



Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter
12/10/26



The Jubilee celebrations have officially begun, and what a wonderful start we have had! It was a real pleasure to welcome so many familiar faces back to St Thomas of Canterbury for our 140th Jubilee celebration. Former pupils, staff, colleagues and members of our wider school community joined us to share memories, stories and experiences from across the school's history. It was a truly special afternoon, filled with warmth, laughter and a wonderful sense of belonging. Visitors enjoyed exploring the school, viewing our historical displays and reflecting on the many people who have helped shape our school over the past 140 years. A particular highlight was our spectacular school choir performance. The children were fantastic and made us incredibly proud. Their singing provided a fitting celebration of our school community and the wonderful children we have today.

Please take a look at our Facebook page, and school website [link here](#) where you will find videos and photographs from the afternoon and events throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the occasion so memorable. We are looking forward to continuing our Jubilee celebrations and sharing many more special moments together throughout the year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Poulteney

Headteacher.



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Reminder: Parents Evenings are scheduled for this week. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child and their progress at school. Please ensure that you log onto Arbor to book your slot before 4pm today.



Diary Dates

13.10.26	NO Booster Lessons this morning
13.10.26 & 15.10.26	Parents evenings
16.10.26	Year 4 Call of the Wild Trip
16.10.26	B Team Football Match (home) vs Harris Chafford - TBC by Mr Boulden
21.10.26	Colour Run 🌈

COLOUR RUN

Come and join our festival of colour!

Whole family are invited to come and watch!

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Entry via front of the school or via College Avenue gate

From 1.30pm

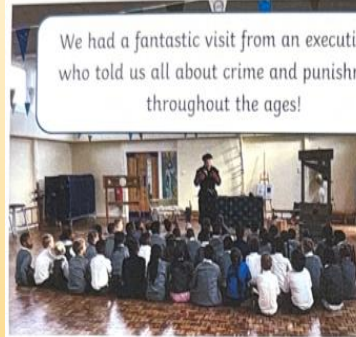
7 stations with plenty of colours spread around!

Goggles must be worn! No goggles, no taking part.

Children will need:

- White, old t-shirt
- Goggles (must be worn)
- Trousers or shorts to be worn
- Trainers (that may get ruined!)

Crime and Punishment Workshop



We had a fantastic visit from an executioner who told us all about crime and punishment throughout the ages!



We learned about different ways to help punish crimes, firstly a Blood Feud – which we learned wiped out lots of families!



We moved onto learning about a Hue and Cry, where if someone had committed a crime, people would be sent out to go and catch them!



We moved closer into the modern era where we learned that prison guards weren't paid for their job, only if they hurt people with a baton!

Our Autumn 26 Menu



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Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are inclusive.

Open Mornings for September 2027 Intake

St. Thomas Catholic Primary School warmly invites prospective parent for the September 2027 intake to attend one of our open mornings on the following dates:

Wednesday 19th November 2026 - 9:30am – 10:30am

Thursday 20th November 2026 - 9:30am – 10:30am



No need to book

All applications welcome

OPEN 1ST-31ST OCTOBER

CELEBRATING AUTUMN

Autumn is the time for:

- Falling leaves
- The harvest festival
- Halloween
- Apple Day (21st October)

Flex your creative skills and capture the sights, colours, activities and traditions that make autumn special to you.

Show us what autumn means to you through a:

Photograph or video

Ideas:

- An autumn wreath made of beautiful leaves
- Creative Halloween costume
- Carved pumpkin or acorn art
- A winning conker
- Seasonal baking and cooking

FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND AGE 4-16

Submissions must include full name, whether they have an EHCP or are on SEN Support, and name of setting. Submissions may be shared on Local Offer.

email to: QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk

Norfolk Lakes

Our trip to Manor Adventure Norfolk Lakes was a fantastic experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities and challenges they took part in. Throughout the trip, we saw the children grow in confidence, independence and maturity, with many showing just how much they have developed as they took on new challenges and responsibilities. The children may have returned home a little tired, but the teachers are still recovering from the distinct lack of sleep!

Mr Ellis

