

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a very busy, successful and memorable final summer term. It has been a pleasure to see our children continue to grow in confidence, develop their skills and celebrate their achievements across all areas of school life. The summer term always brings a special sense of excitement as we prepare for the end of the academic year, and this year has been no exception.

A particular highlight has been the incredible KS2 production of “Shakespeare Rocks!”. Our Key Stage 2 pupils delivered a fantastic performance filled with energy, enthusiasm and talent. The confidence shown by the children on stage was truly impressive, and it was wonderful to see their hard work, teamwork and creativity come together in such a memorable way. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes, and we would like to thank the staff who dedicated so much time and effort to making this production such a success.

We have also enjoyed celebrating our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their next steps. The leavers’ events have been a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their time at our school, celebrate their friendships and achievements, and wish them every success as they move on to secondary school. They leave us with many happy memories, and we know they will continue to achieve great things in the future.

Our end-of-year awards have provided another lovely opportunity to recognise the achievements, progress and personal qualities of our pupils. It has been fantastic to celebrate the many ways children have shown kindness, resilience, determination and a commitment to doing their best. Every child should feel proud of the progress they have made this year.

As we say goodbye to members of our staff team, Mrs Clark, Mrs Sellers, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Scher and Mrs Goode who are moving on to new opportunities, I would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and the positive impact they have had on our school community. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for the memories they have helped create. In September, we will be welcoming Miss Scott (Year 1/ 2 class teacher) and Mrs Laird (Yr 5 /6 class teacher and KS2 phase leader), along with two new members of our admin team, Miss Morton and Mrs Cooper who will join Miss Newton in the school office.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership make such a difference, and we are grateful for the role you play in helping our children thrive.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break filled with happiness, rest and special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year in September. I will write to you again towards the end of the holiday with reminders for our back to school arrangements.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Worton-Geer



Catholic Life of the School

A VERY HAPPY CENTENARY TO ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH!

We celebrated this milestone anniversary on Sunday 6th July at the Church with a Mass presided by Archbishop Richard Moth. This was followed by a celebratory tea party at School. It was a lovely occasion, and we were delighted to be involved.



Trust Chaplaincy Retreat: Aylesford Priory

Our Chaplaincy Team enjoyed a wonderful retreat at Aylesford Priory, where they joined Chaplaincy Teams from across the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust for a day of faith, friendship and fellowship. Through team-building challenges, a reflective Rosary Walk, an engaging scavenger hunt and a beautiful liturgy, the children developed their leadership skills while deepening their relationship with God.



COLOUR RUN



A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising another brilliant Colour Run, which brought our whole school community together for an afternoon of colour and fun while raising valuable funds to support the children at St Thomas of Canterbury.

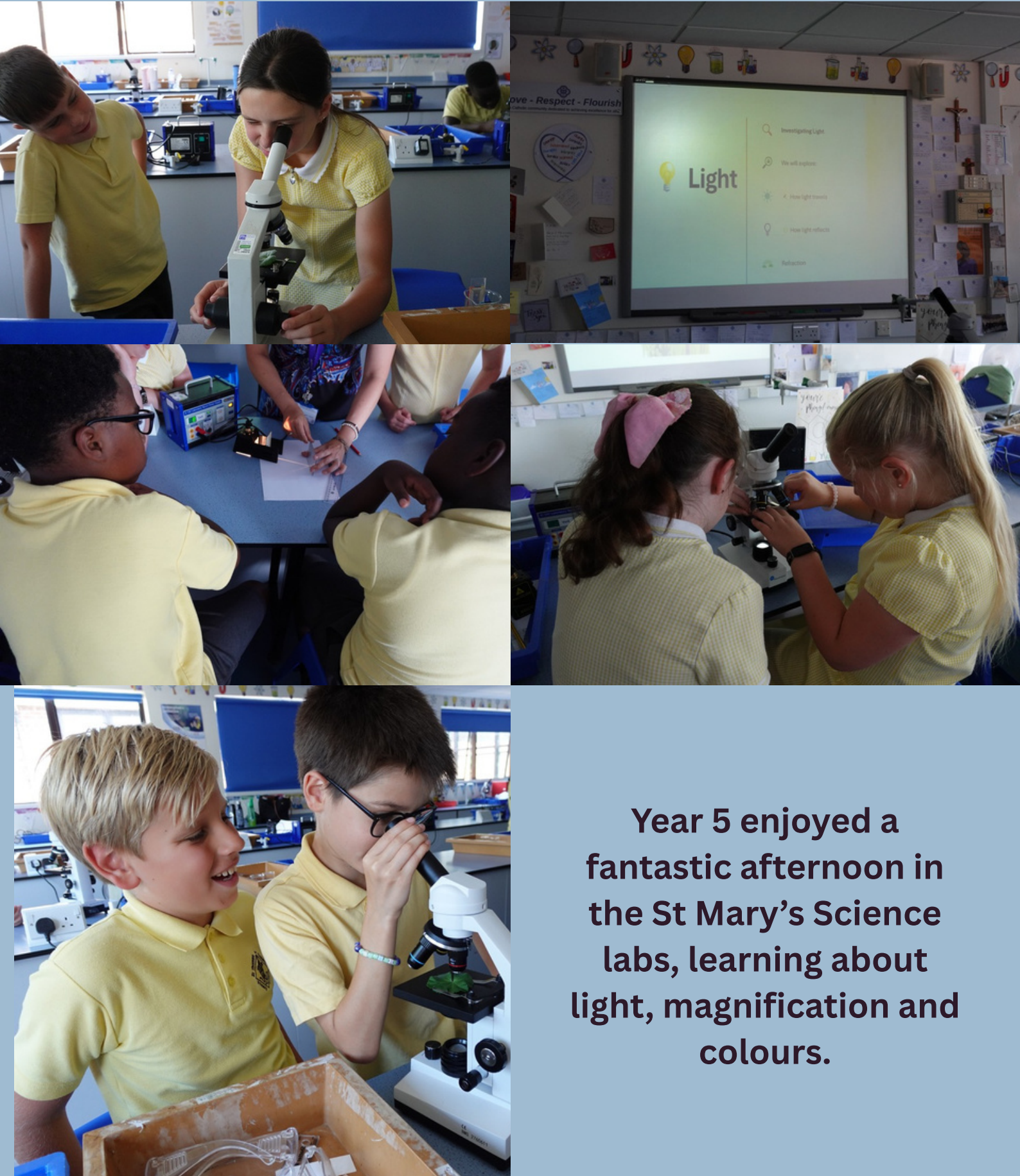
Leavers' Mass and Tea Party



We had a very special Leavers' Mass and Tea Party celebrating our wonderful Year 6.



Year 5 Science Enrichment at St Mary's



SPORTS NEWS



Year 3/4 Lawn Bowls

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic morning of Lawn Bowls at Allenburys. They even returned with some medals!



Goodbye

...to our staff leavers: Mrs Sellers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Scher and Mrs Goode



A Farewell Prayer for our Leavers

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the time we've shared together at St Thomas of Canterbury this year. For every moment of learning, every act of kindness, and every memory made within these walls.

As some now prepare to move on – pupils, staff and governors – we ask You to bless and guide each one. May they step forward with courage, surrounded by Your love and grace.

Help us all to carry the heart of our school with us: To learn, love and respect through Jesus. Let this mission live on in all we do – in new schools, workplaces, and communities.

May we always walk in faith, grow in hope, and share Your light wherever we are.

Amen.



Notices and reminders

Reminders:

- Please collect all medication from school and remember to bring back next year within expiry date!
- Please ensure all payments have been settled through Arbor
- A reminder that we finish at 1:30 on Tuesday 21st
- We have a whole bin full of lost property - anything not collected by the last day of term will be recycled or donated to the second hand uniform stall



SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

Have a wonderful summer break!