



# St Thomas of Canterbury School Newsletter

Week ending Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Despite there only being four days this week, we have managed to squeeze lots in. The two highlights, the Easter Egg competition on Wednesday morning and the Passion Play this afternoon, were very contrasting events. Both were fitting reminders of the different feelings associated with this weekend - the solemnity of Good Friday and the sheer joy and celebration of Easter Sunday. Thank you children!

Well done to our Easter Egg winners, and everyone that took part. A big thank you too to Mr Farragher, one of our Governors, for taking on the very difficult job of picking the winners.



Yesterday, we said goodbye to Mrs Wragg. It was clear to see how much she meant to the children and staff. We will miss her very much and wish her well in her new school. Miss Garner starts her maternity leave today. We wish her well with her new arrival and look forward to seeing them both soon. Next term, we will welcome Mrs Charles, Miss Garner's maternity cover, to the St Thomas' team.

Along with this newsletter you will have received information about Dojo and Golden Time, a new approach we are trialling to encourage and support our children to make good choices. We will be implementing this when we return after Easter. We are very lucky at St Thomas' to work with such wonderful children and we want to ensure their efforts do not go unnoticed. If, once you have read the letter, you have any questions, please pop in to the school office on Tuesday 16th April at 3.30 and Miss Swain and I will be there to help.

Have a happy and holy Easter.  
God Bless  
Mrs Clements

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

### Easter Break – 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Pupils return to school

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Y3 Creswell Craggs trip

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Summer 2 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – 09:00 Reception Class Assembly

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May -SATS WEEK**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – School Disco

### Summer Half term – 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole School Sports Day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photos (rearranged from 24<sup>th</sup> April)

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 6 Residential

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:00 Y3 & Y6 Open Afternoon

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:00 Y2 & Y4 Open Afternoon

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June** – 14:00 Y1 Open Afternoon

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June** - 14:00 Y5 Open Afternoon

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July – Autumn 1 Breakfast & Afterschool club bookings open on Parentpay at 4pm**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Reception Trip to Cleethorpes

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5 Residential

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's show

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of Term

## *A Prayer from our Class Teachers*

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this opportunity to nurture the faith of the children in my care. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead and guide me as I prepare this assembly and bless each and every child with an open heart and mind to hear your Word.

In your name, Jesus, Amen.

## Whole School Attendance

Our attendance for last week was 98.3%  
Our attendance this week was 91.8% %

## Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is **Rabbit**.

Please click this link to see how it is done!

<https://youtu.be/3UBAHNvomXk>



Rabbit

## Summer Term PE Days

Reception	Thursday AM
Year 1	Monday AM & Thursday PM
Year 2	Monday PM & Wednesday PM
Year 3	Tuesday PM & Thursday PM
Year 4	Wednesday PM & Friday PM
Year 5	Monday PM & Thursday AM
Year 6	Tuesday PM & Thursday AM

AM - children come to school in their PE kit and bring their uniform to change into.

PM - children should come dressed in their uniform, with their PE kit to change into.

## Breakfast & Afterschool Club price increase from September 2024

Unfortunately, due to the ever-rising costs in staffing, food and resources we have no other option but to increase the breakfast and after school club to keep this sustainable.

Please note that the last price increase was in September 2019.

The following charges will apply from September 2024.

Breakfast club £5.25

After school club £9.50

## Sheffield Parent Hub Spring 2024 What's on Guide

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

## Children's Passion Liturgy on Good Friday

During the 3pm Liturgy on Good Friday (29th March) at Our Lady & St Thomas church, there will be a simple retelling of the Passion story for younger children in the Hall (the same story of the events leading up to Jesus' death which adults will hear in church), with reflective activities to help them engage with the themes of the day.

Led by the Children's Liturgy Team, it is hoped that Fr Geoff will also join us.

All children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome. Please come straight down to the Hall when you arrive at church.

We will rejoin the main congregation in church for the Veneration of the Cross. Adults are welcome to stay (and should stay with babies and toddlers please), but if your children are able to attend by themselves then do take the opportunity to be part of the main Liturgy

## Cheese grab bags for Summer 1 Afterschool club

If your child would prefer to have a Cheese Grab bag instead of the hot meal, please complete the below google form.

<https://forms.gle/7XAxjh641P8DYchA6> If you would like to continue to receive a hot dinner, you do not need to do anything. Please can we ask that you complete the google form by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## Parish Events

Please see the attached church newsletter.

## Changes to term time leave fining

Please see the attached new guidance.

## Summer term Milk, School Dinners & Computer Xplorers Club

Bookings for Summer Term milk, school dinners and Summer Term 1 Computer Xplorers Afterschool activity are now available to book via Parent. Places are also still available for the Summer term Striking & Fielding Evo club on Thursdays.

## New uniform provider

We are pleased to inform you that Pinder's uniform will now be stocking St Thomas of Canterbury School uniform. They offer competitive pricing and have a store at Crystal Peaks shopping centre. More information can be found here:

<https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/170/StThomasofCanterbury> .

Logo Leisurewear <https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-st-thomas-canterbury-primary/> and

Myclothing <https://myclothing.com/st-thomas-of-canterbury-school/8411.school> will also continue to stock our school uniform.

## Online Safety Update

Childnet is a great source of online safety resources and advice and has produced some with an Easter theme!

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/egg-citing-online-safety-egg-tivities-to-enjoy-this-easter-weekend/>



# A Safeguarding Policy Front Sheet

**Name of Education Setting: St Thomas of Canterbury School Academic Year 2023 - 2024**

We all have a statutory duty to “safeguard and promote the welfare of children”, ([Working together to safeguard children, DfE 2015, page 5](#))

If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues such as a child’s appearance, hygiene, general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

**However, if you think that a child, a young person or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed, please talk to one of the people below immediately.**

**You can ask any member of staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.**

## The people you can talk to are:



### Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Name: Mrs L Clements  
Their office is located next to the school office.  
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



### Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mrs L Wragg  
Their office is located next to the school office.  
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



### Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy for under 5’s is:

Name: Mrs R Hanson  
Their office is located next to the school office.  
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



### Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Ms D Swain  
Their office is located next to the school office.  
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597



### Our Designated Safeguarding Deputy is:

Name: Mr M Richardson  
Their office is located next to the school office.  
Their tel. no / mobile no is 01142745597

An allegation or disclosure involving someone working with children in a paid or unpaid capacity **must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher, Principal or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Body or Management Committee.