



St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of another term and another year together. This week has been filled with lots of wonderful moments. A big thank you to those children who took part on the Bethlehem Cribs Event.



It was a real joy to gather with the children and the staff this morning around the Christmas tree to share the Christmas Story. I hope you all have a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

God Bless

Mrs Clements

Hablamos Español

The children are getting more confident with the Spanish language and it's lovely to hear them speaking around the school. I have enjoyed the journey so far and look forward to continuing in the new year.

I thought I'd remind you that there are two apps called Duolingo & Glurbs for them to use if they would like to practice over Christmas. Wishing you all the best for the holidays and thank you all very much for the generous cards and gifts. I am speechless!

P.S. "Feliz Navidad y Próspero año nuevo"

Mrs Pruna-Salado

Children's Liturgy at Our Lady and St Thomas church during the festive period.

(Children's Liturgy is a session just for children which takes place during the 9.15am Mass to help them explore the day's gospel in a fun and engaging way, with activities, prayers and singing.)

- Sunday 24th - 10am Mass - No session because we will be busy getting ready for the...

5pm Christmas Eve Nativity Mass

Please come and join us for this wonderful celebration to start your Christmas festivities! All welcome, even (especially!) those who are not regular church-goers. Children (of all ages!) are encouraged to come dressed up as animals, shepherds or angels and will be invited to join in with the telling of the Nativity story. With joyful carols (and probably just a little bit of beautiful chaos) this is a truly family friendly service to get your Christmas off to a cracking start.

- Sunday 31st December - No Children's Liturgy session

- Sunday 7th January (Epiphany) - Children's Liturgy sessions resume at the 9.15am Mass.

Wishing you a joyful festive season, from the Children's Liturgy Team - Naomi, Rachel and Josh.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Monday 8th Jan – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 9th Jan – Year 6 Swimming lesson

Tuesday 16th Jan – Year 6 Swimming lesson

Tuesday 23rd Jan – Year 6 Swimming lesson

Friday 26th Jan – 09:00 Y3 Class Assembly

Tuesday 30th Jan – Year 6 Swimming lesson

Tuesday 6th Feb – Year 6 Swimming lesson

Spring Half term – 12th – 16th February

Monday 19th February – INSET Day – No Pupils in School

Tuesday 20th February – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 20th February – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Tuesday 27th February – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Friday 1st March – 09:00 Y2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 5th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

4th – 8th March – Open Afternoons

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th March - Parents Evening (In Person)

Tuesday 12th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Wednesday 13th March - Parents Evening (Virtual)

Friday 17th May – School Disco

Tuesday 19th March – Year 5 Swimming lesson

Friday 22nd March – 09:00 Y1 Class Assembly

Easter Break – 29th March – 12th April

Monday 15th April – Pupils return to school

Wednesday 24th April – Class Photos

Friday 3rd May – 09:00 Reception Class Assembly

Monday 12th May -SATS WEEK

Summer Half term – 27th – 31st May

Friday 7th June – Whole School Sports Day

Weds 19th – Fri 21st June – Year 6 Residential

24th – 27th June – Open Afternoons

Mon 1st July – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

Weds 3rd – Fri 5th July – Year 5 Residential

Tues 9th July – Year 6 Leaver's show