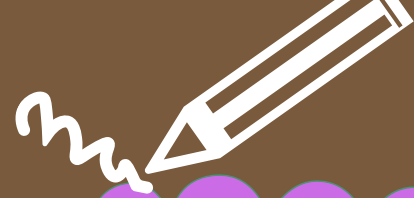




# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MARCH  
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Dear Parents,

As the end of term is nearly here and Holy week is fast approaching, we reflect back on the many successes during the month.

World Book Day was a tremendous success. Children came in dressed as their favourite book characters - see pages 3 to 5 for photos and congratulations to our winners. I am also delighted to share that the school raised £270 to spend on books from our Scholastics Book Fayre.

Our recent Trust Science Week, planned to coincide with National Science Week, was a very exciting event! The children thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in science and the staff were so impressed with the children's science projects and experiments, (please refer to pages 6-9 for further details).

A huge thank you to parents for supporting our Trust Charity Week in aid of the Catholic Children's Society. We hosted a number of events including Onesie Wednesday and our very own 'St Thomas' has Talent Show! I am delighted to announce, so far we have raised £140 (see pages 10 and 11 for photos).

On Sunday 23rd March, our school Choir took part in the Hertfordshire Singing Gala at the Royal Albert Hall. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. An amazing memory to sing in such a prestigious event, a huge well done to Mrs Goode, Mrs Clark and Mrs Smith for supporting the children (page 12).

Finally, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful, Holy and restful Easter break. I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 23rd April.

Mrs M Keating  
Executive Headteacher





# Catholic Life of the School Lent

We have been focusing on the “Three Pillars of Lent”: Giving, Fasting and Praying. These have been common themes in our worship.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for sending your only  
Son down to Earth to save our  
sins. Help us to learn through  
Jesus and to see life in a better  
way.*

*Thank you for resurrecting Jesus  
to help us.*

*Thank you, Thank you. I love  
you Lord. Amen  
Heidi*



Father John has been a frequent visitor throughout Lent including Class Prayer Services, a penitential service and Key Stage Two Reconciliation.



*Dear God,*

*Guide us on our journey through  
Lent and help us to keep our  
Lenten promises and help us to  
bring joy on Easter Sunday.*

*Amen.*

*Jude H*



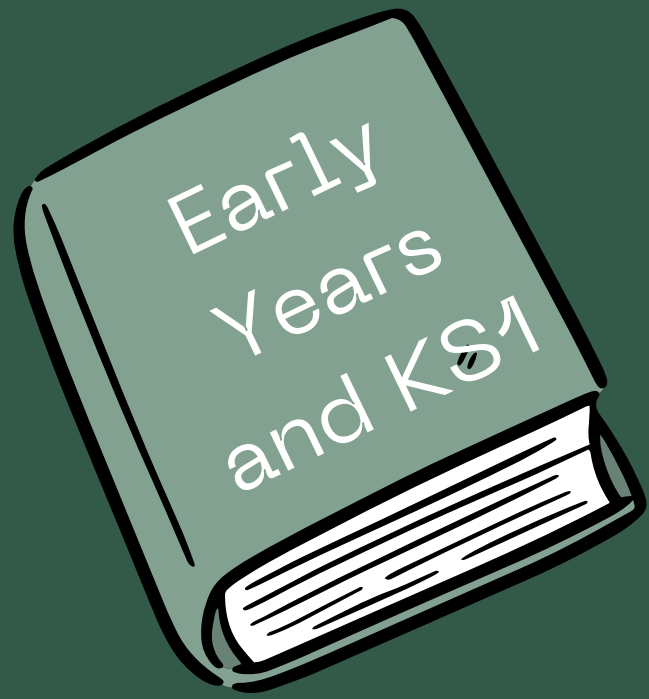
# WORLD BOOK DAY

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World Book Day is a special occasion where children around the world get the chance to celebrate their love for books and reading by dressing up as their favourite literary characters. It's a fun and creative way for children to bring stories to life, whether they choose to dress as a beloved hero, a whimsical creature, or a memorable villain. At St Thomas' the children made a fantastic effort with their costumes, with prizes awarded for creativity and imagination. They also shared stories with pupils in other classes and participated in a BBC live lesson, all fostering a deeper connection with literature.

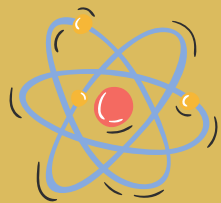






Key Stage 2





# SCIENCE WEEK



St Thomas' was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated National Science Week. Each day, the children immersed themselves in hands-on experiments and fascinating lessons, exploring the world of science in thrilling and meaningful ways.

We were delighted to welcome two inspiring guest speakers: a midwife, who explained how science supports her work in caring for mothers and babies, and a microbiologist, who gave an insight into the invisible world of microbes and how they impact our daily lives. She was able to talk about the important role she took during Covid as she was part of the team of scientists who discovered the vaccine!

The week concluded with an exciting forensic science investigation. The children took on the role of criminologists, solving a simulated 'crime' — a break-in during a cake sale! They analysed clues such as hair and hair samples, finger prints and footprints, using their new knowledge of DNA and evidence analysis to uncover the culprit. This engaging activity gave them a taste of how real-life forensic scientists solve crimes.

Throughout the week, a Science Shop was open, with money raised going towards purchasing science equipment for the school. In addition, children across the school submitted their own brilliant science experiments — projects they had researched and worked on independently at home. They proudly brought in models, posters, and even videos of themselves conducting experiments. These impressive entries were judged by our esteemed scientist judges:

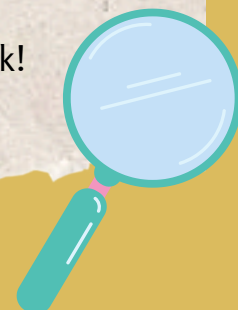
Mr. Lang, Mrs. Kaplunov and Mr. Booth.

To celebrate the children's passion and engagement in science, each year group has also nominated a Science Ambassador — a proud representative of their class's scientific curiosity and enthusiasm.

Science Week was a spectacular opportunity for the children to develop their curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills — and most importantly, it has shown them how science is all around us, shaping the world we live in.

We were incredibly proud of how enthusiastic and engaged the children were throughout the week, and we are excited to see how this inspires them in the future!

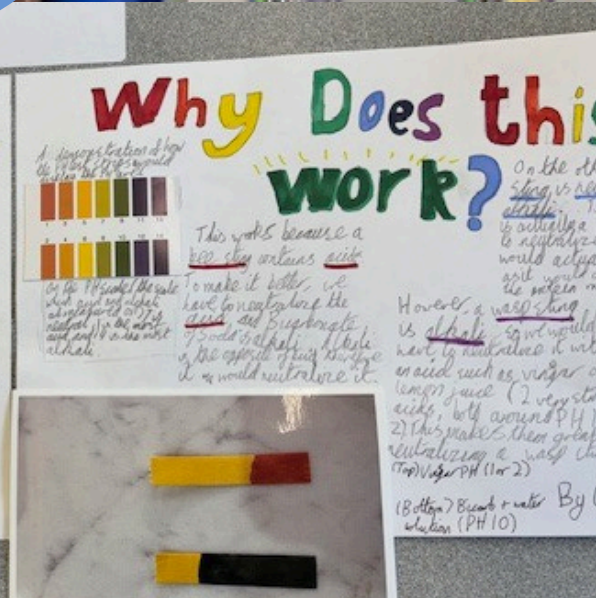
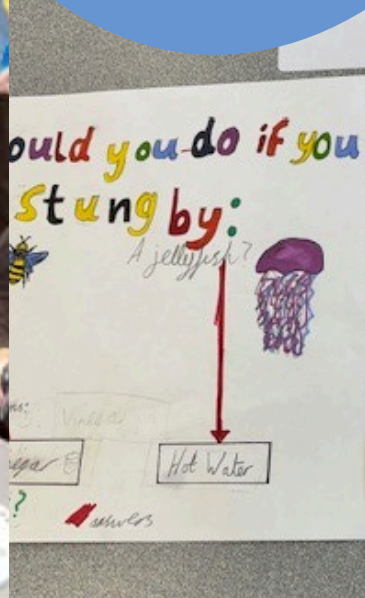
A huge thank you to Mrs Overett for organising such an inspiring week!







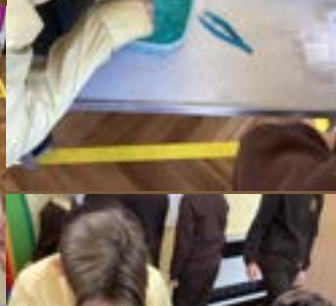
# Science Fair and Science Shop



# Forensic Science Day



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# Charity Week

Catholic  
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Total raised  
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Many families are yet to pay in donations, please do so as soon as possible so we can share our grand total with the children.

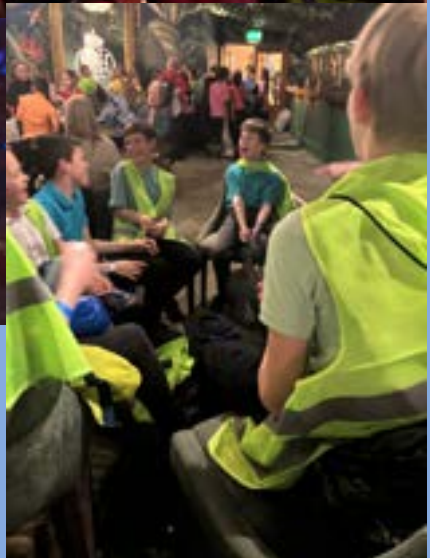
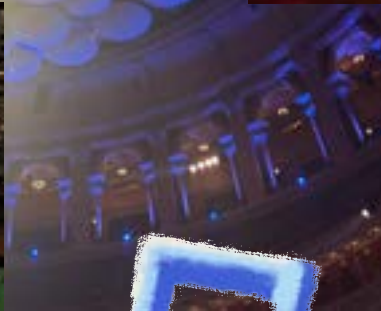


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# Hertfordshire Music Gala

## Royal Albert Hall

On Sunday 23rd March, 18 pupils from KS2 were privileged to perform with other talented Hertfordshire based musicians at the Royal Albert Hall for the Hertfordshire Music Service's 30th Anniversary Gala. Having only been allocated a space in January after another school dropped out, the choir had worked hard with Mrs Goode to learn the songs in a relatively short space of time. The hard work clearly paid off and they performed brilliantly, with all who participated enjoying the experience.



# SPORTS

## NEWS



On Thursday 27th March, the Thomas Tigers played in the Y5/6 District Tournament. They made it all the way to the final after a series of dominant performances. The team started strong with a 1-1 draw against Bayford, followed by an impressive 3-0 victory over Hunsdon, with goals from Ben, Jude, and Leo. They continued their winning streak with a 4-0 win against Tewin, with Jaxson scoring twice, and Leo and Cole adding to the tally. A 1-0 win against Essendon, thanks to a key goal from Oscar, and another dominant 3-0 victory against Northaw, with a goal from Jude and two from Leo, secured their spot in the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, the District Team were unstoppable, defeating Bayford 3-0 with goals from Jaxson, Leo, and Ben to secure a place in the highly anticipated final.

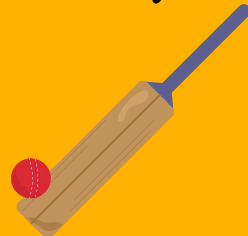
In the final, the team faced off against Tewin once again, but despite a valiant effort, the team fell just short of a victory, losing 2-1 with Ben scoring the team's final goal of the tournament.

### Tigers Team Fall Just Short of Victory



## Rapid Fire Cricket

*A Team of Year 4 attended a Rapid Fire Cricket tournament at Sele School on 3rd March. They played brilliantly and came 4th out of 7 schools.*



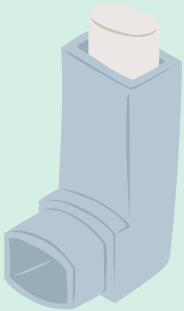
# Reminders and Notices



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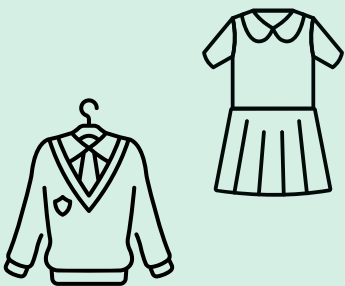
Parents of children in our current Nursery are reminded to ensure their eligibility is reconfirmed for the summer term. If parents wish to discuss adding some extra hours for their Nursery child in the summer term, please do so with Mrs Overett and Mrs Sellers.

We have places available for our Nursery in September 2025 and welcome applications! Please contact the Office for details



## **MEDICATION:**

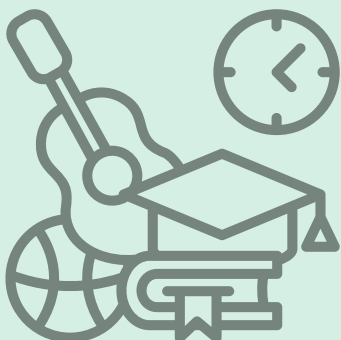
Please remember to collect any medicine stored in school on the last day of term. It is your responsibility to ensure the medicine is within its expiry date and that it is brought back and signed in at the School Office on the first day of term



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

Children should return to school after Easter in their summer uniform. We have a good stock of second hand items if you require anything.

A reminder that we are currently consulting on our School Uniform and welcome feedback from parents.



## **SUMMER TERM CLUBS AND ALL PAYMENTS DUE:**

You will shortly be receiving information about the clubs available in the summer term. As per this term, the clubs have limited spaces so please sign up your child up promptly through Arbor and ensure payment is settled where applicable by the end of this term.

Please also ensure payment is settled for trips, books, charity donations, thank you.