



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

January 2026

Dates for the Diary – Spring Term 2026

We are very aware that you wish to be informed as soon as possible about forthcoming events and opportunities so you can make plans to take an active part in school life. We are working very hard to secure dates and times and can share the following dates with you:



January 2026

- Tuesday 6th January Children return to school for start of Spring Term 2026
Spring Term Parent/Carer Curriculum Guides to be sent home this week
- Wednesday 7th January Miss Ellie Beard and Mrs Megan Harnett (Essex & Thames Primary SCITT students) to begin placements in 6S and 1A
Parent/Carers' Prayer Group Meeting resumes today (weekly) – KS2 Library – 9:00a.m. All are welcome!
EYFS/Reception 'Stay & Play' for prospective parents and children – 3:45p.m.-4:45p.m.
- Thursday 8th January EYFS/Reception Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 (mop up session)
- Tuesday 13th January Literacy Specialist (Jessica Ballard) in from New Vision English Hub for phonics support visit
3CA Class-based Eucharist
- Wednesday 14th January **Local Authority closing date for Reception places for September 2026 – please apply on line**
Spring Term Annual Census Return
1B Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 15th January **National Society for Education SIAMS Inspection**
- Friday 16th January PTA Times Table Rock Star Battle Week – details to follow
- Monday 19th January Upper KS2 Space Virtual Reality Day
5S Class-based Eucharist
- Wednesday 21st January Young Voices 2026 at the O2
- Thursday 22nd January PTA Times Table Rock Star 'Dress as a Rockstar' Non-uniform Day
- Friday 23rd January **Education Sunday 2026** – details to follow
- Sunday 25th January Year 3 – 5 NFER Assessment Week
- Monday 26th January Growing Faith Learning Hub Project Visit
- Tuesday 27th January Finance and Premises Committee Meeting of the Governing Body
- Wednesday 28th January 3P Class-based Eucharist
National Justice Museum Courtroom Workshop at Chelmsford Justice Centre – invite only – details to follow
- Thursday 29th January Rachel Cilliers from Rock UK to speak to the children during collective worship today
- Friday 30th January EYFS and KS1 Parent/Carers' 'Story Sharing Time' session (see separate letter)
Final swimming session for Year 4 (4Bu, 4WC, 4Ba)

February 2026

- Monday 2nd February Candlemas
Governor Climate/Learning Walk Visits to take place this morning
- Wednesday 4th February 5AS Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 5th February Health & Safety Internal Monitoring Exercise to be completed today
Personnel Committee Meeting of the Governing Body
- Friday 6th February Year 3 (3P & 3CA) swimming lessons start today
- Monday 9th February Year 3 trip to Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation Synagogue (see separate letter)

- Tuesday 10th February Safer Internet Day 2026
- Wednesday 11th February Year 4 trip to Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation Synagogue (see separate letter)
- Thursday 12th February 4Ba Class-based Eucharist
- Friday 13th February Year 1 ELS Phonics Parent/Carer Zoom meeting – 6:00p.m.
1A Class-based Eucharist
Admissions Committee Meeting
Kids Inspire/Rock UK Charity Day – details to follow
Break up for Half Term Holiday

***HALF TERM – Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
18th February - Ash Wednesday***

- Monday 23rd February Children return to school – don't be late!
- Wednesday 25th February 6S Class-based Eucharist
- Friday 27th February St. David's Feast Day – Non-uniform for all children in St. David's House (Yellow)
Reception/EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Lent Eucharist in KS1 Hall – 9:15a.m.
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Lent Eucharist in KS2 Hall – 10:45a.m.

March 2026

- Sunday 1st March St. David's Day
- **Monday 2nd March** **Year 6 Secondary School National Offer Day 2026**
EYFS/Reception NCMP Height and Weight Checks today
Bikeability for children in Year 5 taking place this week – details to follow
- Tuesday 3rd March EYFS/Reception NCMP Height and Weight Checks today
- Wednesday 4th March KS1 Life Long Ago & Baby Dinosaur Visit
Year 6 NCMP Height and Weight Checks today
KS2 Author Visit – Clare Harlow – 'Tidemagic'
- **Thursday 5th March** **WORLD BOOK DAY 2026** – details to follow
EYFS/Reception Life Long Ago & Baby Dinosaur Visit
- Tuesday 10th March EYFS/Reception Parent Roadshow to be held in school – 6:00p.m.
- Wednesday 11th March 4WC Class-based Eucharist
School Development Committee Meeting of the Governing Body
- **Sunday 15th March** **Mothering Sunday**
St. Patrick's Feast Day – Non-uniform for all children in St. Patrick's House (Green)
- Tuesday 17th March Finance and Premises Committee Budget Setting Meeting
- Wednesday 18th March 6Ma Class-based Eucharist
Bikeability for children in Year 5 taking place this week – details to follow
Spanish (MFL) Governor Monitoring Visit this afternoon
EYFS/KS1 Parent/Carer Phonics drop-in session – details to follow
- Thursday 19th March 6Mc Class-based Eucharist
- **Friday 20th March** **Red Nose Day 2024** – details to follow
EYFS/KS1 Parent/Carer Phonics drop-in session – details to follow
- Sunday 22nd March Brentwood Half Marathon
- Tuesday 24th March **Spring Term Parents' Evening [1]**
4:00-7:00p.m. – Hybrid (remote or face-to-face) – details to follow
- Wednesday 25th March 4Bu Class-based Eucharist
Spring Term Parents' Evening [2]
4:00-7:00p.m. – Hybrid (remote or face-to-face) – details to follow
- Thursday 26th March Reception/EYFS & KS1 Preparing for Easter Eucharist with Fr. Mark – KS1 Hall – 9:15a.m.
Full Governing Body Meeting

- Friday 27th March KS2 Preparing for Easter Eucharist with Fr. Mark at St. Thomas' Church – 9:30a.m.
Break up for Easter Holidays

EASTER HOLIDAY – Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

<i>Sunday 29th March</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd April</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
<i>Friday 3rd April</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>Sunday 5th April</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
<i>Monday 6th April</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>

- Monday 13th April Children return to school for start of summer term – don't be late!

In addition to the above dates we have previously issued a copy of the term dates for this academic year 2025/2026, including our non-pupil days.