



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

10th March 2023

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*



Merit award

Imogen F RC

Maisie R RR

Mollie P 1D

Grace P 1J

Zoe A 2F

Anne S 2S

Nesia S 3B

Amelia M 3T

Michaela A 4L

Chizaram I 4S

Sofia B 4S

John-Anthony F 5C

Zoe O 5C

Indie R 5M

Isla C 6C

Tianna W-S 6F

Rufus W 6F



Golden Welly Award

Rosie-Leigh M

Dear Parents,

This week the children have all had the opportunity to reflect on our Lenten journey towards the celebration of Easter. Yesterday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 spent some time with Father Pawel in church learning about the Stations of the Cross, what they show us and how they are part of our preparation for Easter. This morning, Years 3-6 had a Lenten reconciliation service with Father Pawel with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a blessing.

Yesterday our Year 5 children experienced 'A Day in the Life of a Victorian School Child', they came to school dressed in Victoria era clothes, ate gruel and followed Victorian school rules. They all agreed that they are extremely happy they come to school in modern times! Have a look at our website and Facebook page to see some pictures of their day.

I am very happy to share the lovely news that Mrs Bickmore and Mrs Baxter are both pregnant, Mrs Bickmore with her first child and Mrs Baxter with her second. Both babies are due towards the end of the summer term and we are all very excited to meet them both!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

## Snow fun

On Wednesday, FS had lots of fun in snow. They were taught how to slide down the hill on a sledge, build a snowman and how to create snow angels. We are hoping for the spring weather to arrive soon!





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## Term 4 Dates

### 15th & 16th March 2023

NEU industrial action

### 17th March 2023

Bring your parents to spelling

9.15-9.45

Spelling workshop KS2

10.15-11.15

Bring your parents to phonics

9.45-10.15

### 21st March 2023

Year 1 Dinosaur Day

### 23rd March 2023

Tuck shop after school

### 23rd March 2023

Year 1 Liturgy (TBC)

### 24th March 2023

Stations of the Cross (KS2 only)

### 29th March 2023

Parents evening 4-7pm

### 30th March 2023

Parents evening 5-8pm

### 31st March 2023

Last day of Term 3

### 3rd April—14th April

Easter break

## Term 5 dates

### 17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

### 28th April 2023

Bring you parents to History

9.15-9.45

### 1st May 2023

May bank holiday—School closed

### 4th May 2023

Year 5 Liturgy (TBC)

### 8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—school closed

### 9th-12th May 2023

SATS

### 26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

### 29th May—2nd June

May half term

## Term 6 dates

### 25th May 2023

Class photo taken

### 9-11th June 2023

Year 6 residential

### 23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

### 26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

### 21st July 2023

Last day of academic year



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**A big Happy Birthday to..**

**Modesireoluwa A**

**Jacob I**

**Spencer W**

**Priscilla A**

**Harriet C**

**Eleanor T**



## Lenten & Reconciliation

On Thursday this week, the children from FS and Years 1 and 2 went to church for a Lenten Talk with Father Pawel. They really enjoyed listening to Fr Pawel talk about the Stations of the Cross and how some people took pity on Jesus and tried to help Him on His painful journey. We talked about how these people who helped Jesus, show us that when we help others we also, are helping Jesus through our actions.

On Friday, KS2 took part in a Service of Reconciliation as part of our preparations during Lent. During this time of reflection, the children were able to think about ways in which we can grow and make ourselves better during Lent.

They thought about how God is filled with love for us. God wants us to be filled with love also.

## Year 5 Victorian Day

On Thursday Year 5 experienced life in Victorian times. The staff got into character and were very good embracing the Victorian way of teaching.



## PTFA Mothers Day activity

The PTFA ran a number of mothers day activity sessions this week with the children. We hope you enjoy your child's creation. Thank you to all the PTFA members and parent helpers that put these events on.





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## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding – Identifying Online Risks

Online safety is embedded within the curriculum and children are regularly taught how to stay safe online and how to identify online risks. To help at home, you can help children to identify and manage risks by discussing:

- the ways in which someone may put themselves at risk online
- risks posed by another person's online behaviour
- when risk taking can be positive and negative
- online reputation and the positive and negative aspects of an online digital footprint
- sharing information online and how to make a judgement about when and how to share and who to share with
- the risks of cyber crime, online fraud and identity theft

To support your child at home with this, you can sign up for free to our 'National Online Safety' platform by using the link below:

[Browse E-safety Training and Resources For Schools | National Online Safety](#)

You can also help your child by:

explaining how to identify trusted adults, access support from the school, the [National Crime Agency's Click CEOP reporting service](#) for children and 3rd sector organisations such as [Childline](#) and [Internet Watch Foundation](#)

reporting cyber crime, fraud and suspicious online activity, through organisations such as [Action Fraud](#) and the [Advertising Standards Authority](#)

reporting inappropriate contact or content for various platforms and apps

A list of media literacy resources for teachers and parents is available via the following link too:

[Online media literacy resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### Safeguarding Survey for Parents & Carers

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete our safeguarding survey. If you would like to find out more about how we safeguard children at St Thomas More, please head to our website and the safeguarding section. You will also find a Safeguarding Information Booklet for Parents and Carers. If you would like to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, please contact the office where Mrs Le Breton, Mrs Ebdon or Jody our Pastoral Manager will be able to answer any questions that you have.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CWv4KXCJ0K>