

# Weekly Newsletter - 1/3/24

*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.

During worship we have discussed how children could GIVE, ACT and PRAY during Lent. Children have their Lenten promises displayed in the hall to act as a daily reminder.

I am very excited for World Book Day next week. We are especially fortunate to be welcoming two authors and an illustrator! I look forward to seeing all children dressed in a costume of their choice and a decorated wooden spoon. Ideas on the following page.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Poulteney

*We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.*

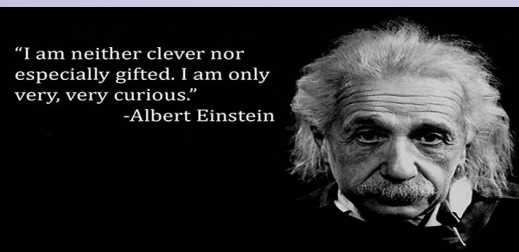


## March Reflection for Parents

We have subscribed to [Gift-ED](#), a portal where parents can access 2 courses to help them understand Catholic School life and how the application process works. Please log in by registering [here](#) and entering the code: **b8bn9h9wt**



Year 2 had a fantastic Friday before half term during their visit from **Maldon Promenade Zoo**. They learnt lots of new facts about different animals and their habitats and life cycles.



## Important Dates

6.3.24	Yr 5 Mass Church
6.3.24 2:45pm	Yr 1G Liturgy Parents Welcome
7.3.24	World Book Day
8.3.24 2:45pm	Yr 6H Liturgy Parents Welcome
8.3.24	FOST Mother's Day gift sales
11.3.24	Science Week
15.3.24 2:45pm	Yr 5I Liturgy Parents Welcome

# World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We have lots of lovely activities planned for the children.

## Author visits

For Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 the children will have the opportunity to get a book signed by the author and illustrator of 'Ella Plays Football'. Please purchase a copy from Amazon if you would like to get the Authors to sign these during their visit. All orders placed with the school before Wednesday 28th will be handed out. For KS2, Thomas Leeds will be visiting us again and you can pre-order his book which is due to be released on March 28th. The children will be the first to receive a signed book sent to the school, near the release date.

<https://www.jacqsondiego.com/thomasleeds-wbd-order>

## Competition

We will be holding a decorated wooden spoon competition in the theme of a book. Children will be invited to dress as a character from a book.



# FOST Mothers Day sales-Children to bring in £2 Friday

On Friday 8th please send your child in with £2 in order to buy someone special a present for Mothers Day. They will also have the chance to win a beautiful balloon (courtesy of Butterfly Balloon Room-Thank you again).





# This term's Parent Workshop:

## Supporting anxiety and worry



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 9:00am to 10:00am**  
**Venue: St Thomas of Canterbury School**



This workshop is designed to be helpful for all parents/carers, giving you information and help with problem-solving some of the difficulties your child may be experiencing or might experience in the future.

If you are interested and would like to attend, please contact the School Office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March to reserve your place.

Other upcoming workshops in this series:



Supporting emotional regulation    Completed



Managing challenging **behaviours**    Summer term