



Newsletter

30/1/26

Dear Parents,
Communication between parents and school is extremely important. To support this, the updated Parent Information slides are now available on the school website under Class Pages, and should also have been sent to you via Arbor. Please take time to read through these carefully, as they provide key information about what your child will be learning this half term. [Class Pages](#)
As we focus on our school value of being respectful, I invite all parents to support and model this value within our wider community. This includes keeping our school site clean and tidy and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours. Please ensure you park considerately, using allocated bays only and never blocking driveways.

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney
Headteacher



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School Levy
A big thank you to those parents who have supported the school with their School Levy payment. If you would like to contribute, please log onto Arbor, navigate to the School Shop, and select Voluntary Contribution.

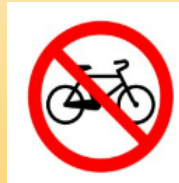
Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, the best way to inform us is by sending an email to attendance@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

Please ensure to include the following details:

*** Child's name * Child's class * A description of the reason for absence**

**Parents Evening - booking system opens
Friday 30/01/2026 at 19:00**



This is a polite reminder that no dogs, either on a lead or in arms, are permitted on the school site.
I am pleased to see children cycling or scooting to school, but please walk your bikes and scooters through the school premises to prevent any accidents.



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are respectful

Diary Dates

02.02.26	Football Match away, vs Quarry Hill
04.02.26	Year 5 Mass at St Thomas' Church 10.00am - parents/carers welcome
06.02.26	6FM Celebration of the Word at 2.45pm - parents/carers welcome
09.02.26	Netball Match away, vs Shaw Primary
10.02.26 & 12.02.26	Parents evening
13.02.26	Valentine's Wear Pink or Red Day
13.02.26	6M Class Celebration of the Word at 2.45pm - parents/carers welcome
16.02.26 - 22.02.26	Half Term, children to return to school on 23.02.26



Parent Governor Vacancy

A gentle reminder that the Parent Governor Vacancy will close at midday on Monday 2nd February 2026. Your involvement is invaluable, and we encourage you to consider applying for this important role within our school community.



If you would like to stand for election, please can you send an email with your name, contact details and your child's name and class to: admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk by **12 noon on Monday 2nd February 2026**. Please write a short supporting statement giving brief details about yourself and why you would like to be a Governor (not more than 80 words). If an election is needed these details will be copied and sent to all parents on the ballot paper. Please note that the 80-word limit will be strictly enforced.

Following receipt of all nominations by the stated closing date and time, a secret ballot will then be held. Parents at the school will be asked to vote for the Parent Governor.



During the day, children across the school took part in a variety of times table and number activities both in and out of their classrooms. Within assemblies, the children learnt more about TTRS and NumBots before having an exciting battle against another year group. The scores were exceptionally close for years 4, 5, and 6. Also a battle was set for the day within Yr 2-6 and the top scorer was awarded a certificate in their assembly this week.



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KS1 said:

"I liked the assembly" - Eliza

"I liked playing the Maths board games" -

Kaima

"I liked seeing all the different costumes"

- Blossom

"I really enjoyed the Maths battle on TTRS with the other children. It was so fun and I loved it!" - Callum

KS2 said:

"I loved dressing up and being creative with my costume. I like listening to the assembly and then playing TTRS." -

Chioma and Kamsi

"I could feel that everyone enjoyed themselves and the activities were great fun." - Simao

Times Tables Rockstars/ NumBots Day

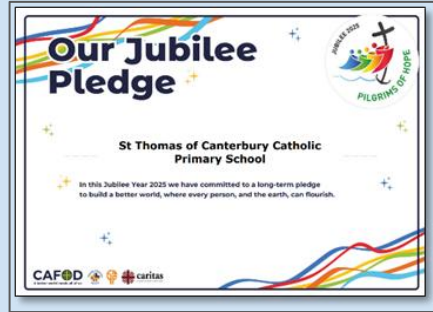
Thank you for making the day so enjoyable with your amazing costumes and the fun you brought to the class activities.



Our Catholic School

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 - 2026

Our Jubilee pledge is a sign of our school commitment to building a better world. We have reflected on our many wonderful achievements as Pilgrims of Hope through the Jubilee year.



The Spring term began with a whole school Mass led by Year 6 celebrating the feast of the Epiphany.

Next Wednesday, 4th February at 10am, Year 5 will lead Mass at St Thomas' church. All parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.



What are we learning in RE?



All year groups are studying Branch 3, Galilee to Jerusalem. In this branch pupils are experiencing the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They are learning about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They are reflecting on the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.



Child Led Worship

Thank you to the children in 3T and 6E who have led their class Celebrations of the Word on the themes of 'Love and Kindness' and 'Listening'.



We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.





Moore Coaching are offering a February Half Term Football Camp, taking place at William Edwards Secondary School.

- 📅 February Half Term
- 🕒 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 📍 William Edwards Secondary School
- 🏟️ Indoor facilities available
- 🌐 Open to boys and girls of all abilities

Please contact Moore Coaching directly for more information



Thurrock Music Services DJ Skills Workshop

When - Tuesday 17th February, 9.30am - 12.30pm and 12.30pm - 3.30pm.

Where - The East Barn, High Production Park, Vellacott Close, Purfleet, RM19 1RJ

Price - £7.50 per child

Thurrock Music Services is pleased to invite your child to take part in a half-day DJ Skills Workshop. This opportunity is open to Primary age students (from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm) and Secondary age students (from 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm). It is aimed at both complete beginners and those who already have some DJing experience.

Sign Up: If you would like your child to take part in this workshop, please email us at music.services@thurrock.gov.uk to register.

Please note, students taking part will need to bring a snack with them on 17th February as there is no canteen/shop on-site. Drinks will be provided.

Please ensure you register by **Monday 9th February** at the latest. We look forward to hearing from you.