



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

12th May 2023

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



We are so pleased to share this from Tracey Crouch about Audrey in Year 6.

Well done Audrey what an amazing achievement.

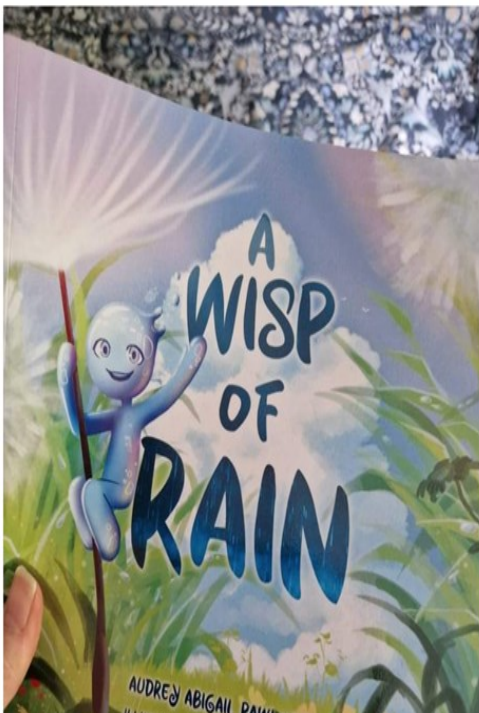


Tracey Crouch

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Last term I went to a school library opening and while there I was given this book by its author Audrey. What is extraordinary is Audrey is a year 6 pupil at the school!! I was blown away. What incredible talent for one so young (I asked her to sign it for me for when she is famous 😊). Last night I read it for the fourth time to my son and explained (again) it was written by someone the same age as his friend in year 6. Inspired, he declared he was off to write a book...alas it started "In a galaxy far far away", and stopped soon after, but Audrey's book was the starting point and I still feel very honoured to have been given a copy.



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.

We have had a busy week with our Year 6 children sitting their SATs, they have all behaved brilliantly and have approached the tests with positivity and resilience.

We always make sure that all of our children understand and celebrate that we all have talents across a vast range of areas and that talents that are not included in the subjects that the children are statutorily tested in are no less valuable than those that are.

All of our children know their individual strengths, which are all valued equally, as well as the areas that they find more challenging and they approach these areas with a determined attitude as they all know that doing so helps to make our brains stronger.

We are so very proud of all of our St Thomas More children.

I hope your children have enjoyed making their Coronation crowns as well as all their other coronation themed activities – make sure you have a look on our website and Facebook page to see what they have been getting up to!

You will all have received an email today with details of Monday's Coronation celebration plan and it will be lovely to see you at the end of the day for the children's performance of the National Anthem.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

## GB Athlete visiting St Thomas More

26th May 2023

A link to the online sponsorship form is attached below but children will also bring home some information and a sponsorship form hard copy.

<https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>

Please ask your child/children what they learned in assembly today.



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## Term 5 dates

### 18th May 2023

Outdoor classroom day

### 19th May 2023

OPAL parent play date

### 19th May 2023

Last date for KS2 disco payment

### 25th May 2023

Class photo taken

### 26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

### 29th May—2nd June

May half term

## Term 6 dates

### 8th June 2023

KS2 Disco

### 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

## 2023/2024

### 1st September 2023

SDD—no children in school

### 4th September 2023

Children return to school



## Sponsored Read

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored read we had recently. We raised nearly £1000 to go towards new books for our library. This is amazing and the children will love seeing the library fill up with their new selections.

Well done



## Catholic Children's Society Lenten Boxes

Thank you for returning the Lenten Boxes. We raised £141 for the Catholic Children's Society.





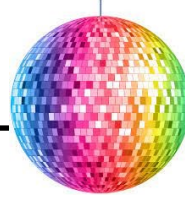
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A big Happy Birthday to..

Erin G  
Ninoula S  
Ololade O  
Temitayo D  
Faith O-A  
Kian S  
Lewis B



## Disco

**KS2 disco is Thursday 8th June.** The closing date for consent forms and payment is 19th May please note that we will **NOT** be able to accept payment after this date and the list for attendees will be closed and no new names added.



We have a number of summer dresses in a selection of sizes 50p each. If you would like to purchase one please email

[parents@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk)  
to check we have the size you require.



We are looking to refresh our collection of puzzles, construction toys and turn taking games .

We would be extremely grateful if you are having a spring clean and can donate any of the following;

Jigsaws suitable for age 5-10

Turn taking games eg. Hungry Hippo, Pop up Pirates

Educational puzzles linked to number/spelling/phonics

Matching pairs games

Construction toys such as lego/k'nex etc

Pokemon toys/puzzles



Golden Welly Award

Isabelle H





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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>

### **Our Safeguarding team are:**

Mrs Le Breton	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Ebdon	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Deamer	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Simon D'Souza	Safeguarding Governor
Sinead Joshi	Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.