



St Thomas More School Newsletter

31st March 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Headteacher Award

Orlagh W RC

Ryan E RR

Daniella G 1D

Tomas C 1J

Alanei B 2F

Jakub N 2S

Sophia G 3B

Charis B3T

Amelia M 4L

Jaxon H 4S

Evie D 5M

Kacey B 5C

Isaac S 6F

Lizandra S 6C

Golden Welly Award

Annabelle C



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of Term 4!

It was lovely to see so many parents attending Parent's Evening, we hope that you found the appointment with your child's teacher informative – if you have any further questions about any of the discussion points, or how to support your child further at home, please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo (or Tapestry for our Reception children) and they will be happy to assist you.

Our local MP, Tracey Crouch, visited us yesterday to officially open our new school library, she met with our Reading Ambassadors, read her favourite childhood story to some of our children who took part in our sponsored read and then acted as an honorary librarian for our children to check books out of the library. Please take a look at our Facebook page to see the photos and I would once again like to say a huge thank you to our Fundraising Team for bringing our new library to life!

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter Break

Mrs Ebdon

New sign in system

Today we have had a new sign in system installed in reception. INVentry will be up and running for full use after Easter. If your child is late in the morning you will be asked to sign them in and put the reason why and you will need to tap to say whether they are school dinner or packed lunch. If your child leaves school during the day you will be asked to sign them out and put the reason why they are leaving school.





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Term 4 Dates

3rd April—14th April

Easter break

Term 5 dates

17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

20th April 2023

Year 4 Times table check parent information session

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)

4th May 2023

KS1 Disco

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

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



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Olusola F

Zoe O

Max G

Sofia B

Annie G-F

Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check



Miss Cole and Mrs Wilson will be holding a parent information session regarding the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC) on Thursday 20th

April at 3.30pm. The meeting will be held in the Learning Centre and should be no longer than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there - children are welcome to attend.

Library opening

Yesterday, we were thrilled to welcome Tracey Crouch, our local MP, to officially open our new school library. Thank you to our volunteer librarians, Year 6 reading ambassadors, all children who took part in our sponsored read and to Tracey for joining our celebrations. Tracey heard all about how our library is run, how our reading ambassadors promote reading to others in the school and became an honorary librarian helping children to choose and sign out books. A huge thank you to all those who joined in our sponsored read for raising over £900 for books for our school!



Request for donations

Do you have any off cuts of astroturf that you would be willing to donate to the school? If you do please speak to a member of the office staff.

Thank you





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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>