



St. Thomas of Canterbury

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

Half term is already upon us, the children have been working extremely hard and particular congratulations to our Year 6 children who have recently completed their SATs.

Our Year 3 and 4 children are currently enjoying their residential trip in Lincolnshire. The children are having a wonderful time, experiencing a range of team building activities. (See Page 6 for photos). After Half Term, the remaining three classes each have an offsite visit to look forward to (Early Years - Shepreth Zoo; Year 1 & 2 - Southend; Year 5 & 6 - Henry Moore Foundation).

As part of our 150 Year Celebrations, thank you for supporting our Altar fundraising initiative, a staggering £869 was raised. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all parents to our celebratory afternoon (Tuesday 13th June at 2 pm) which includes the burial of our time capsule, tree planting and Maypole Dance. We are also honoured to be welcoming Cardinal Vincent Nichols for a celebratory Mass on Wednesday. As per previous correspondence unfortunately we are unable to extend this invitation to all parents due to limited space.

In preparation for September, the children will shortly be having a series of weekly transition sessions in their new year groups. In addition, the whole school will be having a "Moving Up Day" on Thursday 13th July. On this day we will also be welcoming new pupils to our school and Year 6 will be visiting their Secondary Schools. A reminder that we have scheduled an Induction Meeting for new Nursery and Reception parents on Tuesday 4th July at 3:30 pm.

I wish you a very happy (and hopefully sunny!) half term and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 6th June (please note that Monday 5th June is an Inset Day).

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keating

Head Teacher



Infant Award EY/KS1: **KINDNESS** ~ *Eva Grace*

Junior Award KS2: **GRATITUDE** ~ *Olivia Ballard*



HOUSE POINTS:

St David

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St George

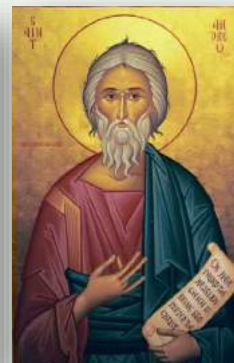
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St Andrew

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St Patrick

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Catholic Life of the School



During the week of 8th May, the Chaplaincy Team led “Praying the Rosary” sessions with each class in our Prayer Garden during break and lunch. It was wonderful to see how engaged the children were, and some brought in their rosaries from home.





Catholic Life of the School



Our Early Years children have been writing prayers to our Lady and provided her statue with a beautiful crown.



Pictured below, Year 3/4's shared Act of Worship (Ascension)



Our Chaplaincy Team went on a retreat to St Edmund's School, joined by all the schools in the Lea Valley Deanery. The children participated in a variety of workshops, with a focus on "Catholic Social Teaching". The day culminated in a beautiful Thanksgiving Liturgy held in the Chapel.





Coronation Celebrations!



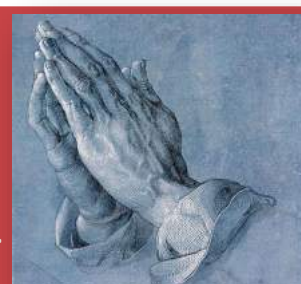
Whole school joyous festivities to celebrate the momentous occasion of the coronation of King Charles III...



Maypole Dancing!

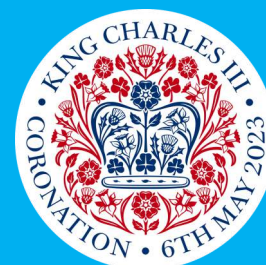


Almighty God, we pray that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm,
May continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and,
Being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence.
Through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.





Coronation Celebrations!



Creative Crowns!



A marching band from Early Years...



Preparing the Bunting...



Year 1 and 2 shared a beautiful Coronation Assembly...



Lincolnsfield



Year 3 and 4 are having a wonderful time in Lincolnsfield!



Creative Curriculum: Year 5 & 6



Examples of recent curriculum enrichment in Year 5/6, including cooking and art...



Sport

Congratulations to
Amelie , Isabelle,
Cole and Ben who
took part in a Mini
Tennis Tournament
in Hertford and
achieved a bronze
award!



NOTICES

- A reminder that Wednesday 7th June is our Whole School and Class Photo day. Children need to be wearing their summer uniform and look tidy please!
- Please remember to order your child's lunches every day. This can be done up to 10 weeks in advance. Every day we still have some children with no lunch pre-ordered which causes anxiety to the child and adds to administration work load.
- Please be reminded that holidays should not be taken term time. In exceptional circumstances, please complete the Absence Request Form on our school website and book an appointment with Mrs Keating.
- A big "Thank You" to the PTA who have kindly funded our beautiful commemorative 150 Year Anniversary badges. We will be presenting each child with their badge on Wednesday 14th June prior to the Mass. Please encourage your child to look after their badge and wear it with pride.



Year 6 were presented with their leavers' hoodies during a special Assembly. We ask God's blessing upon all of the children, especially during their last half term at St Thomas'.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 26th May

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June

Wednesday 8th June:

Monday 12th June:

Tuesday 13th June:

Tuesday 13th June 14:00

Wednesday 14th June

Monday 19th & Tuesday 19th June

Thursday 22nd June

Thursday 29th June

Friday 30th June

Break up for Half Term

Half Term

Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

Pupils return

Whole School and Class Photos

A day of "History Through The Ages"

Whole School Picnic to celebrate 150 Year Anniversary

Parents invited for an afternoon of Celebrations

150 Year Anniversary Mass (pupils, staff and PTA only)

Years 4, 5 and 6 Bikeability

St Mary's Football and Netball Tournament

First Holy Communion Liturgy and Tea Party (Parents invited)

Sports Day