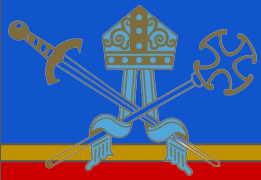


St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

*Welcome to the Year 4
Parent Information Meeting*

Wednesday 18th September 2024





The Year 4 Team

- ❑ **Mr Boulden** - Year Group Leader & Class 4B teacher
- ❑ **Miss Nixon** - Class 4N teacher
- ❑ **Mrs L French / Mrs A Venables** - Class 4FV teachers

- ❑ **Mrs Ashdown, Ms Woods and Miss Holland** - Year 4 support staff
- ❑ **Mrs M Hall** - SENCo

Mr Boulden - mr.boulden@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

Miss Nixon - miss.nixon@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

Mrs French - mrs.french@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

Mrs Venables - mrs.venables@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk



Our School Values

respectful

inclusive



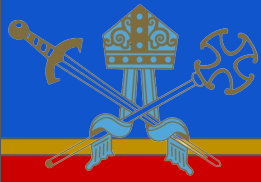
spiritual

curious

*Our children of
St. Thomas of Canterbury
are ...*

responsible

resilient



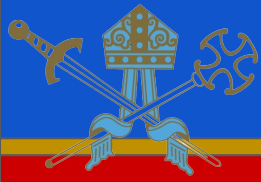
Attendance and Punctuality



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.

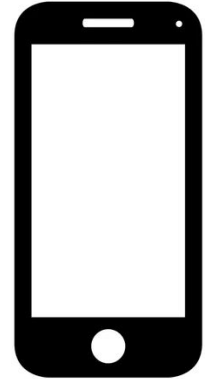
Please note that the gate opens at 8:40am and children should be in class by 8:55am.





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.

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

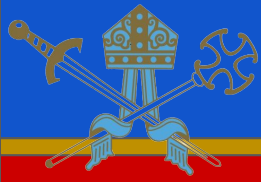
<https://www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk/uniform/>

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.

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





PE kit

REMINDER

Year 4's PE day is **Monday**.

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.**

**No jewellery is permitted
when taking part in PE
lessons.**

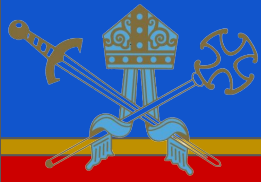
Children should wear
black plimsolls or black
trainers on their PE days.



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

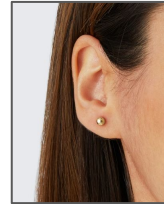
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Hair/Accessories

- **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

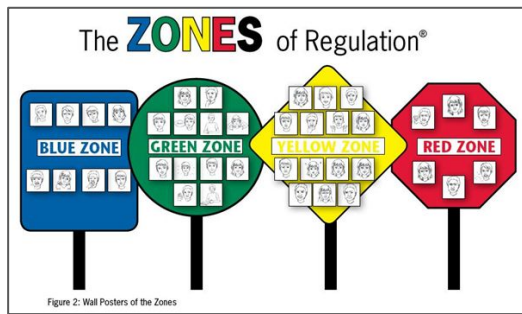
Send in a note with your child.

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

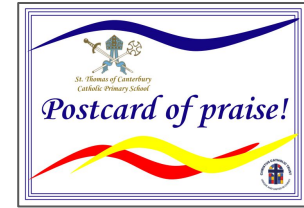
Email the class teacher.

Or the Headteacher
Mrs Poulteney





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

- Autumn 1 - People, Judaism and Islam
- Autumn 2 - Hinduism, Gifts



- 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.





MTC

Throughout this academic year, your child(ren) will be working towards taking part and completing the Multiplication Check. The Times Tables Check is administered at the end of Year 4 and helps teachers and school leaders identify which pupils are secure in their multiplication tables and which pupils may need additional support to get there, with unofficial checks taking place twice before the actual check in June 2025.

Key information:

- It is an annual check that Year 4s in England have a good level of times tables knowledge.
- Each child's results will be known to the school and the government will have a national picture.
- The MTC is an online test with 25 questions (**multiplication only**); children must answer each question within a 6 seconds time limit so the whole test will take less than 5 minutes.



Times Tables



Autumn 1, Autumn 2 and first 2 weeks of Spring 1 (2 sessions per week)

Week 1		Week 2	
Lesson 1 - Number track work with post-it notes and counting games.	Lesson 2 - Rote and relationships	Lesson 3 - Times Tables games and songs	Lesson 4 - Memorisation

Spring 1 onwards (2 sessions per week)

Lesson 1 - Number track, counting activities and songs	Lesson 2 - Varied application
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Where needed, children will be given adapted Times Tables foci, to ensure they are developing the recall and understanding at their pace.

This could mean that some children will be put on the 'Automatic' training mode on TT Rockstars.

There is a three stage structure to the scheme.

Stage 1 - Rote and relationships – here, facts are individually boxed to show fact families but also colour coded for pupils to begin to see the doubles and halves relationships.

Stage 2 - Memorisation – here, the facts are still boxed but where the doubles and halves and fact, family relationships are mixed.

Stage 3 - Varied application – here, the problems are represented with missing number so that pupils can apply their knowledge in a varied application.





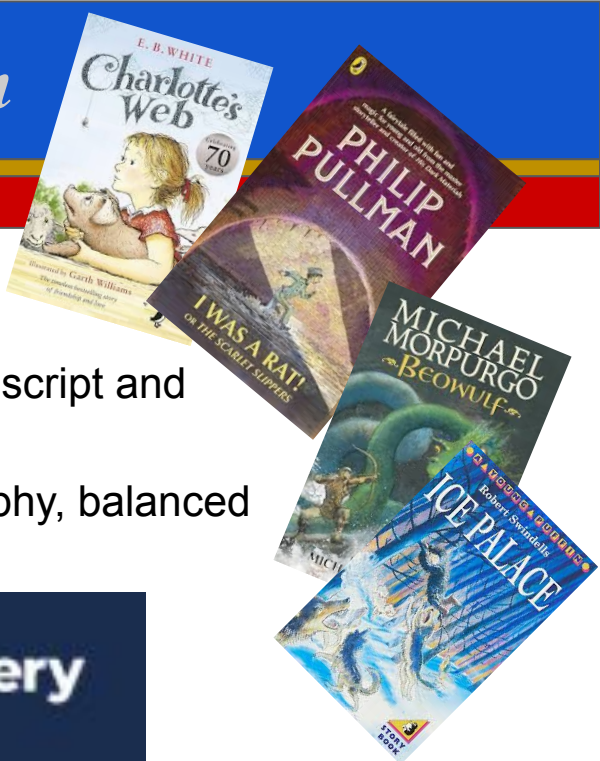
Times Tables

Term	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Aut1	3x	3x	6x	6x	12x	12x	4x
Aut2	4x	8x	8x	7x	7x	9x	9x
Spg1	11x	11x	5x and 10x	3x	6x	12x	4x
Spg2	2x, 5x and 10x	8x	7x	9x	3x		
Sum1	6x	12x	4x	8x	7x	9x	
Sum2	Targeted Times Tables		MTC	Mixed tables checks - weekly			





Our learning this term



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

English:

Autumn 1 - 'Charlotte's Web' and 'I was a Rat!' - diaries, poetry, play script and narrative

Autumn 2 - 'Beowulf' and 'Ice Palace' - Persuasive letter, autobiography, balanced argument / debate

Maths:

Autumn 1 - Unit 1: Reasoning with 4-digit numbers;

Unit 2: Addition and subtraction; Unit 3: Multiplication and Division

Autumn 2 - Unit 3: Multiplication and Division; Unit 4: Discrete and continuous data

Science: Aut 1 - Animals, including Humans; Aut 2 - States of Matter





Our learning this term

Art Shirt - Please send your child in with a named art shirt.

Art & Design:

Autumn 1 Drawing: Power Prints



Computing:

Aut 1 - Computing systems and networks 1 - Collaborative learning

Aut 2 - Programming - Coding with Scratch



Design & Technology:

Mechanical systems: Making a slingshot car





Our learning this term

French: (Taught by Mrs Walsh)

Aut 1 - Je Me Présente (Introducing myself)

Aut 2 - En Famille (Family)

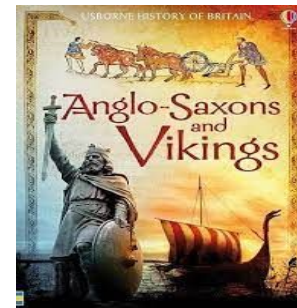


Geography:

Aut 1 - Local area study - How to make Grays more environmentally friendly?

History:

Aut 2 - Invaders and settlers - Saxons vs Vikings





Our learning this term

Music: (Taught by Dr Shore - Music Teacher)

Aut 1 - World songs - Part singing etc Maliswe - Maliswe, Si Si Si Banaha etc in parts - Drumming

Aut 2 - Learning recorders

PE: (Taught on Mondays!)

Aut 1 - Games - Football

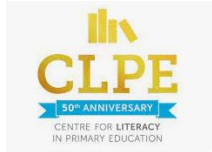
Aut 2 - Dance





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 weekly. Please listen to your child read every day and leave a comment in his/her reading record.





Homework



Year 4 homework expectations

- Weekly spelling homework set - see spelling sheet stuck into your child's Reading Record - these are based on the spellings and spelling rules from each week's lessons (twice a week sessions).

Year 4 Autumn 1 Weekly Spelling Lists																								
Week 1 - Test 10.9	Week 2 - Test 17.9	Week 3 - Test 24.9	Week 4 - Test 1.10	Week 5 - Test 8.10																				
pleasure treasure measure closure enclosure leisure exposure certain circle disappear	Use the apostrophe to show possession of each object. Adam owns the book - It is Adam's book. <table border="1" data-bbox="894 518 1130 715"> <tr> <td>Joe</td> <td>pencil case</td> <td>Sandra</td> <td>football</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tara</td> <td>cards</td> <td>John</td> <td>ruler and set square</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ahmed</td> <td>pens</td> <td>Tyer</td> <td>treasure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joy</td> <td>book</td> <td>Fred</td> <td>trampoline</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Agnes</td> <td>reading book</td> <td>Alice</td> <td>presentation</td> </tr> </table>	Joe	pencil case	Sandra	football	Tara	cards	John	ruler and set square	Ahmed	pens	Tyer	treasure	Joy	book	Fred	trampoline	Agnes	reading book	Alice	presentation	eight eighth experience famous favourite guard guide height imagine, knowledge	mane peace bear fair main blue fare piece bare blew	believe accident actual caught accidentally bicycle centre century actually business
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Week 6 - Test 15.10	Week 7 - Test 22.10	These are the week-by-week spellings that we will be teaching every Thursday during our spelling lesson and then testing the children on on the day shown. Children should rehearse the words, find out their meanings, use them in sentences and be tested on the words too.																						
irrational illegal immobile illegible irregular impossible impatient irresponsible immature illiterate	vein weigh neighbour they obey young touch trouble brochure machine																							



Homework

Year 4 homework expectations

- TT Rockstars - 10 minutes a day, with times tables allocated by your child's teacher - times tables are also being taught on a fortnightly basis.
- Reading - 15 minutes - 5 times a week
- All homework and expectations are set on THURSDAYS, with the due dates being on the following TUESDAY.
- Any child without internet access or where there are issues with accessing any homework, should inform their class teacher immediately so we can find a resolution to ensure they are not missing out on homework.





Educational Visits



ROYAL
OPERA
HOUSE



Autumn 1 - Grays Park Walk - WC30th September.

4N - 30.9 4FV - 1.10 4B = 3.10

Autumn 2

Viking Workshop - 25.11

Cinderella at the Royal Opera House - 3.12

Please note that if we do not receive sufficient contributions towards educational visits, then they may have to be cancelled. Payments are made via Arbor.

Consent must be given (via Arbor) by every child before we can allow them to participate. Verbal consent is **not** accepted for children to take part in any activity.



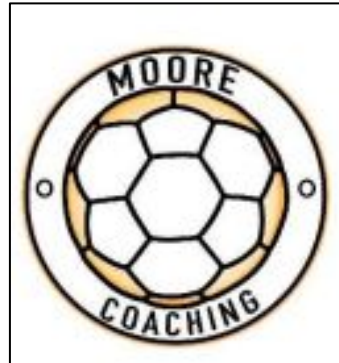


After school clubs

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/>

<https://www.moorecoachinginfo.com/>





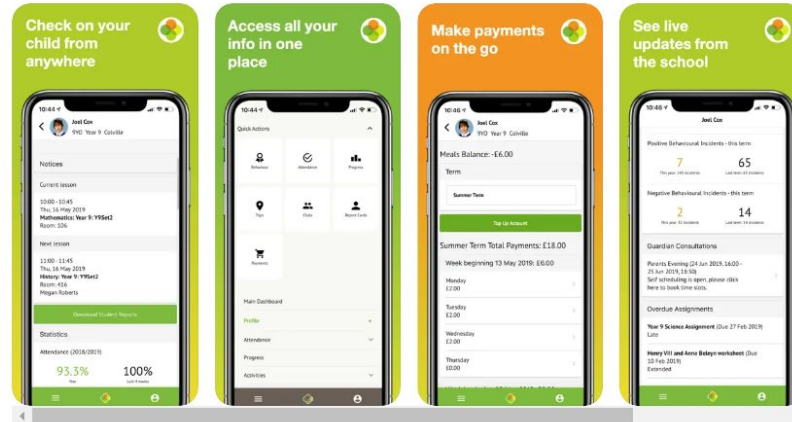
Arbor

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



Arbor 12+
Parent & Guardian Portal
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Designed for iPhone
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Free

iPhone Screenshots





Dates for your diary

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024															
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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 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 26 May – 30 May; and May Bank Holiday – 6 May	60 days 186 days

- Year 4 Mass - 23.10 - 10.am at the church
- Bikeability - 4th and 11th October (Fridays) - letters sent out - more copies see me afterwards.
- Half term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
- INSET Day: Monday 4th November (school closed to pupils)
- Individual and sibling photos - Thursday 7th November.
- Viking Workshop - Monday 25th November.
- Cinderella at the Royal Opera House - Tuesday 3rd December.
- End of term: Friday 20th December at 1:30pm (Early close)
- Return to school - Monday 6th January.

Friends of St Thomas' Come and join us!



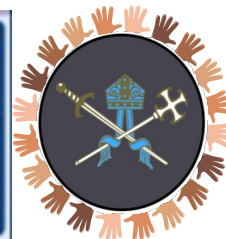
Mrs Foley, our Community Involvement Lead, is leading the establishment of the Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

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, Friday 04th October.

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.**