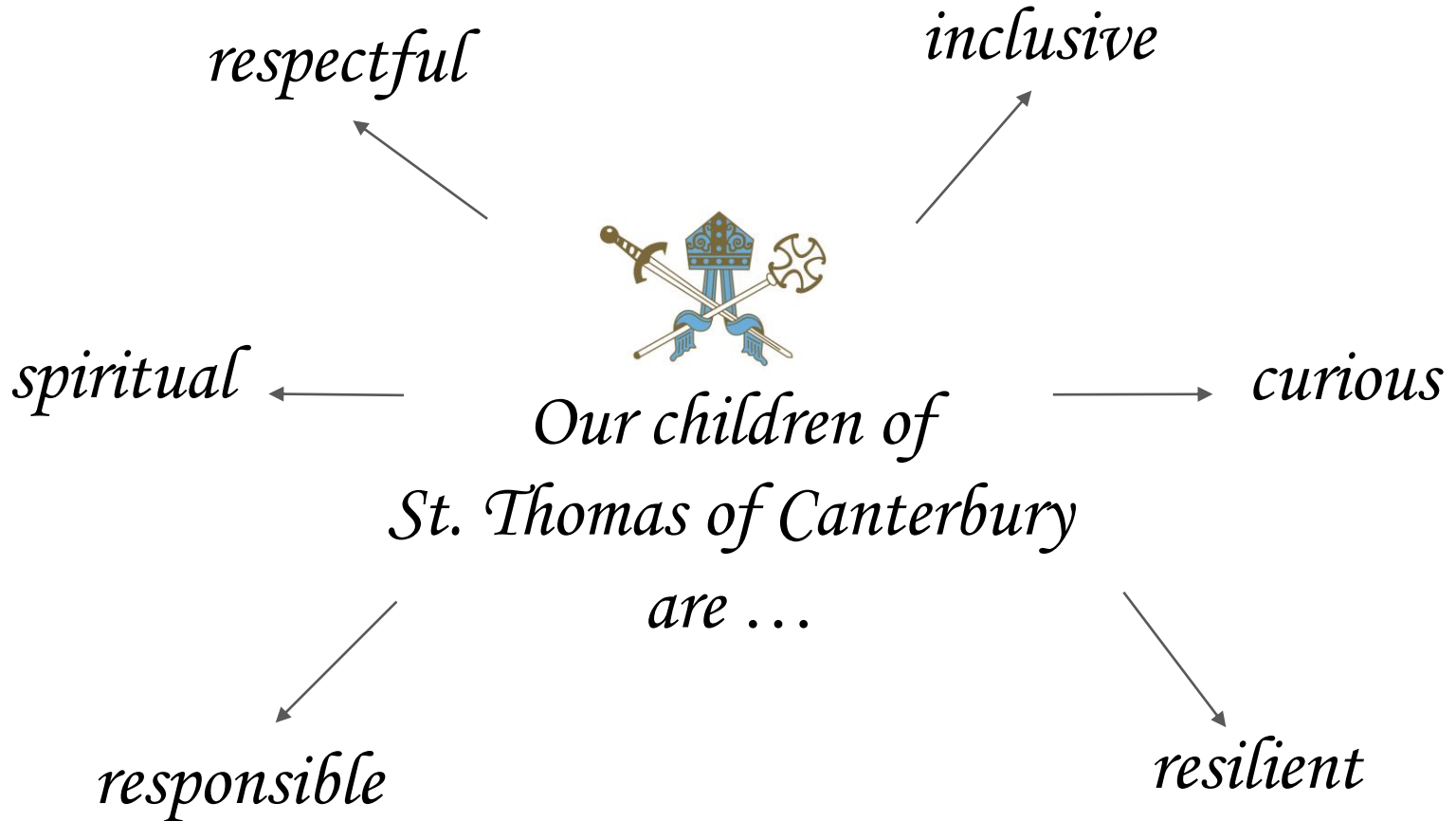


*Welcome to the Year 5
Parent Information Meeting*

Tuesday 16th January 2024



Our School Values



The Year 5 Team

- Mrs C East**- Year Group Leader & Class 5E teacher
- Miss I Nixon** - Class 5N teacher
- Mrs Ignatov** (*Mon-Wed*) / **Miss McAnally** (*Thu-Fri*)
- Class 5I teachers

- Mrs Cook, Mrs Wiseman and Miss Holland** - Year 5 support staff

- Mrs Hall** - SENCo





Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality is essential. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. Please note that holidays are not permitted in term time.

Unauthorised absence may result in the school referring to the Local Authority for sanctions and/or legal proceedings. This may include issuing each parent/carer with a Penalty Notice.

Please note the following times:

8:40am - Gates open

8:55am - Children are expected to be in the classroom for the register to be taken by 9:00am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late.

9:15am - Pupils will receive a mark of absence if they do not attend school before this time.



Absence Procedures



If your child is absent for any reason, you should contact the school office via telephone before 9:00am on the first day of absence. You will be expected to provide an explanation for the absence and an estimate of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day.

Please note that coughs and colds are very common, especially in the winter, and generally do not require your child to be absent from school. Illnesses such as diarrhoea and vomiting only require 48 hours absence from school. If in doubt, please check for guidance on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> or contact the school office.





Uniform

At St. Thomas of Canterbury, we are proud that our uniform fosters a sense of belonging within our school community.

We have listened to parental views and updated our uniform policy which has now been ratified by Our Governors- see the changes on the next slides.


Information about school uniform can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk/uniform/>

Our uniform is available to purchase from Uniformwise in Stanford-Le-Hope:

<https://www.uniformwise.co.uk/> Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name.





The best option is to speak with the class teacher. From 8:40am staff are working with children so please speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

Email or call the school office to request to meet with a member of staff.
admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk



How can parents communicate with the school?

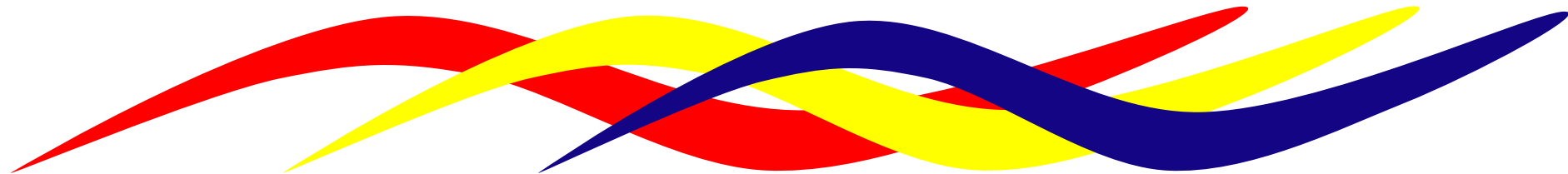
Email the class teacher.

Call the school office who may be able to answer your question immediately or pass a message to staff.
01375 375826

Speak with the staff on the school gate at the beginning or the end of the day.

Send in a note with your child.

Talk with Mrs Poulteney or any of our senior leaders:
Mrs Coppin
Mrs Smith
Ms McAnally





Uniform - updates

	BOYS	GIRLS
<p>WINTER (Compulsory from October half term)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Shirt • School Tie (Preferably a non-elastic tie in KS2) • Grey V necked jumper preferably with the school logo • Grey trousers / shorts • Grey socks • Black shoes (not trainers) • Navy or black school coat • St Thomas' School blazer (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White shirt/ blouse • School Tie (Preferably a non-elastic tie in KS2) • Grey V necked cardigan preferably with the school logo • Grey skirt or pinafore • White or Grey socks / Grey tights • Black shoes (not boots or trainers) • Navy or black school coat • St Thomas' School blazer (optional)
<p>St Thomas' book bag. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Small blue/black bag if children need to bring a change of clothes for clubs.</p>		
<p>SUMMER (Compulsory from May half term)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White polo shirt with school logo (Preferred) or plain white polo shirt • Grey shorts • Grey V necked jumper preferably with the school logo • Grey socks • Black shoes (not trainers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink gingham dresses • Neutral coloured (e.g. black, white) cycling shorts under dresses (Optional) • White blouse with revered collar/ grey skirt (Year 5 & 6 girls only) • Grey V necked cardigan, preferably with the school logo • White socks • Black shoes

Jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the school logo are preferred.

Grey socks are permitted for girls in the winter

Summer uniform- Year 5&6 girls- white blouse with a revered collar



PE kit - updates



Year 5's PE day is Tuesday.

Your child should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.



Children should wear their PE shorts and T-Shirt underneath their tracksuit as they will only need to wear the T-shirt with their shorts for indoor PE lessons.

Please note that in the winter months, the St. Thomas of Canterbury tracksuit should be worn.

Children should wear **black plimsolls or black trainers** on their PE days.



Hair/ Accessories - Updates



- Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and should be in school colours. Red, white, blue in winter. Pink, white or blue in summer.
- Hair braids should be natural hair colours.
- One small stud earring per ear. (Children must not wear earrings on PE days.)



Alterations to the school uniform policy due to religious or medical reasons to be agreed by the Headteacher.

We have updated our behaviour policy at St Thomas's to better equip our children in understanding and articulating their feelings and emotions by using the Zones of Regulation.

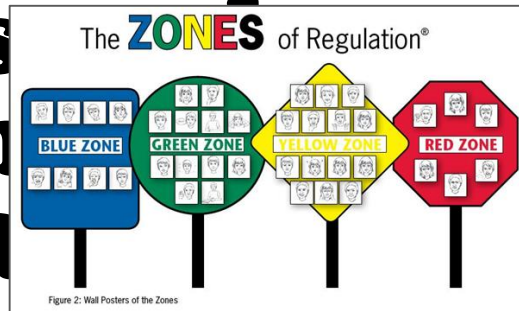


Figure 2: Wall Posters of the Zones



We believe in a preventative approach, where children are treated with respect and where sanctions, when applied, are consistent.

Rewards for good behaviour at St Thomas include:

- **Verbal praise**
- **Communicating praise to parents**
- **Housepoints and stickers**
- **Certificates linked to school values**
- **Prize ceremonies and social assemblies**



Religious Education

2 RE lessons per week

Spring term - themes and topics

- Local Church - Mission
- Eucharist - Memorial Sacrifice
- Lent/Easter - Sacrifice



Weekly Assembly, Celebration of the Word and Hymn Practice



SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT



At St Thomas' we are learning to follow Jesus, showing respect and consideration for ourselves and others.

We all have the opportunity to learn and work to the best of our ability in a safe and loving environment.



Fr Stephen and Deacon Matus celebrate Mass regularly at school/church for whole school/year groups.

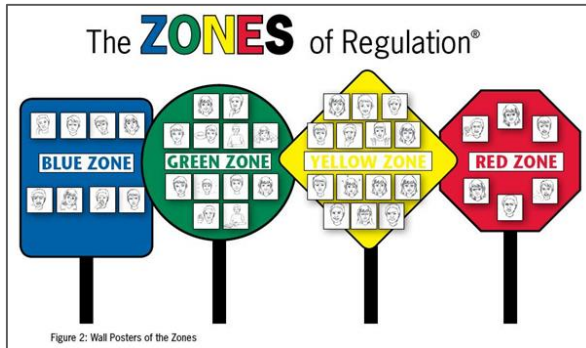


Deacon Matus supports learning in RE and training of altar servers.



We implement our PSHE curriculum through the use of the resource Life to the Full. This allows us to cover all the statutory requirements of Relationships and Health Education based on the structure of the Model Primary RSE Curriculum from the Catholic Education Service.

We supplement this with our own planning to cover elements of 'Living in the Wider World', such as: Digital Literacy, Shared Responsibility, British Values and Aspirations. Alongside this, we also ensure we cover important events throughout the year such as: Anti-Bullying Week, Black History Month, Children's Mental Health Week and Remembrance Day.



In each classroom, we have the Zones of Regulation to aid the children with understanding their emotions and feelings and knowing how to deal with them.



Our learning this term



Throughout the Spring term, this is what we will be covering:

English: Our class text this term will be **Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce** and we will base our writing upon this. We will be focussing on persuasive writing, newspaper reports and balance arguments.

Maths: Our Maths units this term will include Multiplication and Division (*Formal written methods*) Fractions, Perimeter and Area.

Science: This half term we have are studying **Space** and next half term, we will be studying **Renewable Energy**.





Our learning this term

Art & Design: In Spring 2, we will be creating mixed media portraits. We will use a range of mediums and techniques to create powerful pieces of artwork.

Computing: Spring 1: Sonic Pi
Spring 2: Micro:bit



Design & Technology: At the minute we are in the process of learning about the features of different types of bridges and what makes them strong. Towards the end of the half term, the children will be working in small groups to build model Truss bridges out of wood.



Our learning this term



French: Spring 1: My Place (*Chez Moi*)

Spring 2: At the Café (*Au Café*)

Geography: Next half term, we will begin our South America unit which looks at the location, climate and countries within the vast continent. We will also be looking at why certain areas of land are used in a particular way by the local communities.

History: This half term we are studying the Ancient Mayans. To deepen our learning about the Mayans, we will be using Now Press Play to bring the topic alive to the children.





Our learning this term

Music: Throughout the Spring term, the children will be learning to play the keyboard and how to read treble clef notation.

PE: During the Spring Term, the children will be participating in **Gymnastics** lessons with our Sports Coach. They will be learning how to safely travel across a range of different apparatus and how to land a variety of different jumps.

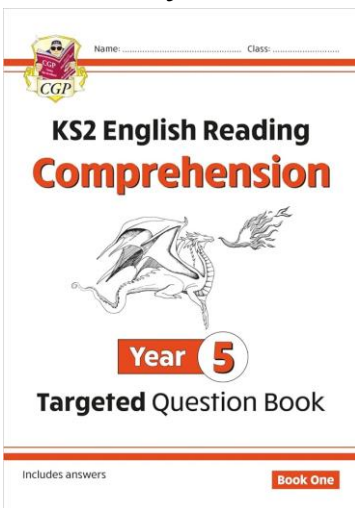
They will also be participating in **Netball** lessons, where they will be introduced to the rules and tactics of the game.





Reading

Becoming a fluent, skilled and attentive reader starts at the earliest stages. Therefore, making sure that children become engaged with reading at the earliest opportunity is one of the most important ways to make a difference to their life chances.



Please listen to your child read **5 times a week** and encourage them to write a comment in his/her reading record.



Homework

Homework is set every Thursday and is due to be returned on the following Tuesday.

Your child's homework will generally consist of spelling words, which we will test in class, and a Maths sheet which covers our learning in class that week.

At times, we may also give children a project to complete that involves research and/or artwork.

We also encourage the children to regularly practise their Times Tables on TT Rockstars.





After school clubs

We are delighted to offer an increased range of after-school clubs this academic year, details of which are sent out at the beginning of each term.

Parents/carers can also access Jules et Lis before and after school clubs, run by an external provider. Details can be found on <https://julesetlis.co.uk/>





Arbor

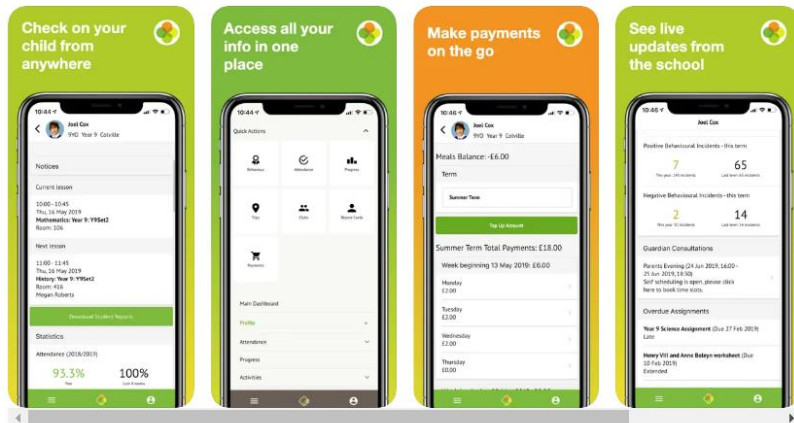
All correspondence, payments, club bookings and consent for trips will be sent electronically through Arbor.

All dinner money payments do need to be made in advance.



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Dates for your diary

- **TT Rockstars Day:** Friday 26th January
- **Parents' Evening:** Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February
- **Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday 14th February
- **Half term:** Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February
- **Return from February Half Term:** Monday 26th February
- **Year 5 Mass at the church:** Wednesday 6th March
- **5I Celebration of the Word:** Friday 15th March
- **End of Spring Term:** Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm (Early close)
- **Return from Easter break:** Monday 15th April



Come and join us!



St. Thomas of Canterbury's Parent Heritage Group



Welcome to St Thomas of Canterbury's Parent Heritage Group!

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to discuss how our school supports the diverse heritages and multi-cultures within our school. We would like to hear your suggestions about how else we can embrace all aspects of our diverse community.

Everybody welcome!

Dates to be confirmed...

What we aim to achieve:

- Working together as a school/home community to celebrate our diverse cultures across the school.
- Planning cultural days: traditional clothing, traditional music, traditional stories.
- Ways in which the school can support families in celebrating diversity.
- Your ideas for what you would like to see implemented/how you would like to take part and support the children.

If you would like to join our Parent Heritage Group - leave your email address and telephone number with the office and Miss Paul will contact you.

Mrs Foley, our Community Involvement Lead is leading the establishment of the Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury. If you would like to be a part of this parent support group, who come together to help raise much needed money for our school, you can contact our email address:

friendsofstoc@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

We got together to organise the tea, coffee and sweet treat sales after the recent Nativities and concerts. We will be arranging; fete's, discos, non-uniform days and other fundraising events. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please speak to one of the FOST parent support group after this meeting.

