

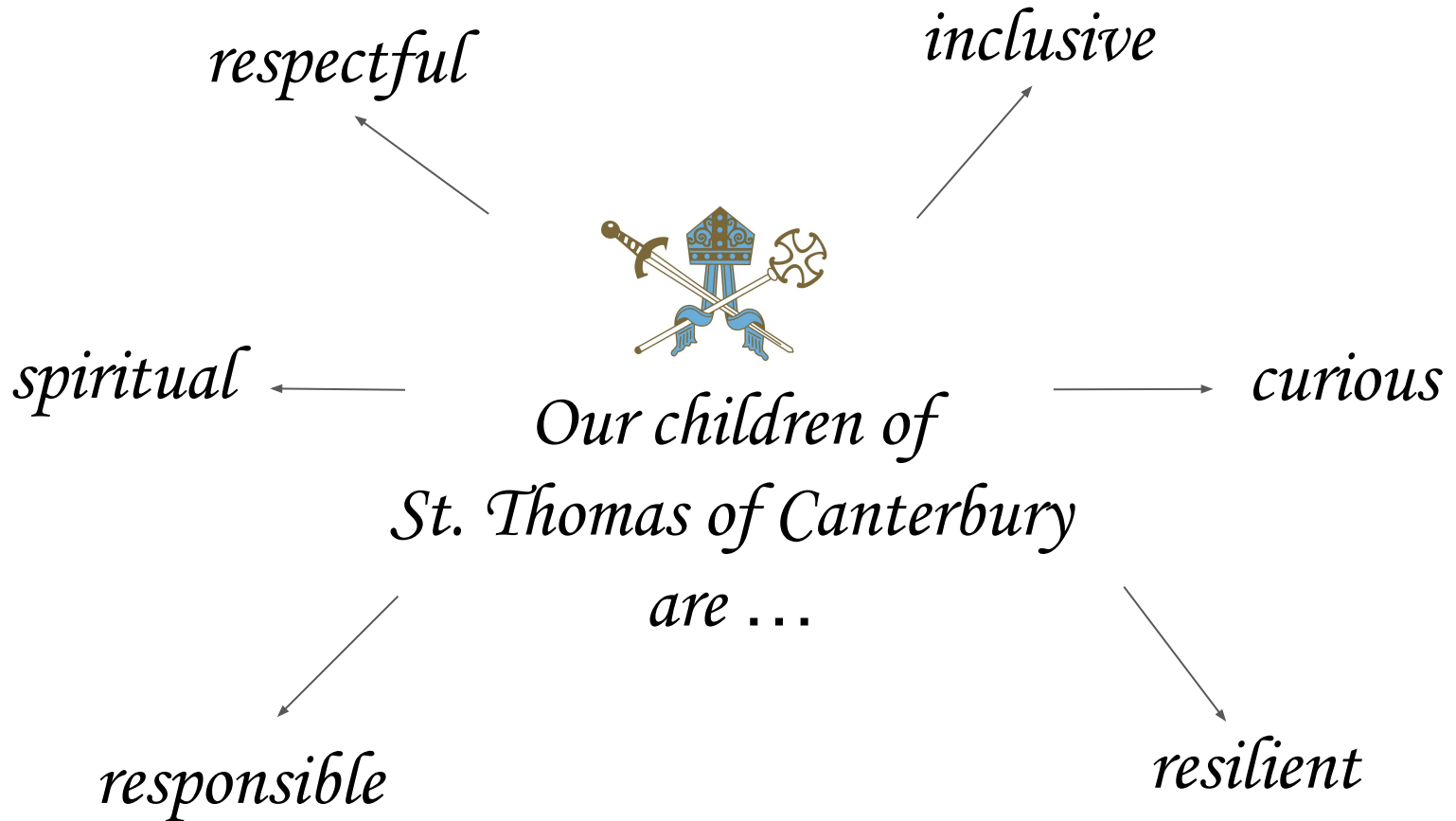
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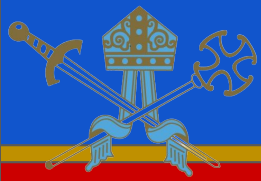
*Welcome to the Year 5
Parent Information Meeting*

Wednesday 25th September 2024



Our School Values





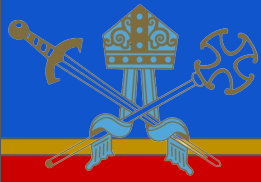
The Year 5 Team

- ❑ **Miss S Barry** - Year Group Leader & Class 5B teacher
- ❑ **Mrs Hayes** - Class 5H teacher
- ❑ **Miss McAnally** (*Mon-Tue*)/**Mrs Dale** (*Wed-Fri, returning Nov*) - Class 5MD teachers

- ❑ **Mrs N Cook, Mrs L McGinley and Mrs M Adams** - Year 5 support staff

- ❑ **Mrs M Hall** - SENCo





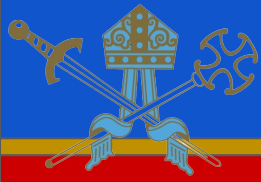
Attendance and Punctuality



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.

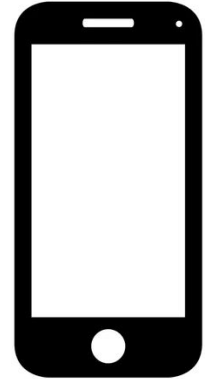
Please note that the gate opens at 8:40am and children should be in class by 8:55am.





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



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

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

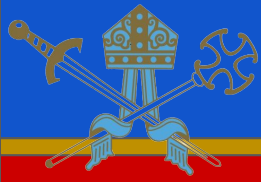
Information about school uniform can be found on the school website:

<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.





PE kit

REMINDER

Year 5's PE day is Tuesday.

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



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

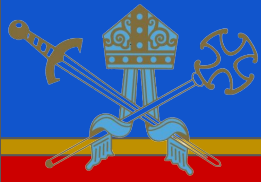
Children should wear
black plimsolls or black
trainers on their PE days.



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

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Hair/Accessories

- **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

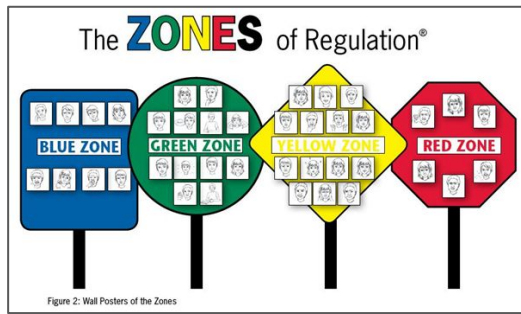
Send in a note with your child.

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

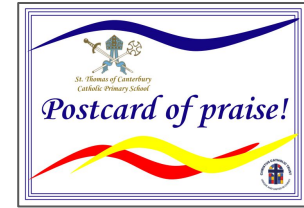
Email the class teacher.

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

Ourselves - Exploring the qualities and talents (God) has given us.

Judaism

Life Choices - Exploring our mission and the Sacrament of Marriage.

Hinduism

Hope - Advent topic, exploring waiting for Christ to come again.



- 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

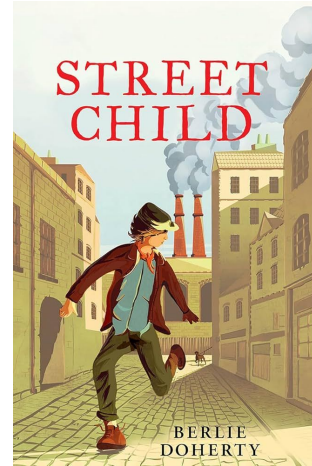


Throughout the Autumn term, this is what we will be covering:

English: Our class text this term will be **Street Child by Berlie Doherty** and we will base our writing upon this. We will be focussing on diary entries, character descriptions and story endings.

Maths: Our Maths units this term will include Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics (*line graphs and timetables*), Multiplication and Division and Perimeter and Area.

Science: This half term we have been studying Forces. After the October half term, we will be studying Materials and their properties.



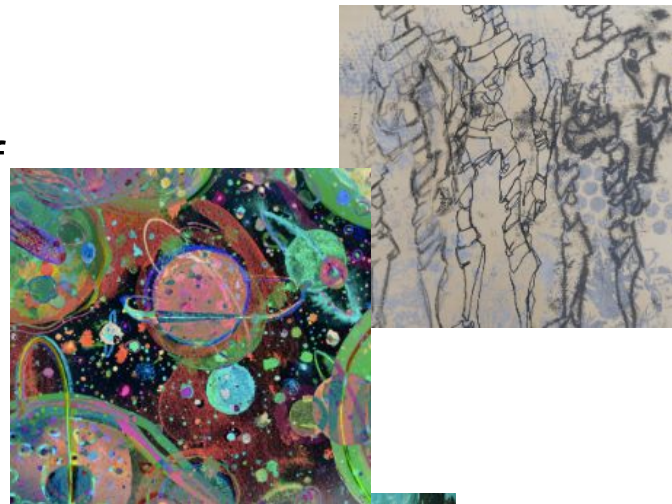
Our learning this term



Art & Design: In Autumn 2, we will be focusing our artwork on the Space Race. We will use a range of mediums and techniques to create powerful pieces of artwork.

Computing: Autumn 1: Search Engines
Autumn 2: Online Safety

Design & Technology: This half term, we are in the process of designing pop-up books and deciding which of the mechanisms we have learnt about will be the most suitable.





Our learning this term

French: Autumn 1: Do you have a pet? (*As-tu un animal?*)

Autumn 2: What is the date today? (*Quelle est la date aujourd'hui?*)

Geography: In Autumn 2, we will begin our Trade and Economics unit which looks at why we trade and with who. We will also be looking at why trading has changed and what is meant by Fair Trade.

History: This half term we have been studying the Victorians and comparing different elements of their lives to our lives today. To celebrate and deepen our learning about the Victorians, we will be having our

Victorian Day on Friday 25th October!





Our learning this term

Music: Autumn 1: Exploring the orchestra and the history of western classical music

Autumn 2: Christmas Carol Concert

PE: Autumn 1: Orienteering (*compasses and map work*) and Hockey

Autumn 2: Dance - Haka and interpretive 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.

In Year 5, all children choose a book from their Class Library that is appropriate for their year group.

Children are able to change their books when they have finished from a wide variety in our class libraries. Please listen to your child read every day and leave 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, either a comprehension sheet or Maths sheet, and Times Tables Rock Stars. Homework will be set via Google Classroom.

At times, we may also give children a project to complete that involves research and/or artwork. For example, they will soon be receiving a Black History Month project to complete over the October half term.





Educational Visits

Victorian Day - Friday 25th October. Interactive workshop and other activities to be held in school.

Walk Online Roadshow - November 2024 (Date to be confirmed). An interactive session which explore online safety at the Civic Hall, Blackshots.

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 forms must be returned 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/>





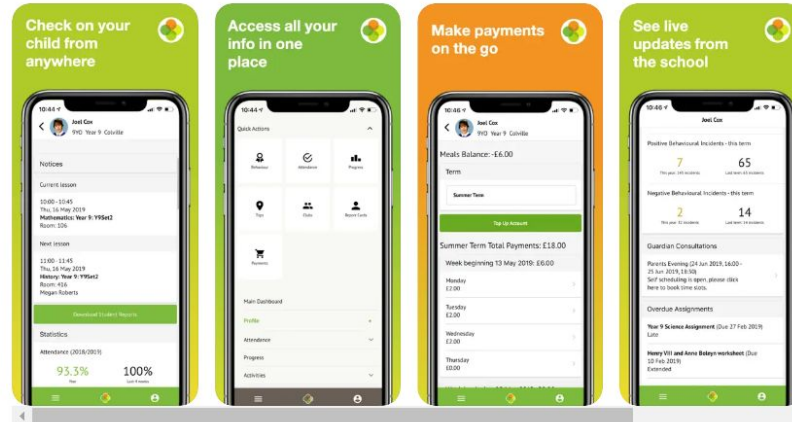
Arbor

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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iPhone Screenshots





Dates for your diary

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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 20 May – 30 May; and May Bank Holiday – 6 May	60 days 195 days

- Parents' Evening: Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October.
- Victorian Day: Friday 25th October.
- Half term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
- INSET Day: Monday 4th November (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 7th November: School Photo Day - individuals and siblings.
- 19th/20th November: Walk the Line Roadshow.
- Thursday 5th December: Years 5 and 6 Carol Concert for Year 5 parents.
- Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner.
- End of term: Friday 20th December at 1:30pm (Early close).

Friends of St Thomas' Come and join us!



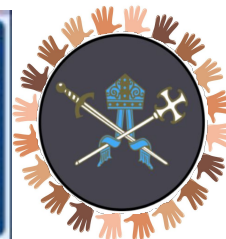
Mrs Foley, our Community Involvement Lead, is leading the establishment of the Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

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, 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.**