



# Newsletter

## 22/5/26

Dear Parents/Carers,  
What an incredible Sports Week it has been! All children enthusiastically participated in a wide range of sporting events, demonstrating excellent athletic ability, perseverance, teamwork, and determination throughout the week. We are extremely proud of the positive attitudes and sportsmanship shown by every child. We strongly believe that all children should have the opportunity to compete at a professional athletics venue, and hosting our KS2 Sports Day at Blackshots Athletics Stadium once again proved to be a truly memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement.

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Poulteney**  
Headteacher

### School Levy

We have introduced a voluntary School Levy of **£10 per child, per term**. This contribution will greatly assist us in enhancing the educational experience we provide to our students.

If you would like to contribute, please log onto Arbor, navigate to the School Shop, and select "Voluntary Contribution – Summer 26." Thank you for your continued support!

### 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.



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, who was Henry VIII's second wife. We toured the castle and were able to see what a typical wealthy Tudor home looked like. There were even wax work figures of Henry and Anne! We were able to see costumes and clothing made for movies that were typical of what Anne Boleyn wore as an adult. Afterwards, we went for a walk in the beautiful grounds and explored the yew tree maze. It was great fun!



## SPELLING

For the remainder of the summer term, children from years 1-6 are expected to learn the spellings stuck into their reading records. Please check that your child has these spellings. All spellings for the half term and the dates for when they need to learn them by will be on the sheet. The spellings for the week will be introduced to the children every **Monday** in class and the children will complete a dictation task of simple sentences at the end of the week using the spellings that they have learned. Please practise these spellings at home with your child to support their learning of them.

# Diary Dates

22.05.2026 - 01.06.2026	<b>HALF TERM - PUPILS TO RETURN ON 01.06.2026</b>
01.06.2026	Class 1G visiting Grays library
02.06.2026	Booster sessions 8.00am. Year 5 Swimming lessons
02.06.2026	Class 1VC visiting Grays library
03.06.2026	Class Photographs
04.06.2026	Reception Trip to Old MacDonalds Farm
04.06.2026	Class 1T visiting Grays library

### \*Absences\*

If your child is absent, please remember to email [attendance@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk) by 8.40am with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

# Summer uniform is compulsory after the May half term holiday.

## BOYS

- White polo shirt with school logo (preferred) or plain white polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey V necked jumper (school logo preferred )
- Grey socks
- **Black shoes (not trainers or sandals)**



## GIRLS

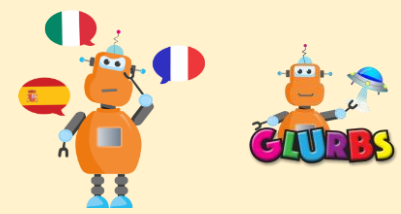
- Pink gingham dresses
- Neutral coloured (e.g. black, white) cycling shorts under dresses (Optional)
- White blouse with reversed collar/ grey skirt (Year 5 & 6 girls only)
- Grey V necked cardigan (school logo preferred)
- White socks
- **Black shoes (not sandals or trainers)**



- **Hair accessories must be kept to a minimum and should be in school colours. Pink OR white in summer.**
- **One small stud earring per ear. (Children must not wear earrings on PE days.)**
- **Hair braids should match the child's natural hair colour.**



***\*HALF TERM WEEK\****  
***MONDAY - FRIDAY, DOUBLE POINTS!***



We're excited to announce that **St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School** is taking part in a **Language Angels challenge, the Glurbs Language Quest**, where schools can win school resource grants, and we need your help!

Our pupils are on a mission to boost our school's ranking by completing fun, curriculum-aligned language lessons in the Glurbs app.

Designed by the team behind Language Angels, Glurbs features safe, structured, curriculum-aligned learning for children aged 4-12.

**How to join the mission:**

1. **Download:** Click on this link - [https://www.glurbs.com/?is\\_retargeting=true&source\\_caller=ui&af\\_qr=true&shortlink=q7c3trjk&c=LanguageQuest1&pid=GlurbsLanguageQuest&af\\_xp=custom&af\\_reengagement\\_window=1h](https://www.glurbs.com/?is_retargeting=true&source_caller=ui&af_qr=true&shortlink=q7c3trjk&c=LanguageQuest1&pid=GlurbsLanguageQuest&af_xp=custom&af_reengagement_window=1h) or search for "Glurbs" in your app store (Apple or Google Play).
2. **Register:** Join the competition by pressing on the "Language Quest" button and enter our unique school code **8WD37PS**.
3. **Enjoy:** Start learning and exploring! Completing planets and activities earns points for our school throughout the challenge and helps us move up the competition leaderboard!

The app is free to download and participation is completely optional.

Thank you for supporting **St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School** and encouraging language learning beyond the classroom.

For full details, please visit [www.glurbs.com](http://www.glurbs.com).

# Sports Week 2026



*What a 'sport-tastic' week we have had!  
Thank you to everyone who came to support the  
children on our Sports Days!  
Mr Boulden*

# Crowning of Mary

*“O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.”*





We are thrilled to share that the building work for our Year 3 and 4 classrooms is now complete. The children are having a delightful time exploring and enjoying their new spaces, and it's such a pleasure to see the excitement on their faces!

To give you a glimpse of the transformation, here are some before and after photographs. It's hard to believe how much has changed, and we think you'll be impressed by the new environment we've created for the students.

*Our New Space!*



