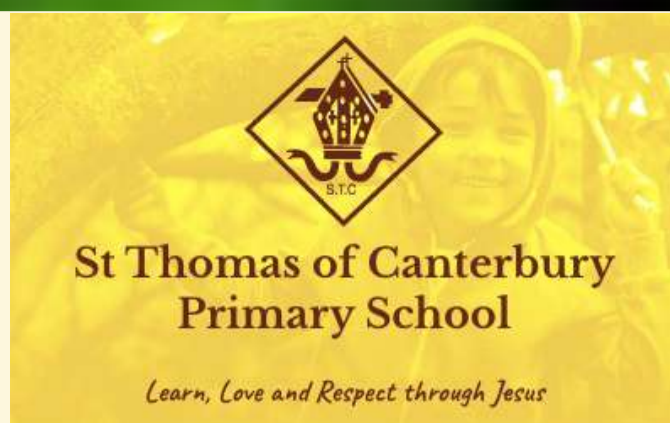


# JULY



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another academic year! A huge well done to all of the children for their many achievements this year - we are proud of you all! I would like the opportunity to say "Thank you" to all of our highly committed teachers, support staff and governors. Our recent successful Ofsted is a glimpse of the many strengths of the school, and we continue to move forward with our curriculum leadership alongside schools within the Trust. This will be a particular focus in my new role as Primary School Improvement Executive Head, I will be in the very fortunate position to work alongside Head Teachers across the Trust and explore the many examples of excellent practice, building upon school improvement priority areas together as a group of schools.

Preparing the children for transition into new year groups and to new schools has been a key focus for our staff this half term. All year groups have visited their new class to support this process and reassure the children. We plan to host a Key Stage One and Two Information Briefing for parents early in the autumn term, to provide key information of the expectations for your child in their new class.

Mrs W Clark and Mr Fitzgerald organised and led our very successful Sports Day on Friday 30th June (see pages 3 and 4). Thank you to all parents who supported this event and congratulations to St Andrew's for winning the overall House Cup! Also, congratulations to St George's for winning the Johnson Teamwork trophy!

It has been wonderful to enrich the children's curriculum experience through our scheduled class trips. See pages 6, 7 and 8 for an insight to each visit. Thank you to Mrs K Clark for organising our recent Bastille Day, a wonderful experience for the children to understand a little more about French language and history (see related photos on page 3).

Many congratulations to all of our Key Stage Two children for their fantastic summer production of "Troy Story", see page 9 for photos! A truly outstanding performance that the children will remember for years to come!

Finally thank you to Father Peter Harris for celebrating our Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Church in Bishop's Stortford. A very special Mass which commemorated Year 6. Year 6 Awards were presented in the church afterwards, see table below summarising the awards received. A Tea Party was held afterwards in the Parish Centre (see page 11). Thank you to all parents and governors who attended to mark this special milestone. We ask God's blessing on all our leavers as they take their next step in their educational journey. I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4th September (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September for Nursery).

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keating

**Head Teacher Award:** Olivia Bu; Ben Du

**Jackson O'Brien:** Amelia D'C; Patrick

**Mission Award:** Hollie

**R.E:** Orla

**Music:** Alasdair

**Sport:** Anton; William

**Personal Achievement:** Freddie



## St David

(to be revealed at End of Term Assembly!)



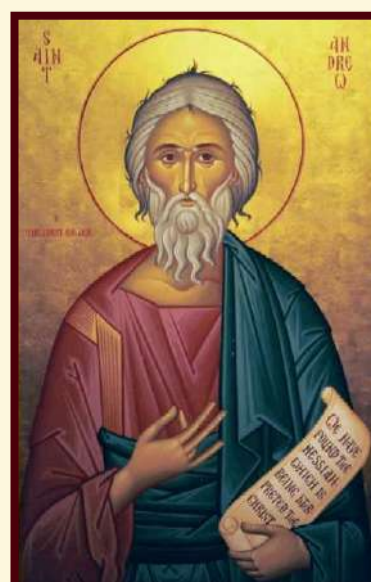
## St George

(to be revealed at End of Term Assembly!)



## St Andrew

(to be revealed at End of Term Assembly!)



## St Patrick

(to be revealed at End of Term Assembly!)



# Catholic Life of the School

We have elected our new Chaplaincy Team for next Academic Year. We ask God's blessing on every child and call upon the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them in their important role.



The primary role of the Chaplaincy Team is to build upon and embed the excellent work of last year's team in developing the prayer life of the school through planning, being involved with and leading Acts of Worship, Liturgy and Fundraising Opportunities.

# Bastille Day Celebrations at St Thomas!

A huge "Merci!" to Mrs K Clark who organised a wonderful selection of memorable French activities on 14th July for the whole school to celebrate Bastille Day.



# Sports Day!

**Congratulations to St George's who won the Teamwork Trophy and St Andrew's who won the Inter-house Cups!**



# Sports Day!





Early Years had a  
wonderful time at  
Shepreth Zoo!





Year 1 & 2  
at Southend  
on Sea!!



# Year 5/6 Trip to Henry Moore Foundation

Year 5 & 6 enjoyed their visit to the Henry Moore Foundation. They had the opportunity to study and sketch the sculptures located amongst the beautiful gardens of the Henry Moore Estate



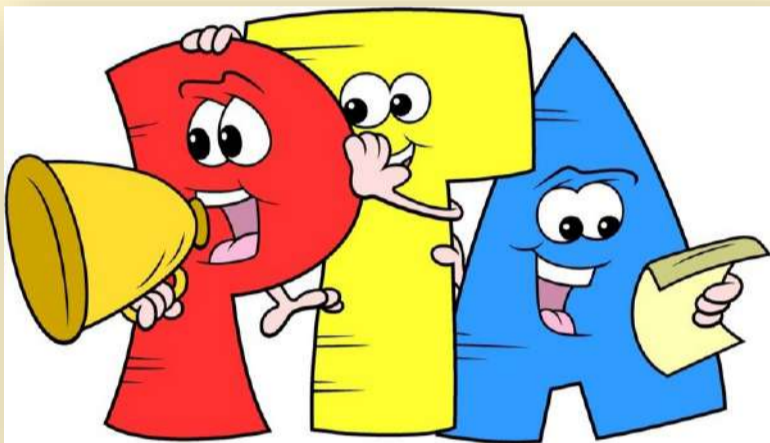
# KS 2 PRODUCTION: TROY STORY!

A truly amazing performance from our Year 6 children,  
a huge well done to all the staff and pupils that made  
this such a memorable production!



# Notices

We say goodbye to Mrs Dukat (MSA) and Mrs Nelson (LSA). We thank them for their service at St Thomas' and wish them all the best for the future.



**A DATE FOR THE DIARY!**

**SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2 - 5 PM**

**SEPTEMBER SIZZLER!**



We really look forward to our September Sizzler which was postponed due to the inclement weather. The Grand Raffle will be drawn so there is still plenty of time to buy tickets. Congratulations to Patrick Healy who won the Standon Calling Family ticket (which was drawn at the end of the summer term to enable the ticket to be used in time!)

**Our PTA are amazing and we are so grateful to Miss Froggatt, and every member for their dedication and commitment to helping St Thomas' to raise much needed funds, particularly in these times when school budgets are so constrained.**

**Please consider joining the PTA! Events such as Summer Fayres, Fun Runs, Discos, Race Nights and Fun Quizzes will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the PTA helps fund, make learning even more engaging. Please help us to continue to create lasting memories for our children and leave a legacy at the school after our children have left.**

# Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Lord, please bless all those that are moving on from our school and help them to be happy and confident, wherever they are going. May the light of Christ give them courage as they move onto Secondary School.

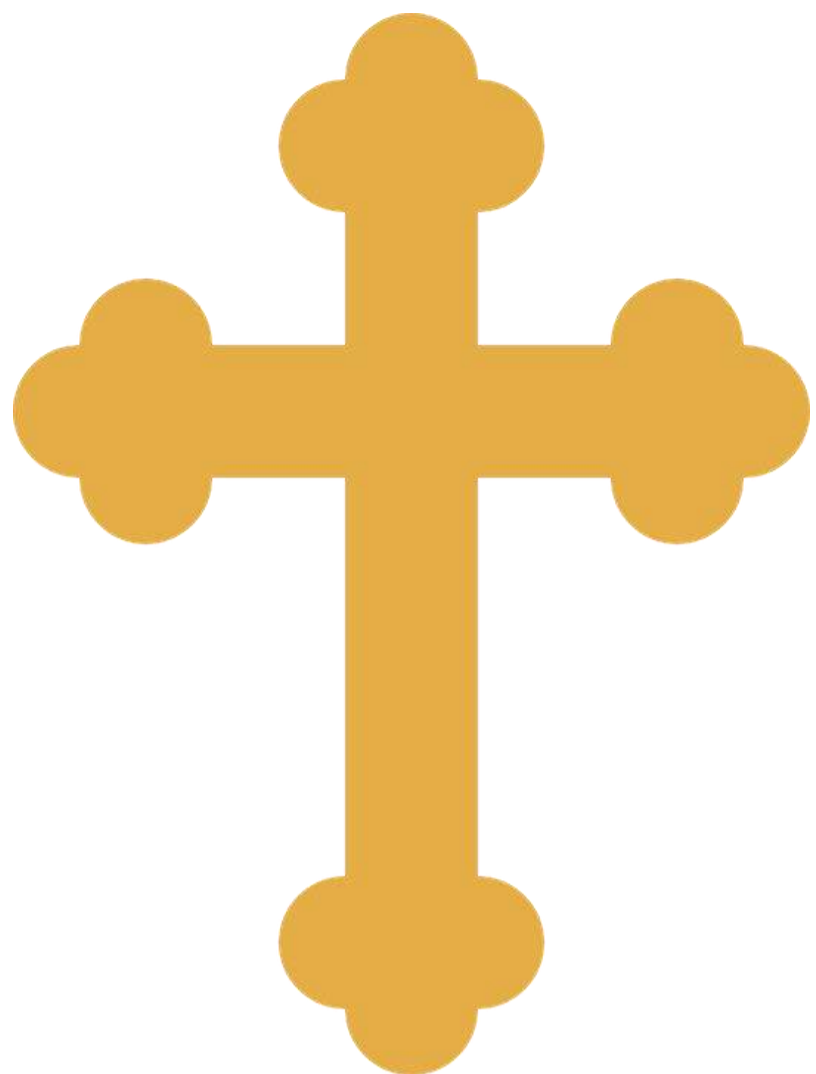
Amen



Lord Jesus Christ,  
*O God of all beginnings and endings, We  
praise and thank you for the gift of this  
school year. It has been a time filled with  
grace and blessings. The days have  
passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the  
months, the seasons, the holidays and  
holy days,*

*Please give us the rest and refreshment  
we need this summer. Watch over us in  
the weeks of rest ahead, And guide each  
day as you have done this past year.*

*Amen*



## DATES FOR NEXT TERM:

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Friday 1st September

Inset Day 1: Autumn Term  
2023/2024

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Monday 4th September

Children (Reception to Year 6)  
back to school

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Monday 11th September

New Nursery start

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Wishing you a safe, happy and blessed summer  
break and looking forward to welcoming you back  
in September!