

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School **NEWSLETTER**



Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Families,

As we approach the end of another busy month, I would like to thank all our families for their continued support of our school community. The exceptionally hot weather last week brought its own challenges, and we are grateful for your help in ensuring that children arrived at school with water bottles, hats and appropriate sun protection. The children coped remarkably well with the high temperatures, and staff adapted routines throughout the day to help everyone stay safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome our Trust CEO, Mr Celano, to school and to share with him the many strengths of our wonderful school community. It was a pleasure to showcase the enthusiasm, kindness and achievements of our pupils, as well as the dedication of our staff. Opportunities such as these allow us to celebrate all that makes St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School such a special place to learn and grow. As a Catholic school, we remain committed to providing an environment where every child is encouraged to flourish academically, spiritually and personally. Our strong partnership between home, school and parish continues to be central to this mission. Through a rich curriculum, opportunities for prayer and worship, and a wide range of enrichment activities, we strive to nurture confident, compassionate and resilient young people who live out Gospel values in their daily lives.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to those of our Year 3 pupils who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion. This is a very special milestone in their faith journey, and we are immensely proud of the reverence, commitment and maturity they have shown in preparing for this sacrament. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith and strengthen their relationship with God.

Finally, just a reminder that you are all warmly invited to our leadership team coffee morning on Monday 6th July at 9:15am. It has been lovely to meet so many of you since April either on the gate or at various parent events and I welcome this further opportunity to continue to work together with you.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we continue to ensure that every child is valued, challenged and encouraged to achieve their full potential.

God Bless

Mrs Worton-Geer



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS



Our First Holy Communicants were honoured during our special Corpus Christi Mass, followed by a joyful tea party back at school.

They had another opportunity to celebrate their sacramental journey at the Trust Sacramental Gathering, where all St Francis of Assisi pupils who have received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation were recognised and celebrated together.



First Holy Communion 2027

Registrations for First Holy Communion 2027 are now open. If you would like further information about how your child could make their first communion in the parish next year, please email Deacon Paul: pauloconnor@rcdow.org.uk



Sports Day





A HUGE WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR THIER PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT DURING OUR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS. A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS GILBERT FOR ORGANISING SUCH A WONDERFUL DAY!

Trust 'Speak Out' Challenge



A group of enthusiastic pupils from Year 4 to Year 8 across the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust once again took part in the “Speak Out Challenge” to showcase their public speaking skills and share their views on a range of thought-provoking topics. We were incredibly proud of our three entrants; Dorothy, Ava and Wesley, who all spoke with conviction, clarity and confidence. It was an incredibly close competition and although we didn’t bring home a trophy this year, they are all winners to us!



ROCK STEADY



On 10th June, we welcomed the Rocksteady team into school to deliver an exciting workshop for all of our children. The fun and interactive sessions gave pupils the opportunity to try a range of instruments, experience what it is like to be part of a band and learn more about becoming a musician. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, showing great enthusiasm and energy throughout the day.



Exciting news! From September 2026, we will be partnering with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at St Thomas'. These weekly music lessons will take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

Here's what else you need to know:

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos. There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Please visit rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents to sign up.





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- Termly **school concerts** for friends and family.
- Ofqual-regulated, exam-free **Trinity Music qualification**.
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**BOOK YOUR
CHILD'S PLACE
ONLINE!**



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

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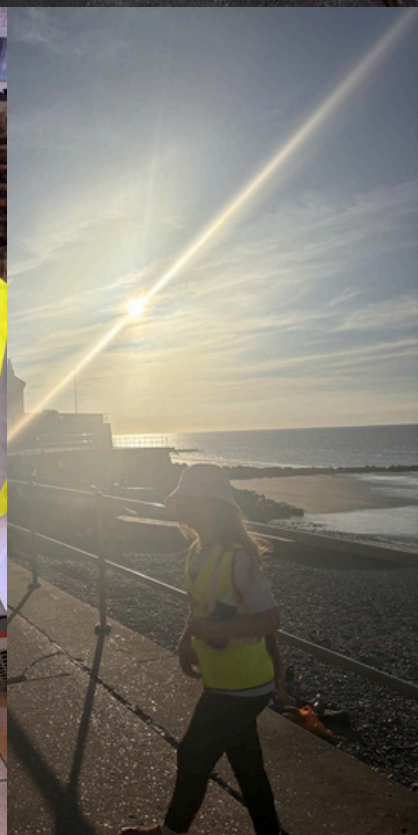
YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL



Our Year 5/6 pupils had an incredible long weekend at Hilltop Adventure Centre in Norfolk. From the moment we arrived, the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork. They took part in a fantastic range of activities, including climbing, archery, high ropes, caving and hiking, stepping outside their comfort zones and encouraging one another every step of the way.

The staff at Hilltop were exceptional, the food was fantastic and the activities were outstanding. Most importantly, the children created wonderful memories, grew in confidence and returned home with a real sense of achievement. We all had an amazing time, and it is a residential that will be remembered for years to come!











REMINDERS!



We will soon be displaying lost property items outside on selected days to give parents the opportunity to check for any belongings that may belong to their child.

Please keep an eye out for emails from the school office, where we will give advance notice of the dates and times these items will be available to view.

We encourage all parents to take a few moments to check, as unclaimed items may be donated or disposed of at a later date.

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AND FOUND!



HOT WEATHER!



During this period of hot weather, please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun cream applied and a school cap!

Italian club

A reminder to email the school office (by this Friday 3rd July) if you are interested in your child attending an Italian club from September

Book Clubs

A reminder to book your wraparound care arrangements and summer holiday camp online with Superstar Sport Ltd!