

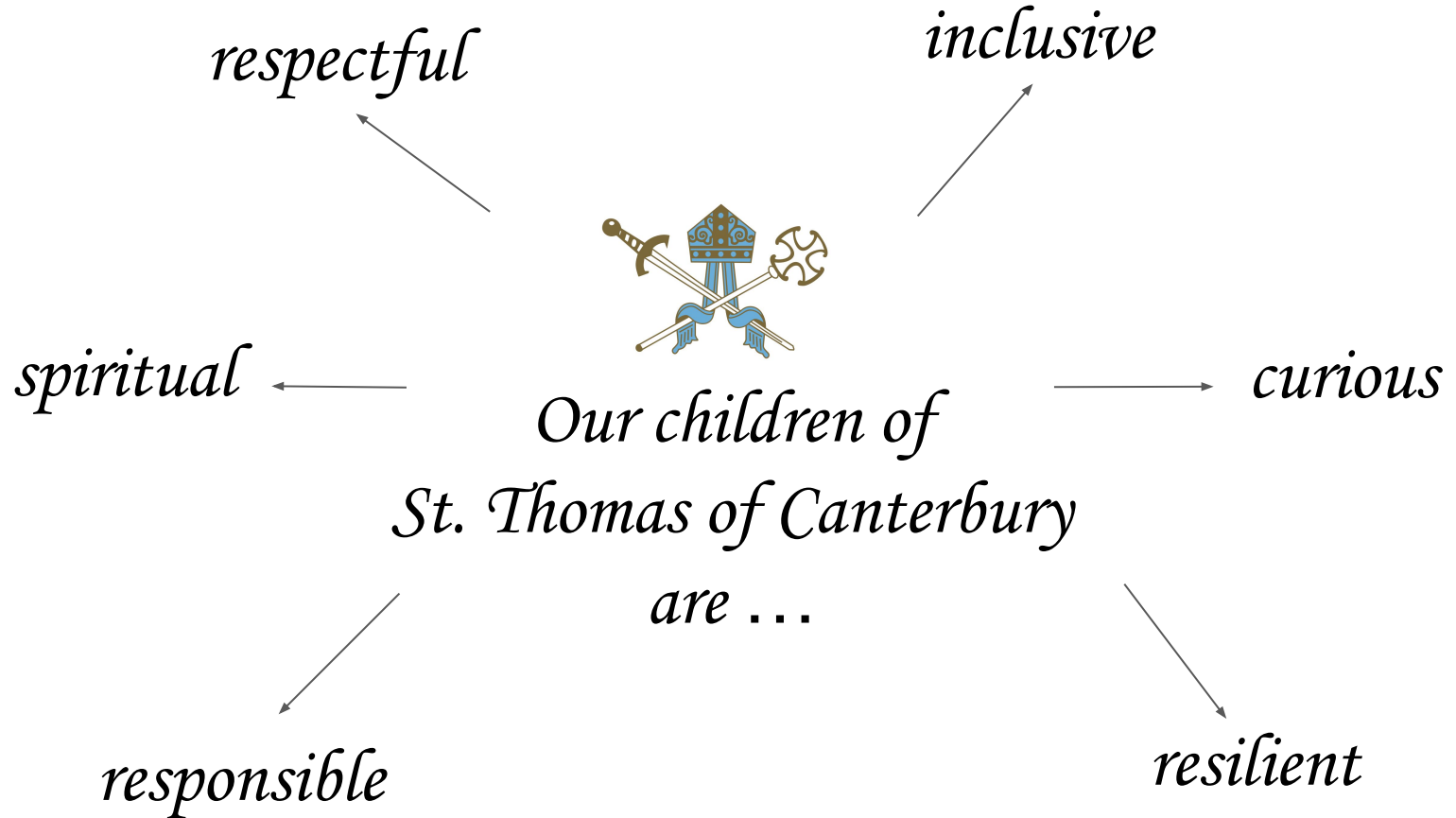
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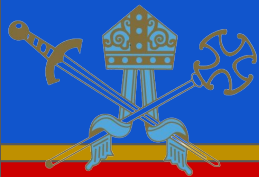
*Welcome to the Year 3
Parent Information Meeting*

Monday 16th September 2024



Our School Values





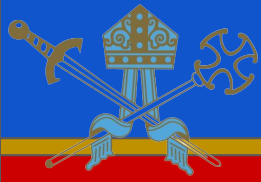
The Year 3 Team

- ❑ **Miss C East** - Year Group Leader & Class 3E teacher
- ❑ **Miss K Theakston** - Class 3TH teacher
- ❑ **Mrs K Tucker** - Class 3TU teacher

- ❑ **Mrs A Cantwell, Mrs J Lochowska, Miss K Beasley** - Year 3 support staff

- ❑ **Mrs M Hall** - SENCo





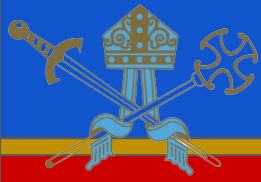
Attendance and Punctuality



It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or runny nose. If they are unwell during the day we shall call you to collect you child.

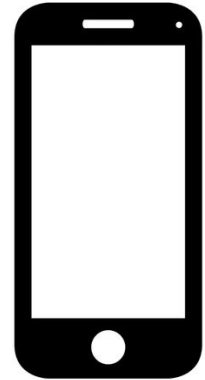
Please note that the gate opens at 8:40am and children should be in class by 8:55am.





Absence Procedures

If your child is absent for any reason, you should contact the school office by 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.



The law on school attendance has now changed. You will be issued with a penalty notice if your child has ten sessions of unauthorised absence over a rolling period of ten weeks. 10 sessions is equivalent to one week.





Uniform

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

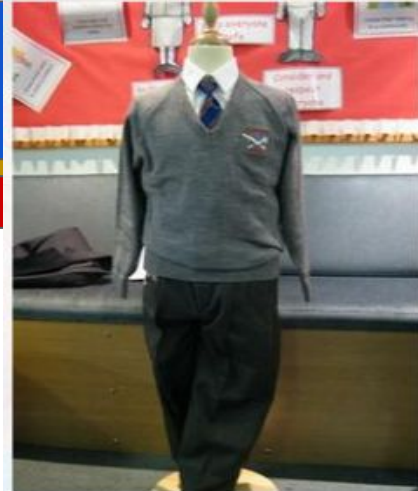
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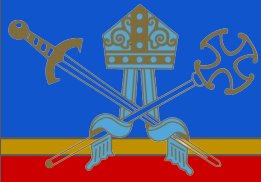
<https://www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk/uniform/>

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.

***Winter uniform
is compulsory
from October
half term.***





PE kit

REMINDER

Year 3's PE day is Tuesday.

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



**Parents can choose
which PE uniform
children wear depending
on the weather.**

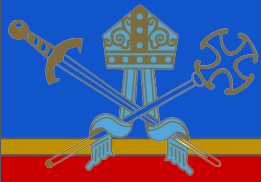
Children should wear
black plimsolls or **black**
trainers on their PE days.



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

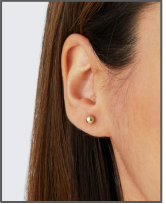
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Hair/ Accessories

- All hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back.
- Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and should be in school colours.
- Hair braids should be natural hair colours.
- One small stud earring per ear. (Children must not wear earrings on PE days.)



Please ensure that all your child's clothing is marked with his/her name. We are not responsible for items of clothing which go missing.

Lost property is located in a black box outside of the main office.

1

Your child's Class Teacher knows them best so should be the first point of contact. From 8:40am staff are working with children, so please speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

2

If you have a further query, make an appointment to speak to the Year Group Leader.



3

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

Communicating with the school

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

Talk with any of our Senior Leaders:
Mrs Coppin
Mrs Smith
Ms McAnally

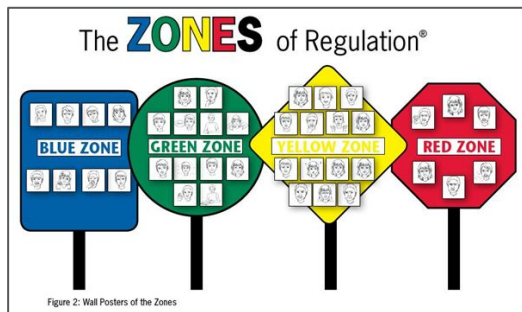
Or the Headteacher
Mrs Poulteney

Send in a note with your child.

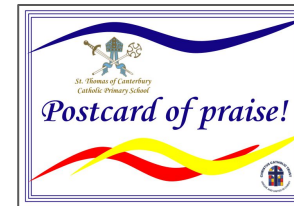
Speak with the staff on the school gate at the beginning or the end of the day.

Email the class teacher.





Zones of Regulation



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's include:

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



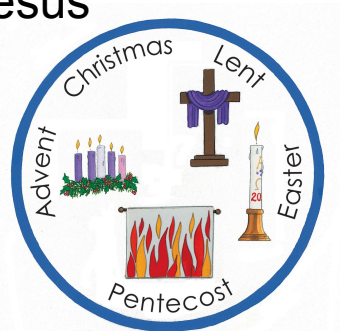


Religious Education

2 RE lessons per week

Autumn Term - themes and topics

- **Homes** - God as a loving parent
- **Judaism** - Synagogue
- **Promises** - Baptismal promises
- **Hinduism** - Mandir / Temple
- **Visitors** - Waiting for the coming of Jesus



- Weekly Assembly
- Celebration of the Word
- Musical Celebration of the Word

Mass is celebrated regularly at school and church for the whole school and individual year groups. All parents welcome to attend.

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.

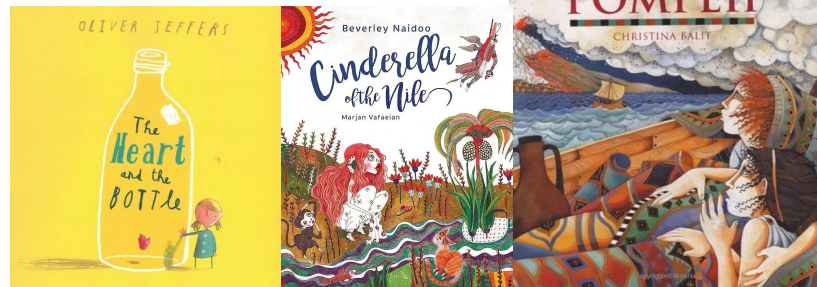




Our learning this term

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

English: Character descriptions, diary entries, Newspaper reports and non-chronological report.



Maths: Number sense, Place value, Graphs, Addition and Subtraction, Length and Perimeter.

Science: Rocks - how they are formed and how fossils are formed.
Light - Reflection, how to protect our eyes and shadows.





Our learning this term

Art & Design: In Autumn 2, we will begin recognising how artists use shape, tone and texture within their artwork.

Computing: Currently, we are learning about emails and adding an attachment. In Autumn 2, we will be learning about how a computer works and the purpose of each part.

Design & Technology: We have just started learning about pneumatics and will be using these to create a toy later in the term.





Our learning this term

French: We will be introducing the children to French with greetings, colours and numbers. Then next half term, we will be naming and describing classroom objects.



Geography: In Autumn 2, we will be learning about tectonic plates and how they cause earthquakes and volcanoes.

History: This half term, we will be learning about how crime and punishment changed over time and comparing it to today's justice system.





Our learning this term

Music: This half term, children are exploring music from around the world and developing their singing skills. In Autumn 2, children will be learning to play the ocarina.



PE: This half term we will be learning the rules of football and developing our dribbling, passing and defending skills.

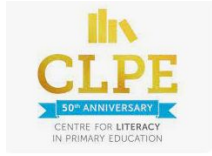
In Autumn 2, our topic will be Hockey. We will be learning to hold a hockey correctly, how to defend and how to pass accurately.





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.



Books are changed regularly. Please listen to your child read every day and and leave a comment in his/her reading record.





Homework

This week, your child will be coming up with the sheet below, which details the homework expectations for this half term. Homework consists of Reading, Spellings and Times Table.

Occasionally,
Children may be
asked to create a
project to present in
class.

Year 3 Autumn 1 Weekly Spelling Lists				
Week 1 - Test 27.9	Week 2 - Test 4.10	Week 3 - Test 11.10	Week 4 - Test 18.10	Week 5 - Test 25.10
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday September October November December tomorrow	Suffixes -ness and -less sadness brightness kindness happiness illness endless useless helpless homeless fearless	Suffix -ly happy happily angry angrily sleep sleepily easy easily crazy crazily	Suffix -ly gentle gently simple simply humble humbly basic basically frantic frantically	Recap: Teacher's selection of words with suffixes from previous 3 weeks.
For homework this half term, we expect the children to read 5 times per week for 10 minutes each time and to practise their times tables on <u>TT Rockstars</u> for at least 10 minutes per week . We will also be having weekly spelling tests, so would encourage the children to rehearse the words above, find out their meanings, use them in sentences and be tested on these at home too.				



After school clubs

We are delighted to offer a wide 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.



Arbor 12+

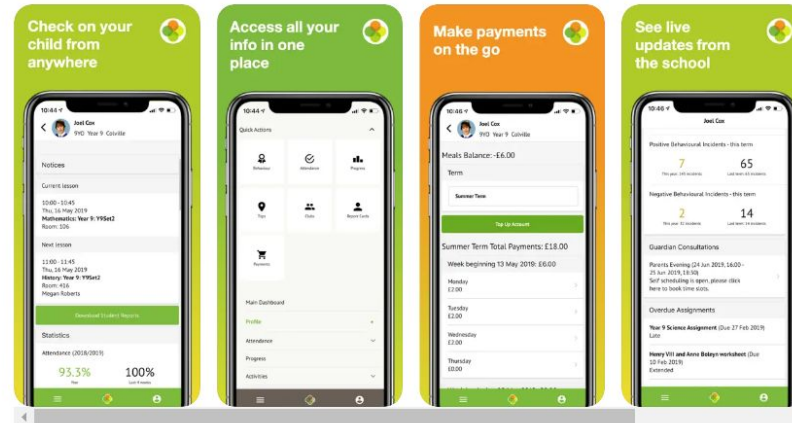
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St Thomas of Canterbury
Catholic Primary School
Term and Holiday Dates
Academic Year 2024/2025



Dates for your diary

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School Days	School holidays	Bank holidays	Weekends	INSET (staff training) school closed to pupils

Autumn Term:	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 Half Term 20 October – 1 November	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 Half Term 17 February – 21 February	60 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 Half Term 20 May – 30 May and May Bank Holiday – 6 May	60 days 195 days

- **Parents' Evening:** Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October
- **Half term:** Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
- **INSET Day:** Monday 4th November (school closed to pupils)
- **End of term:** Friday 20th December at 1:30pm (Early close)



Friends of St Thomas' Come and join us!

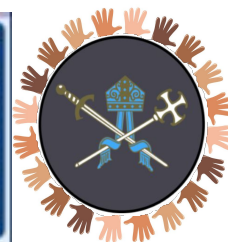
Mrs Foley, our Community Involvement Lead, is leading the establishment of the Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

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 Nativities, concerts, Easter passion plays and parents evenings. We've held break the rules days (non-uniform days) as well as many raffle sales for Valentines, Mother's Day and Easter. We will be arranging; fetes, discos, and other fundraising events **if we get enough volunteers**. We look forward to seeing you at our next PTA/FOST meeting, **04th October at 2.30.**

If the only way you are able to support the school is by purchasing the things we have for sale; raffle tickets, cakes and coffees, this is still really valuable to help us raise funds!

Meet Arley, who you can contact for pre-loved school uniform;





Parent Heritage 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,
please
contact
Miss East
in Year 3.**