

Weekly Newsletter - 5/7/24

Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are responsible.

Dear Parents,

As advertised we shall be holding our Cultural Diversity Day on 11th July. Children are invited to come dressed in their traditional clothes. After school all parents are invited to go to classes to help children paint a cultural pebble which will form a permanent feature in our garden.

From August 2024, as directed by the government, changes will be made to our attendance policy. We all recognise the importance of regular school attendance and the negative impact of absence. Please do not book holidays during term time as the school has a duty to inform Thurrock Local Authority and they will take action and fine parents. More information, along with a the school term dates is on the following page.

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney



We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.



July
Reflection for
Parents



Borough Olympics

Last Friday children from Years 3-6 represented St Thomas in the Borough Olympics.

The children competed against the best schools in the area and achieved 4th place in the track events and 8th place in the field events.



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Early Years Pupil Vacancies

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024?

Please contact the school office for an application pack.

Infant Thurrock Music Festival

Members of our Infant Choir enjoyed singing with other local schools.



Important Dates

8.7.24	Yr 1 trip to Sea Life Centre
10.7.24 2:45pm	RL Liturgy - Parents Welcome
10.7.24 10am	Yr 6 Leavers Mass at the Church
11.7.24	Cultural Diversity Day
16.7.24 5pm	Yr 6 Leavers Celebration
17.7.24 10:15am	Whole School Mass
19.6.24	End of Term 1:30pm finish
4.9.24	Back at School

PENALTY NOTICE

for not attending school

MOMENTS
MATTER,

ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

A PENALTY NOTICE IS A TYPE OF FINANCIAL PENALTY YOU MUST PAY

From 19 August 2024 you will be issued a Penalty Notice if your child has a total of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any period of 10 weeks.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent, for each child.

This means if Penalty Notices were issued for 3 siblings, they would be issued to both parents – 6 Penalty Notices in total.

Legal proceedings will be taken against you if payment of a Penalty Notice is not made within 28 days.

First offence

First Penalty Notice per parent, per child, you must pay:

- £80 if you pay within 21 days
- £160 if you pay after 21 days but within 28 days

Second offence within 3 years

Second Penalty Notice within 3 years per parent, per child, you must pay:

- £160 within 28 days

Any other offence within 3 years

Legal proceedings will be taken against you if:

- your child has any further unauthorised absences within 3 years

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD LEAD TO A HIGHER FINANCIAL PENALTY AND WILL RESULT IN A CRIMINAL RECORD



St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024/2025



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School Days	School holidays	Bank holidays	Weekends	INSET (staff training) school closed to pupils
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Autumn Term:	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term 28 October – 1 November</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>	60 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <i>Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May</i>	60 days
		195 days



Cultural Diversity Day



Thursday 11th July

To celebrate our cultural diversity we have planned a full day of celebrations.



3:15 - 3:45
Los Soneros

*will be performing in the
playground*

3:30 - 4:30
£1

*Paint a
cultural
pebble in
your
classroom*

*Children to wear
traditional clothes
to school*



3:15

*Refreshments available to
purchase in the playground*

