



St Thomas More School Newsletter

22nd June 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents/carers

We have had RE Week this week and the children have enjoyed a programme of events organised by Mrs Johnson.

The children began RE Week with a visit from Duggy Dug Dug; a long-standing favourite of St Thomas More School. Doug and his colleague Poop, presented a Praise Party performance which was a combination of his Bubble Show and Crazy Science Show. All the children from age 4 to 11 enjoyed the amazing performances from them both.

On Wednesday, the children were wowed again with a visit from a dancer from Wise Moves who carried out dance workshops. Through dance, Senjuti told us all about Lord Rama and his wife Sita Devi, which is one of the main stories in Hindu mythology. All the children joined in with the dancing and learned the different dance moves to illustrate the story and the characters. We also ended the workshops with a bit of Bollywood dancing which was great fun!

Finally, on Thursday 22nd June, the feast of our patron St Thomas More, we attended Mass which was led beautifully by 3T. Well done and thank you 3T.

Sports Day—although Friday 7th July has been proposed for industrial action we currently believe we will be able to remain open and go ahead with sports day. Further information about the industrial action on 5th July will be sent out next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and we look forward to seeing all of the children in school on Tuesday 27th.

Mrs Ebdon

Medway Summer of Sport & Medway Mile

Please see the websites for more details on summer sports activities and the Medway Mile.



<https://www.medway.gov.uk/medwaymile>

<https://www.medway.gov.uk/summerofsport>

St Simon Stock Parish

Summer Fete

Saturday 24th June 2023

11am—3pm

Please come along to our Parish fete. We will have a bean bag toss, bric-a-brac, coconut shy, hook a duck, golden bucket, lucky dip, bottle tombola and lots more

Come and join us for a great family day out!





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Term 6 dates

23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

24th June 2023

St Simon Stock Church
Summer Fete

26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

30th June 2023

Medway Test registration
closes

3rd July 2023

Year 6 Trip to Chessington

7th July 2023

Sports Day

KS2 (am) 9.15 start

Picnic lunch with the children

11.30-12.15

KS1 (pm) 12.30 start

14th July 2023

KS2 Talent Show

18th July 2023

Year 6 Production 5.30

19th July 2023

Year 6 festival—own clothes

21st July 2023

Year 6 Leavers Mass

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





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Chimnanu E
Gbemisola O
Lydia I
William A
Wade L

Uniform reminder

Please remember that every child is to be in full school uniform everyday.

If children have earrings these should be removed by their parent/guardian or they should be taped over. Hair should be tied up.



Sunscreen

Just a reminder that no one should have sun screen at school in their bags. This is very important due to the ingredients.

Also, anyone who brings in hay fever or insect wipes needs to have a medication form completed and they need to be kept in the first aid room.



£1752.35!!

Grand total for GB athlete visit

Sponsored Event

A massive thank you to all the children and teachers who took part and to all the sponsors.

The School Council and Sports Captains will be deciding which sports equipment to buy for play times. Some of monies raised goes back to the organisation and charity. School has the remainder.



Visiting athlete

Name: Darran Challis

Sport: Cycling and Swimming

Bio:

Darran is an Invictus Competitor who competed at the 2016 Games in Cycling and Swimming.

He sustained spinal, leg and pelvis injuries when he was on active duty in the Army after 26 years of service.

His next goal is to be selected for Team GB for the Ironman distance.



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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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Online Safety

Please remember to sign up to our National Online Safety platform <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

for a wide range of information on how to keep your child safe in the online world. Here is also a link for parents and carers who support children and young people with SEND that you may find useful.

[Staying Safe While Browsing Online \(internetmatters.org\)](#)

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.