



Newsletter

12/6/26

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had time to rest and have returned to school feeling rejuvenated! For our final half term we shall be focusing on our school value of being **responsible**. This can refer to children being responsible for their belongings, their learning and the world around them.

As we approach the end of the academic year, children will be completing class assessments. Please ensure children are well rested, attend school regularly and are ready to do their very best.

We still have lots of engaging activities planned for Summer 2 so please ensure you check your emails regularly!

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney
Headteacher



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are responsible.

Theatre visit from Image Theatre **Dr Dolittle** **Monday 15th June**

Following last year's successful visit from Image Theatre and their performance of The Jungle Book, we have booked the company to return this year. The performances are for every year group. We are asking for a contribution of **£1.70** via Arbor. Thank you in advance

On Tuesday, our Year 3 children had a fantastic day being **Romans!** The workshop was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged in the activities. They enjoyed playing with Roman-style games, imitating a Roman battle with shields, and even practicing some Roman archaeology! It was amazing to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through.



*8:55, that's the rule,
brains switched on and
ready for school!*



We raised a total of
£254.01 for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)!
Bringing the grand total raised by Mrs Hayden to an incredible **£1,859**.
Thanks to your generous contributions, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. It's heartwarming to see our community come together for such an important cause.



Diary Dates

15.06.2026	Dr Dolittle performance for all year groups
16.06.2026	Year 1 King Charles Workshop
19.06.2026	4L Class Celebration of The Word - parents welcome
22.06.2026	*French Day*
25.06.2026	1T Class visiting Grays Library
26.06.2026	5H Class Celebration of the Word - parents welcome



Follow us!





This year, we will be celebrating
Thank a Teacher Day
during assembly on **Monday 15th June**.

We would like all children to take part by completing **one** of the following activities:

- Draw a picture of your teacher.
- Write a poem about your teacher.
- Write a story about your teacher to show your appreciation.
- Video message to show your appreciation. (Email to admin@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk)



Please hand all entries to the teaching assistant or **Mrs Poulteney**.

Don't forget to include the following information on your entry:

Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

*I look forward to seeing your wonderful creations and
celebrating our amazing teachers!*





EVERY MINUTE MATTERS



**School gates open at 8:40am.
All children must be seated
by 8:55am.**

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THAT'S THE RULE, BRAINS
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READY FOR SCHOOL!



TIME LOST TO LATENESS

**5 MINUTES LATE =
3 DAYS OF LOST
LEARNING**
**10 MINUTES LATE =
6.5 DAYS OF LOST
LEARNING**
**15 MINUTES LATE =
2 WEEKS OF LOST
LEARNING**
**30 MINUTES LATE =
19 DAYS OF LOST
LEARNING**

**PLEASE NOTE ANY CHILDREN
ARRIVING LATE MUST BE ESCORTED
TO THE OFFICE BY THEIR
PARENT/CARER.**



CHAFFORD HUNDRED RUNNING GROUP INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A MEMORIAL **5K RUN** IN SUPPORT OF THE 2WISH CHARITY IN MEMORY OF **HENRY NOWAK.**



DATE : 27th June 2026



START TIME: 9.00 am



**MEETING PLACE: ALL SAINTS CHURCH
DRAKE ROAD, CHAFFORD HUNDRED, RM16 6RW.**

DONATIONS: Please Use the QR code.



Donation Amount £5.00 or more Thank you



Please bring water and wear sensible footwear



Light refreshments will be available afterwards,
please bring cash.



Toilets available in church

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT MARY: 07702753666

Thank you!
PLEASE WEAR RED!



French Day- Monday 22nd June



On Monday 22nd June 2026 we are holding a whole-school French Day to celebrate French language and culture. This will be a fun, curriculum-linked day for every child that develops language skills, creativity and cultural curiosity — one of our school values.

Planned activities

- Years 5–6: French theatre performance (in school, in the morning).
- Years 3–4: French assembly in the morning.
- Key Stage 1: French-themed Art lessons.
- Key Stage 2: French-themed DT lessons.
- All pupils: French Market open to everyone throughout the day.

Dress

code

Please dress your child in the French colours — blue, white and red — on Monday 22nd June. **No purchase necessary; plain items in the required colours are fine!**



****THIS WEEKEND ONLY -
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 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.