

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Dates for the Diary 2025

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 2025

- Monday 8th September
Autumn Term Parent Curriculum Guides to be sent home this week
Reception/EYFS children start part-time attendance today
- Wednesday 10th September
3CA Class-based Eucharist
Parents'/Carers' Prayer Group Meeting to begin today (weekly) – KS2 Library - 9:00a.m. All welcome!
- Thursday 11th September
Rock UK Year 6 Parents' Information Meeting (via Zoom) – 6:00p.m.
- Friday 12th September
Year 6 Secondary School Application window opens (closes 31st October 2025)
Cheque Presentation to Saint Francis Hospice in Collective Worship this morning
Swimming lessons to begin for Year 4 (4Bu, 4WC & 4Ba)
ALL Extra-Curricular Clubs start this week (see timetable)
Reception/EYFS children continue part-time attendance this week
Maire O'Regan (Diocesan Adviser) in school this afternoon
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.
- Monday 15th September
Year 1 Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
- Tuesday 16th September
Fr. Mark in school for Eucharistic Assistant Training (Year 6)
- Wednesday 17th September
Year 1 Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
CSSE 11+ Test
- Thursday 18th September
Reception/EYFS children start full-time attendance today
- Friday 19th September
Growing Faith Learning Hub 2025-2026 project visit (Year 2 & Year 5 focus groups) – 1:30p.m.
- Saturday 20th September
5S Class-based Eucharist
- Monday 22nd September
Letton Hall Year 5 Parents'/Carers' Information Meeting (via Zoom) 6:00p.m.
- Tuesday 23rd September
Full Governing Body Business Meeting of Primary School
- Wednesday 24th September
Harvest Eucharist for KS2 at St. Thomas' Church – 9:30a.m.
- Thursday 25th September
- Friday 26th September

October 2025

- Wednesday 1st October
Information Evening for Reception/EYFS Parents'/Carers' (via Zoom) - 6:00p.m.
- Friday 3rd October
Flu Immunisation Sessions take place across the Primary School (details to follow)
- Monday 6th October
Year 6 leave for Rock UK residential visit to South Wales – 9:00a.m.
- Wednesday 8th October
3P Class-based Eucharist
EYFS Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)

- Thursday 9th October 2NT Class-based Eucharist
Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
EYFS Phonics Workshops – 3:00p.m. (see separate letter)
- Friday 10th 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 14th October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
- Thursday 16th October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
- Friday 17th October Flu Immunisation Catch Up Sessions take place across the Primary School (details to follow)
- Tuesday 21st October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
GDPR DPO Audit to take place in school this afternoon
- Wednesday 22nd October Year 5 leave for Letton Hall, Norfolk residential visit
- Thursday 23rd October Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
Local Authority Attendance Targeted Support Meeting
- Friday 24th October Exercise books retained from last year to be sent home
Year 5 return from Letton Hall residential visit
Break up for Half Term Holiday
- *Friday 31st October* *Local Authority Application Window closes for Year 7 places for 2026/27 Academic Year*

HALF TERM – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

November 2025

- Monday 3rd November Children return to school in winter uniform – don't be late!
- Tuesday 4th November Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
- Wednesday 5th November 5AS Class-based Eucharist
Parents' Evening [1] – 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. (remote appointments via SchoolCloud)
- Thursday 6th November Bishop Luke (Bishop of Richborough) in school to dedicate and bless the Sensory Cabin
Parents' Evening [2] – 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. (remote appointments via SchoolCloud)
- Friday 7th November Royal British Legion Schools' Remembrance Service at Shenfield War Memorial – 10:45a.m.
- **Sunday 9th November** **Remembrance Sunday**
- **Monday 10th November** **Local Authority Application Window opens for Reception places for 2026/27 Academic Year (closes 15th January 2026)**
- Tuesday 11th November Remembrance Worship – 2 minute silence to be observed at 11:00a.m.
'Open Classrooms' opportunity for Parents'/Carers' (details to follow)
- Wednesday 12th November 4Ba Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 13th November Visit to Houses of Parliament (invite only)
2P Class-based Eucharist
- Friday 14th November Children In Need – 'Pudsey Day' (details to follow)
- Tuesday 18th November Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
- Wednesday 19th November 6S Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 20th November 2K Class-based Eucharist
Reception/EYFS Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 – booking required via school office
- Tuesday 25th November Christmas Hoops to go up in the school hall

- Wednesday 26th November 4WC Class-based Eucharist
- Thursday 27th November PTA KS2 Christmas Shopping Morning (details to follow)
PTA EYFS/KS1 Christmas Shopping Afternoon (details to follow)
- Friday 28th November St. Andrew's Feast Day (30th November) – Non-uniform for all children in St. Andrew's House (**BLUE**)
- Sunday 30th November **Advent begins**

December 2025

- Monday 1st December Christmas Post Box going out today
- Tuesday 2nd December 1st Performance of EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play for adults and young children – 10:00a.m. (details to follow)
- Wednesday 3rd December 6Ma Class-based Eucharist
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)
- Wednesday 10th December 4Bu Class-based Eucharist
KS2 Lower School Christmas Production [1] for adults and young children – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
- Thursday 11th December 6Mc Class-based Eucharist
KS2 Lower School Christmas Production [2] for adults only – 9:30a.m. (details to follow)
KS2 Lower School Christmas Production [3] for adults only – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
- Monday 15th December Hurricane Productions in for EYFS/KS1 pantomime this morning – 'Aladdin'
Hurricane Productions in for KS2 pantomime this afternoon – 'Aladdin'
- Tuesday 16th December KS2 Upper School Christmas Carol Concert [1] for adults and young children in the KS2 Hall – 2:00p.m. (details to follow)
KS2 Upper School Christmas Carol Concert [2] for adults only in the KS2 Hall – 6:30p.m. (details to follow)
- Wednesday 17th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
'Santa Dash' (details to follow)
- Friday 19th December Reception/EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Preparing for Christmas Eucharist in KS1 Hall – 9:15a.m.
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 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 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

January 2026

- Monday 5th January Non-Pupil Professional Development and Training Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 6th January Start of Spring Term – children return to school!

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. (please see school website).

