



Newsletter

27/4/26

Dear Parents/Carers,
 Welcome to the summer term. It has been lovely to have the children back at school. They all look well rested and eager to learn. This half term we shall focus on the next school value, being **resilient**. Part of being resilient is knowing who to rely upon and having strong relationships with those around you. Pupils are also reminded how to cope with difficult situations, and to use the Zones of Regulation to support their wellbeing.

I also have some wonderful news. **Our bid for a Nursery has been successful!** This time next year we shall be welcoming 3 and 4 years olds! Please spread the word. More information to follow!

Best wishes.

Mrs Poulteney
Headteacher

Positive Playtimes

This term we have been focusing on creating more engaging playtimes and lunchtimes for the children to ensure they get plenty of opportunities to interact with their peers and return to class ready to learn.



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As part of the National Year of Reading, Reception and Year 2 have recently had a fun visit to Grays library. All other year groups will also be visiting the library in the coming weeks.



Diary Dates

30.04.26	Class 2B visit to Grays library
30.04.26	Class 1VC Celebration of the Word at 2.45pm - parents welcome
01.05.26	Class 3B Celebration of the Word at 2.45pm - parents welcome
05.05.26	School Closed to all pupils other than Year 6
07.05.26	Year 3 Roman Day Workshop
07.05.26	Class 1G Celebration of the Word - Parents welcome
08.05.26	Class 3F Celebration of the Word 2.45pm - Parents welcome



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are resilient.



Reception playground needs your help!

We have spent lots of money on our outdoor area but we now need some items that you may have at home, know someone who could supply for us or would be happy to buy and donate. As our items will be used by the children, they must be in a safe condition.

We need:

Role play items home/mud kitchen: kettle, toaster, masher, sieve, colander, bowls, whisks, wooden spoons, tea coffee, sugar pot (not china), cake moulds, rolling pin, metal serving spoons, weighing scales, phones, small empty home language food boxes(not torn) that can be used in outdoor area in the shop (if they are a **different language only**). Unused radio, recipe books, real herb plants, small watering cans, unused paint brushes, comics, garden wipeable rugs, wicker baskets/storage/bowls, small animal cage, antique/old objects which promote curiosity.

Water tray: Plastic jugs in a range of sizes and water tray items that the children can explore with.

Construction: old car steering wheels, milk crates, offcuts of wood (no splintered wood), spirit levels, offcuts of plastic guttering in different lengths, tarpaulin, camo netting or large material for den building, tyres for the children to pretend build with and a child's wheelbarrow .

If there are any carpenter parents or family members, we would love your help in constructing a small stage for our children.

Donations of toys: As usual we always accept cars/trucks, dinosaurs, lego, construction, dressing up items, uniform. Please ask Mrs Foley if you have something and are unsure please email:

mrs.foley@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk Thanks so much





Residential Trip to France!

The school is running a residential trip to France for current Year 3 and Year 4 pupils (who will be in Years 5 and 6 in November 2027).

The trip runs Wednesday 24 November to Friday 26 November 2027, staying at Château Du Broutel with full board; travel (coach and Eurostar) and the provider (Manor Adventure) are confirmed.

A parent and child information meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 May 2026 at 3:30pm, and a Manor Adventure representative will attend to answer all your questions and give you more details.

Please kindly confirm your attendance to the meeting with the administrative team (admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk) by Wednesday 13th May 26.





*St. Thomas of Canterbury
Catholic Primary School*

Sports Day

Book the time off work and add to your diary!

EYFS and KS1 Sports Day ~ Monday 18th May

At School - Morning - 9:15am start

Parents Welcome!

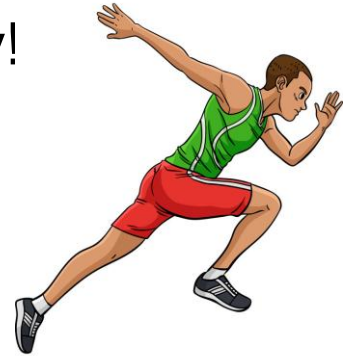
KS2 Sports Day ~ Thursday 21st May

9:30am - 1:30pm

Blackshots Athletics Stadium followed by a family picnic.

Programmes can be purchased for £1 cash.

Families Welcome!





Will you join us to celebrate on July 9th? Add it to your diary!

We are planning a fun packed day of celebrating the culture and diversity we have at St Thomas'.

1. Can you volunteer to support in the classrooms teaching a year group about your culture, a dance, song, presentation?
2. Can you team up with others, from the same culture to create a stall?
3. Do you have any skills to share; face painting, crafts to share?
4. Do you know any companies or relatives that can provide any goods for us to sell as teachers, FoST and school community come together to have stalls to celebrate? We urgently need items and will be posting on the newsletter and via email with more details. In the meantime please contact Mrs Foley on cdd@stocs.uk with any ideas or support you can provide and to be added to the group emails.



We need gazebos, volunteers to put up gazebos and set up on the 8th and 9th July.

