

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

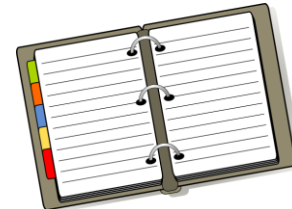


NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Dates for the Diary 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 for this term and hope to be in a position to send out more details closer to each event. In the meantime we can share the following dates with you:



September 2026

- Monday 7th September
Autumn Term Parent Curriculum Guides to be sent home this week
Reception/EYFS children start part-time attendance today
- Wednesday 9th September
Parents'/Carers' Prayer Group Meeting to begin today (weekly) – KS2 Library - 9:00a.m. All welcome!
- Thursday 10th September
Rock UK Year 6 Parents' Information Meeting (via Zoom) – 6:00p.m.
- Friday 11th September
Swimming lessons to begin for Year 4 (4Ba, 4Bu & 4S)
- Saturday 12th September
Year 6 Secondary School Application window opens (closes 31st October 2026)
- Monday 14th September
ALL Extra-Curricular Clubs start this week (see timetable)
Reception/EYFS children continue part-time attendance this week
- Wednesday 16th September
School Photographer in school today for individual and sibling photographs (winter uniform may be worn for this day only)
Year 1 Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
Year 6 Parents'/Carers' Information Meeting (via Zoom) - Expectations & Curriculum, SATs including GPS, Homework, E-Safety and Secondary Applications – 6:00p.m.
- Thursday 17th September
Year 1 Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
- Friday 18th September
Fr. Mark visiting Reception/EYFS classrooms this morning
Fr. Mark in school for Eucharistic Assistant Training (Year 6)
Year 1 Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
- Saturday 19th September
CSSE 11+ Test
- Monday 21st September
Reception/EYFS children start full-time attendance today
- Tuesday 22nd September
KS1 Geography Field Trip this afternoon (2BN, 1M, 1S)
- Wednesday 23rd September
KS1 Geography Field Trip this afternoon (2B, 2NT)
- Thursday 24th September
Open Tour of School (Social Media advertised) – 11:00a.m.
- Wednesday 30th September
3P Class-based Eucharist
Fr. Mark visiting KS1 classrooms this afternoon
Growing Faith Learning Hub project visit (Year 3 & Year 6 focus groups) – 1:30p.m.
Information Evening for Reception/EYFS Parents'/Carers' (via Zoom) - 6:00p.m.

October 2026

- Thursday 1st October
Full Governing Body Business Meeting of Primary School
- Friday 2nd October
Harvest Eucharist for KS2 at St. Thomas' Church – 9:30a.m.
- Monday 5th October
Year 6 leave for Rock UK residential visit to South Wales – 9:00a.m.
- Tuesday 6th October
Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
- Wednesday 7th October
5WC Class-based Eucharist
EYFS Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
- Thursday 8th October
EYFS Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)

- Friday 9th October Harvest Eucharist for EYFS/KS1 in KS1 Hall – 9:15a.m.
EYFS Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
Year 6 return from Rock UK residential visit
- Tuesday 13th October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
- Wednesday 14th October 3CA Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 15th October 2NT Class-based Eucharist
- Friday 16th October Freshwater Theatre Company present 'Adventures with Baxter Bear' to Reception/EYFS children today
PTA Pre-loved Uniform and Doughnut Sale – 3:30p.m.
- Tuesday 20th October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
- Wednesday 21st October 5S Class-based Eucharist
Aylmerton Year 5 Parents'/Carers' Information Meeting (via Zoom) 6:00p.m.
- Thursday 22nd October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
- Friday 23rd October Break up for Half Term Holiday
- **Saturday 31st October** *Local Authority Application Window closes for Year 7 places for 2027/28 Academic Year*

HALF TERM – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

November 2026

- Monday 2nd November Children return to school in winter uniform – don't be late!
Flu Immunisation Sessions take place across the Primary School (details to follow)
- Tuesday 3rd November Lower KS2 Egyptian Day (4Ba, 4Bu, 4S)
Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
GDPR DPO Audit to take place in school this afternoon
Parents' Evening [1] – 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. (remote appointments via SchoolCloud)
- Wednesday 4th November Lower KS2 Egyptian Day (3CA, 3P)
4Ba Class-based Eucharist
Parents' Evening [2] – 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. (remote appointments via SchoolCloud)
- Friday 6th November Royal British Legion Schools' Remembrance Service at Shenfield War Memorial – 10:45a.m.
- **Sunday 8th November** **Remembrance Sunday**
- **Monday 9th November** **Local Authority Application Window opens for Reception places for 2027/28 Academic Year (closes 15th January 2027)**
- Tuesday 10th November Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
'Open Classrooms' opportunity for Parents'/Carers' (details to follow)
- Wednesday 11th November 6S Class-based Eucharist
Remembrance Worship – 2 minute silence to be observed at 11:00a.m.
- Thursday 12th November 2BN Class-based Eucharist
Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
Growing Faith Learning Hub project visit (Year 3 & Year 6 focus groups) – 1:30p.m.
- Friday 13th November Children In Need Day (details to follow)
- Wednesday 18th November 4Bu Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 19th November Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2027 – booking required via school office
- Tuesday 24th November Christmas Hoops to go up in the school hall
- Wednesday 25th November 6M Class-based Eucharist

- Thursday 26th November
- **Sunday 29th November**
- Monday 30th November

PTA Christmas Shopping Day (details to follow)

Advent begins

Year 5 leave for Aylmerton, Norfolk residential visit

St. Andrew's Feast Day (30th November) – Non-uniform for all children in St. Andrew's House (**BLUE**)

Christmas Post Box going out today

December 2025

- Wednesday 2nd December 4S Class-based Eucharist
1st Performance of EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play for adults and young children – 10:00a.m. (details to follow)
Year 5 return from Aylmerton residential visit
- Thursday 3rd December Year 5 to see Brentwood School Production 'Anything Goes' (details to follow)
2nd Performance of EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play for adults only – 10:00a.m. (details to follow)
3rd Performance of EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play for adults only – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
KS2 Choir to perform at the Brentwood Centre (details to follow)
Flu Immunisation Catch Up Sessions take place across the Primary School (details to follow)
- Monday 7th December
- Wednesday 9th December 6SP Class-based Eucharist
Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Production [1] for adults and young children – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
- Thursday 10th December 2B Class-based Eucharist
Lower Key Stage 2 School Christmas Production [2] for adults only – 9:30a.m. (details to follow)
Lower Key Stage 2 School Christmas Production [3] for adults only – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
- Friday 11th December PTA Christmas Event – 3:30p.m. (details to follow)
- Monday 14th December Hurricane Productions in for EYFS/KS1 pantomime this morning – 'Dick Whittington'
Hurricane Productions in for KS2 pantomime this afternoon – 'Dick Whittington'
- Tuesday 15th December Upper Key Stage 2 School Christmas Carol Concert [1] for adults and young children in the KS2 Hall – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
Upper Key Stage 2 School Christmas Carol Concert [2] for adults only in the KS2 Hall – 6:30p.m. (details to follow)
- Wednesday 16th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Eucharist in KS1 Hall – 9:15a.m.
'Santa Dash' (details to follow)
- Friday 18th December No swimming today
LKS2 Preparing for Christmas Eucharist in KS2 Hall – 9:15a.m.
UKS2 Preparing for Christmas Eucharist in KS2 Hall – 10:45a.m.
Christmas Party Afternoon (children to bring change of clothes)
Break up for Christmas Holiday

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

January 2027

- Monday 4th January Non-Pupil Professional Development and Training Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 5th January Start of Spring Term 2027 – children return to school!

*In addition to the above dates we have previously issued a copy of the term dates for this academic year 2026/2027 including our non-pupil days.
(please see school website).*

