

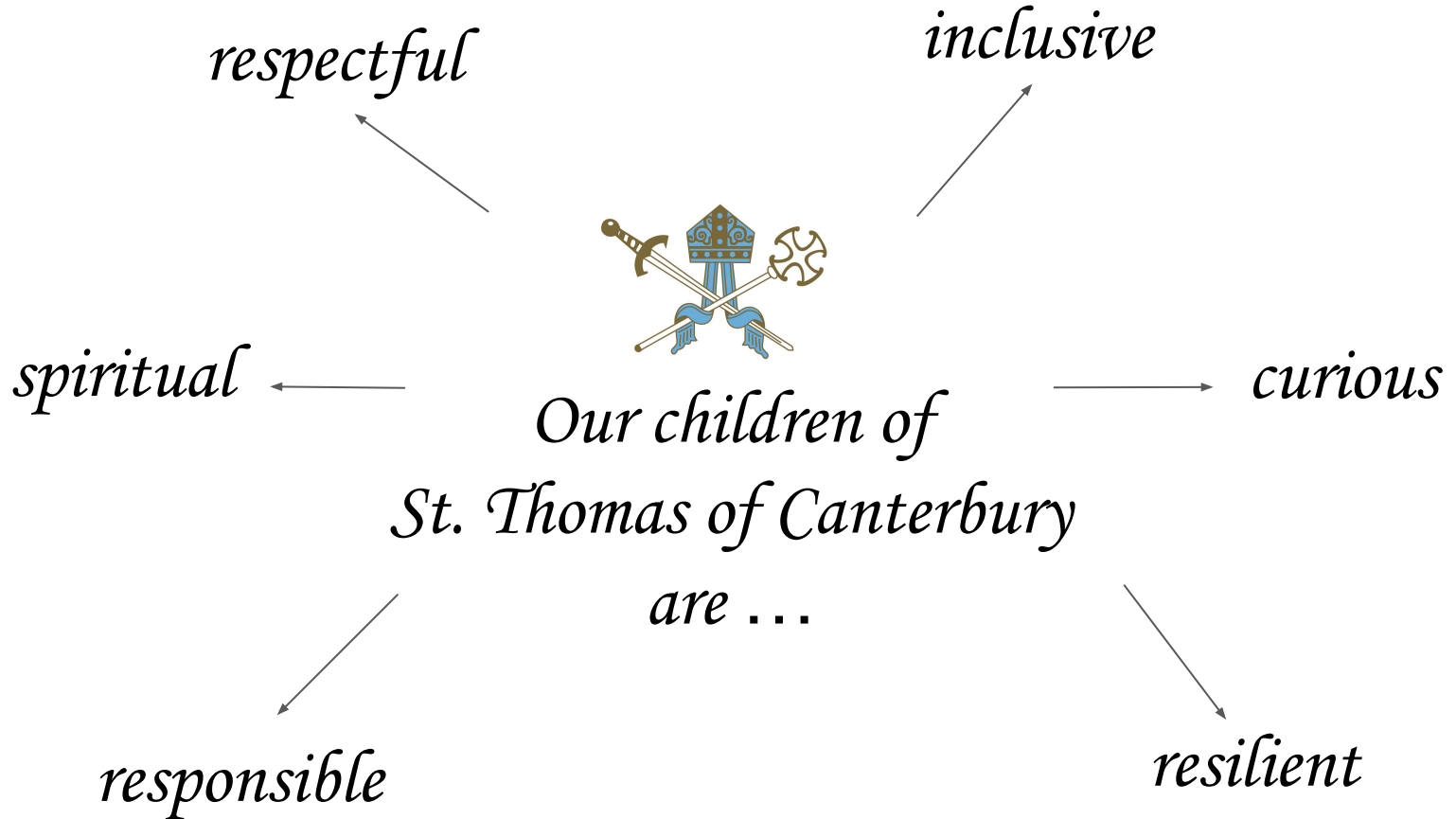
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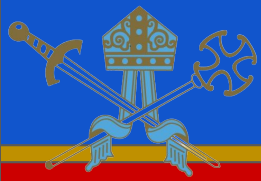
*Welcome to the Year 6  
Parent Information Meeting*

*17th September 2024*



# Our School Values

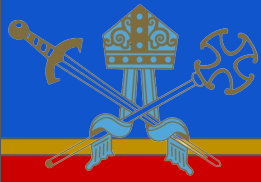




# *The Year 6 Team*

- ❑ **Miss Underwood** - Year Group Leader & Class 6U teacher
- ❑ **Miss Collier** - Class 6C teacher
- ❑ **Mr Lovell** - Class 6L teachers
  
- ❑ **Mrs Cook, Mrs McGinley and Mrs Adams** - Year 6 support staff
  
- ❑ **Mrs Hall** - SENCo





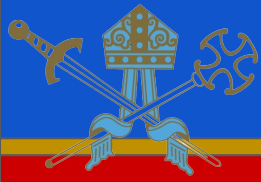
# Attendance and Punctuality



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.

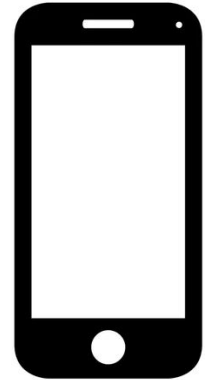
Please note that the gate opens at 8:40am and children should be in class by 8:55am.





# *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.

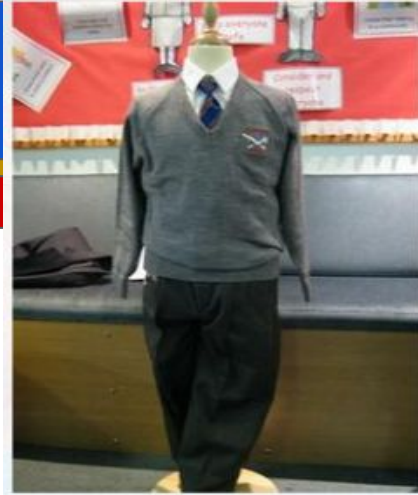


**The law on school attendance has now changed. You will be issued with a penalty notice if your child has ten sessions of unauthorised absence over a rolling period of ten weeks. 10 sessions is equivalent to one week.**





# Uniform



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



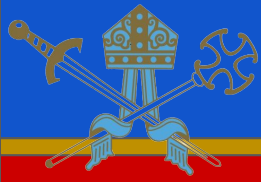
At St. Thomas of Canterbury, we are proud that our uniform fosters a sense of belonging within our school community.

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 6's PE day is Wednesday.

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.**

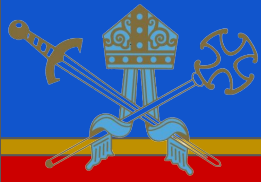
Children should wear  
black plimsolls or black  
trainers on their PE days.



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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](mailto:admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk)

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

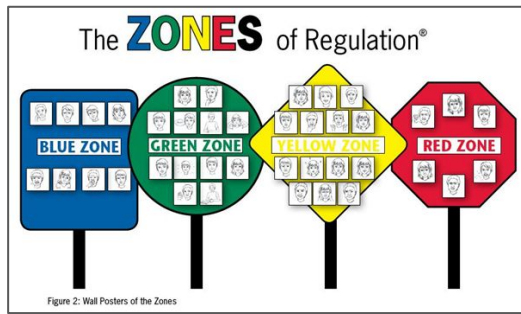
Send in a note with your child.

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

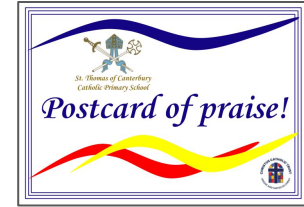
Email the class teacher.

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

- *Loving*
- *Vocation and Commitment*
- *Expectations*



- 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.





# *SATs*

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from **Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025.**

1. English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1: Spelling
2. English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 2: Grammar
3. English reading
4. Mathematics paper 1
5. Mathematics paper 2
6. Mathematics paper 3

Mock SATs will take place in **November/ December 2024** and **March 2024.**





# *Our learning this term*

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

English: This half term, we are reading *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga. In our Writing lessons, we are focussing on poetry, diary entries, persuasive letters and biographies. In Autumn 2, we will be reading, *Stay Where You Are and Then Leave*. In our Writing lessons, we will be focussing on narratives, instructions and balanced arguments.

Maths: This half term, we are focussing on place value and the four operations. In Autumn 2, we are going to be focussing on fractions, decimals and percentages.



# *Our learning this term*

**Art & Design:** This half term, our unit is centered around drawing, exploring expressive techniques, symbolism and street art, tonal contrasts.

**Computing:** This half term, we are looking at computing systems and networks (linked to Bletchley park) and in Autumn 2, we will be learning to programme using a programme called Python.

**Design & Technology:** In Autumn 2, we are going to be designing and sewing Christmas decorations.





## *Our learning this term*

**French:** This half term, we are learning about Les Vêtements. Next half term, we will be learning about A L'École. Children will be taught key vocabulary and then taught how to use this vocabulary in conversations.

**Geography:** This half term, the Year 6 are learning about North America, specifically the countries within it, the climates, geographical features and human features. The topic will end with children researching a specific place in North America and creating a presentation about it.

**History:** Next half term, we will be learning about World War 1, specifically causes, recruitment, life in the trenches, role of women and how it came to an end.



## *Our learning this term*

**Music:** This half term, the children are gaining confidence through performance while exploring the music genres disco and rock and roll. In Autumn 2, the children will be exploring notation further with the aim of composing a sequence of melodic patterns individually.

**PE:** This half term, the children are learning how to play hockey with the aim of being able to play hockey matches by the October half term. Next half term, the children will be learning dance with the aim of, in groups, performing dances using a range of movement patterns by the Christmas holidays.



# 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.

At St. Thomas of Canterbury, we encourage children to read the following: In KS2, if children have passed their Phonics screening, they choose a book from their Class Library that is appropriate for their year group.

Books are changed as and when the children finish their current book. Year 6 children are expected to write their own comment in their Reading Record. Please listen to your child read as often as you can and sign their reading record weekly.





# Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and be expected to be turned in the following Tuesday.

Weekly, children must complete Maths and English homework on the website Year 6 SATs Bootcamp, which they began to use at the end of Year 5.

They must also complete their Reading homework by reading at least 5 times a week and writing about what they have read 5 times in their Reading Records.

They will also need to practise spellings which will be set weekly on Google Classroom from after the Norfolk Lakes trip.





# *Educational Visits*

Autumn 1: Norfolk Lakes: 23rd September - 25th September.

Autumn 2: Walk to a the local war memorial (linking with Remembrance Day and our WWI topic)

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.





# Norfolk Lakes

## Medication

Please can all children bring in any medication they need (which you listed on their medical forms in the Summer Term) for the trip by **Thursday 19th September** so that we are ready for Monday 23rd.

## Drop off and pick up times

On Monday 23rd September 2024, your child will need to be in school at **normal school time**. Pupils will be registered as normal before the coach departs at around 10am.

On Wednesday 25th September 2024, the coach will arrive back at school at **around 4:00pm** for you to pick your child up. If the coach is delayed for any reason on our way home, I will ensure that the school makes all parents aware, via text message.

## Other key information

Please note, children **must not** bring their phones, any money or any jewellery with them.

Please also note, the only food the children will need to bring with them is a **packed lunch for Monday** as we will be stopping for lunch on our way to Norfolk Lakes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at [miss.underwood@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:miss.underwood@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk)





# Norfolk Lakes

## What to bring

Please note, the clothes the children wear should be items they would not mind getting dirty.

In a bag, children need to have:

- Spare shoes for water activities (e.g. old trainers or water shoes- no clogs)
- Two towels
- Swimwear to go under their clothes for water activities
- A few T-shirts
- A few pairs of Trousers/leggings (no jeans)
- Jumper/ Hoody
- Waterproof jacket/coat
- Pyjamas
- Underwear (please pack spare just in case)
- Comfortable trainers
- Toiletries (e.g. shampoo, body wash, roll-on deodorant)
- Sun cream
- A hat
- A water bottle (which can be refilled on site)
- A large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- **Children also need a sleeping bag or blanket (no duvets) as well as a pillow**



# *Secondary School Applications*



- **31st October 2024-** Applications close
- Late applications will be dealt with after initial round of offers made.
- Offers made in March.
- List up to six schools (preferences in order)
- No advantage to listing fewer and no advantage to putting same school more than once.
- Include any schools outside of Thurrock.

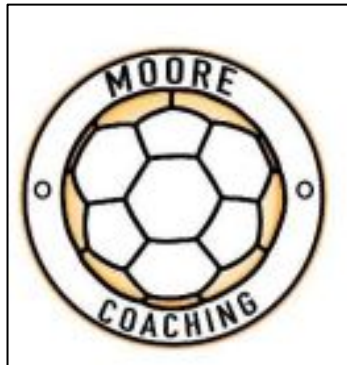




# *After school clubs*

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/>





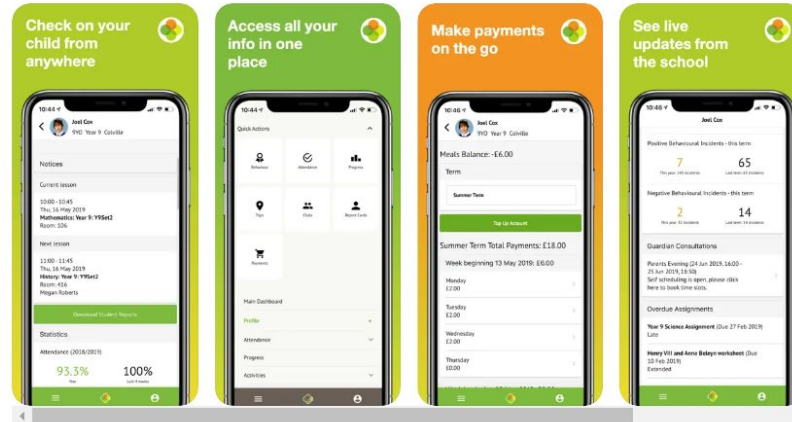
# Arbor

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



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# 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: 15th and 17th October
- Submit Secondary School forms by 31st October
- Christmas Carol Concert: 6th December
- 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!



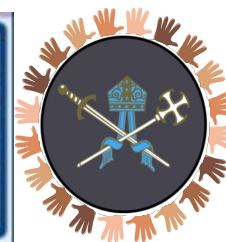
**Mrs Foley**, our Community Involvement Lead, is leading the establishment of the Friends of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

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](mailto: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.**