



Newsletter

8/5/26

Dear Parents/Carers,
Next week, our Year 6 pupils will sit their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). Please support your child by ensuring they get plenty of sleep, arrive at school on time, and attend our breakfast sessions so they are calm, confident, and ready for each day. We are already incredibly proud of how hard they have worked throughout the year and wish them every success.

We are also delighted that all building work is now complete. The improvements have created a wonderful learning environment for our children to enjoy and thrive in. Please follow us on Facebook to see photographs celebrating everything we have achieved together.

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney
Headteacher



Wear blue for GOSH day - Friday 22nd May -

we are excited to share that one of our very own parents, **Mrs Hayden**, has successfully completed the marathon to support the incredible charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital!

To support this worthy cause, we kindly ask for a **small cash donation**.

In recognition of your support, your child will have the opportunity to **wear a small item of blue on Friday, 22nd May**. It's a lovely way for us all to come together and show our support for such a fantastic institution.

Here are some ideas for the children:



Absences

If your child is absent, please remember to email attendance@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

by 8.40am with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

Early Years Pupil Vacancies

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026? Please contact the school office for an application pack.



Follow us!

Diary Dates

11.05.2026 - 14.05.2026	Year 6 SATs week - SATs breakfast at 8.15am for Year 6 only
12.05.2026	NO BOOSTER LESSONS OR YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS
18.05.2026	Year 5 Trip to Hever Castle
18.05.2026 9:15am	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day at School
18.05.2026	French Trip Parents evening - 3.30pm
19.05.2026	Year 1 King Charles Workshop
21.05.2026	KS2 Sports Day at Blackshots Athletics Stadium - 9.30am start.
22.05.2026	Wear blue for GOSH
22.05.2026 - 01.06.2026	HALF TERM - PUPILS TO RETURN ON 01.06.2026



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are resilient.



*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!

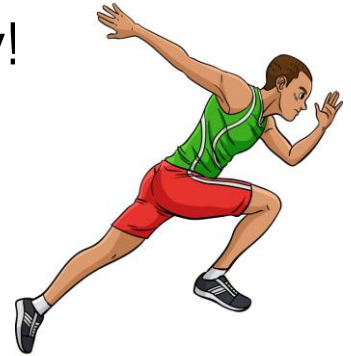
KS2 Sports Day ~ Thursday 21st May

9:30am - 1:30pm

Blackshots Athletics Stadium followed by a family picnic.

Programmes can be purchased for £1 cash.

Families Welcome!





Our Catholic School

May is 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too.

We invite every child to bring a single flower into school on Monday 18th May. These will be collected and arranged in the main reception, so that our whole school community can remember and honour Mary.



Well done children!

All year groups took part in completing CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. Together we walked 200 km, raising an amazing £430 to help fight global poverty.

Thank you for your support.



[Reflection for Parents](#)

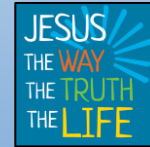


What are we learning in RE?

Every year group is studying Branch 5, To the ends of the Earth. In this branch, pupils will focus on the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The children will develop their understanding that Christians are sent out to live and share their faith through love, service prayer and community.



The Summer term began with a whole school Mass led by Year 4.



Child Led Worship

Thank you to the children and staff in 3B, 1VC, 1G and 3F who have led their class Celebrations of the Word on the themes of National Walking month, May the month of Mary and Doing our Best.

We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.





Please support your school and join our PTA call on Thursday!

FoST Zoom meeting to discuss Cultural Diversity Day fundraising plans

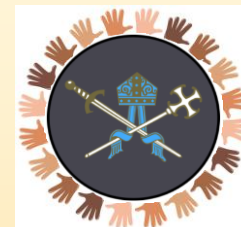
We have heard your feedback and are excited to invite you to our First PTA meeting via Zoom! We understand the importance of accessibility for working parents and have scheduled this meeting at a time that aims to accommodate everyone.

Meeting Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, 14th May
- **Time:** 18:45
- Zoom Link: <https://meet.google.com/wiz-fkpg-mre>

This initial meeting will be followed by another session on **4th June** at the same time of 18:45. During this follow-up meeting, we'll discuss actions from our first gathering and check in on efforts to gather resources such as gazebos, vouchers, prizes, food donations, and volunteers. Together, we can organise a wonderful day of fun for our children on for Cultural Diversity Day on 9th July and strengthen our community spirit.

We hope you can join us and contribute to making this a fantastic event!



Reception playground donations

We have recently invested in improving our outdoor area to enhance our students' learning experiences. However, we are now in need of some items that you may have at home or know someone who could provide:

*****Role Play Items for the Home/Mud Kitchen:*****

- Kettle, toaster, masher, sieve, colander, bowls, whisks, wooden spoons, tea, coffee, and sugar pots (not china).*
- Cake moulds, rolling pin, metal serving spoons, weighing scales, phones, and small empty food boxes (not torn, and preferably in home languages).*
- Unused radio, recipe books, real herb plants, small watering cans, unused paint brushes, comics, garden wipeable rugs, wicker baskets/storage/bowls, small animal cage, and antique/old objects that promote curiosity.*

*****Water Tray Items:*****

- Plastic jugs in various sizes and water tray exploration items.*

*****Construction Items:*****

- Old car steering wheels, milk crates, offcuts of wood (no splintered pieces), spirit levels, offcuts of plastic guttering in different lengths, tarpaulin, camo netting or large materials for den building, and tyres for pretend building.*
- A child's wheelbarrow would also be appreciated.*

We also welcome donations of toys, including cars/trucks, dinosaurs, LEGO, construction sets, dressing up items, and uniforms. If you have something in mind and are unsure, please feel free to ask Mrs Foley in Reception.

Thank you for considering supporting our outdoor area. Your generosity makes a real difference in our students' learning experiences!

