



Newsletter

25/09/26

Dear Parents,

I have been incredibly impressed by how well our children have settled into their new Reception classes. They have shown such confidence, enthusiasm and resilience as they begin this exciting new chapter of their school journey. It has also been wonderful to see children across the school taking on new positions of responsibility, including School Council members and House Representatives. These roles provide valuable opportunities for our pupils to develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to school life. Our school value this half term is being inclusive, and we are proud to see our children embracing this by welcoming, supporting and celebrating one another.

Best wishes,
Mrs Poulteney



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are inclusive.

Our Safeguarding officers are:
Mrs Poulteney
Mrs Smith
Miss McAnally
Mrs Coppin
Miss Pellat
Miss Judd



Our very own Miss Theakston completed an impressive climb up Mount Snowdon on Saturday 1st August.
We truly appreciate her efforts for our school and there's still time for us all to contribute and help her reach even higher! Every penny counts, and together we can make a meaningful difference!
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🚧 Our building works are progressing well, with the hall now redecorated as part of the ongoing improvements to our school environment. We are currently working around the school to replace doors and make important fire safety upgrades. We are pleased to say that everything is going well, and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding while the work is taking place. See Facebook for images!

🍎 We currently have spaces available in our Reception classes. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for further details.

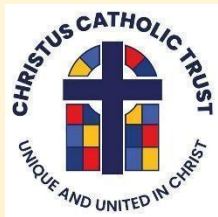
Diary Dates

28.09.26 - 30.09.26	🌿 Year 6 Norfolk Lakes Trip
29.09.26	Booster Lessons for all pupils, other than Year 6's
30.09.26	Year 5 Mass at St Thomas' Church, 10am - parents welcome
01.10.26	Black History Month
02.10.26	STOC 140th Anniversary
05.10.26 - 09.10.26	YEAR 6 Mock SATs

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Christus Catholic Trust Mass

It was a great joy to see staff and pupils from across the Christus Catholic Trust come together to celebrate Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Trust family to gather in prayer, worship and celebration. We would like to say a special thank you to Dr Shore, our Music Teacher, and to the choir members for their beautiful singing, as well as to our altar servers for their important contribution to the Mass. We were particularly delighted to hear the Trust Hymn, written by Dr Shore, sung for the very first time.

Everything I Am (United in Christ)

Schools of a unique family
Working together, we are proud
Standing united, live in harmony
Sharing hope and love around
Christ at the heart of our family
Working together, we are one
Faith, ambition and community
God's love is all around

Everything I am
Everything I'll be
Live for Christ and unity
Everything I am
Everything I'll be
Christ in you and me

We are the schools of God's family
Brothers and sisters, side by side
Caring and justice, human dignity
Spreading peace and joy around
Love at the heart of our family
Everyone is special in God's eyes
Learning together in our unity
Christ's love is all around

Everything I am
Everything I'll be
Live for Christ and unity
Everything I am
Everything I'll be
Christ in you and me

Faith, ambition and community
Drive to always be proud
Love, ambition and community
Stand united as one

Everything I am
Everything I'll be
Live for Christ and unity
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**PLEASE DONATE
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LEARNING SPACES**

We're inviting our wonderful school community to donate indoor plants! Plants bring so many benefits: improved wellbeing, better air quality, enhanced aesthetics, and a calming environment that boosts student focus and mood. Every plant makes a difference!





140th Jubilee of St Thomas'

As you are aware, this academic year we are delighted to be celebrating the 140th Jubilee of St Thomas of Canterbury School. This is a very special milestone in our school's history.

Due to our Jubilee celebrations, all children should attend school in their correct school uniform on Friday, 2nd October . There will be no PE activities on this day, as PE sessions have been rescheduled earlier in the week, as follows:

- Monday, 28th September – Year 1 and Year 3 should wear their PE kits to school.
- PE for all other year groups remains the same.

Parking and Drop-Off Arrangements

As our Jubilee event is taking place in the afternoon, we anticipate that parking around the school will be particularly challenging on Friday, 2nd October. In particular, Ward Avenue is likely to be very busy at drop-off time due to the number of visitors attending the event.

We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid parking near Ward Avenue or attempting to park directly outside the school on this day. Instead, please consider parking a little further away and allowing an additional 5–10 minutes to walk the short distance to school. Your cooperation will help us to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone, particularly with the increased number of visitors.

More Jubilee Celebrations to Come!

As a school, we want to ensure that our 140th Jubilee year is a celebration that our children will remember and enjoy.

We have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the year, including a **Colour Run** on Wednesday, 21st October. More information about this event will be shared with you shortly.

We are very excited to begin our 140th Jubilee celebrations and to celebrate the rich history, wonderful memories and special community that make St Thomas of Canterbury School such a special place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

