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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebration of the Word

We began the week with a beautiful Celebration of the Word, reflecting on the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 22), where the Pharisees attempted to trick Jesus with their questioning. The children listened thoughtfully and reflected on how Jesus teaches us to act with wisdom, honesty and faith, even when faced with challenges.

It was wonderful to see such respectful participation from all pupils, and the children sang beautifully, helping to create a prayerful and uplifting atmosphere. Their reverence and enthusiasm were a lovely reminder of the strong faith life that continues to flourish within our school community.

Harvest Donations to Medway Foodbank

Throughout October, we have continued to collect donations for Medway Foodbank, and I know they are extremely grateful for the generosity and support shown by our school community. Thank you to all the families who have contributed so generously.

Our focus this year is the **Preferential Option for the Poor**, one of the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Through our Harvest collection, we have demonstrated how, when we come together as a school family, we can make a real difference to those in our wider community who are experiencing hardship.

The generosity shown by our children and families has provided a wonderful start to our work in supporting those most in need this year. It has been heartening to see our pupils putting their faith into action, living out the Gospel values of compassion, kindness and service to others.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parent Meetings this week. We hope you found the discussions informative and helpful in understanding how your child has settled into their new year group and the progress they have made so far.

It has been wonderful to welcome families into school and share the fantastic work the children have completed since the start of the academic year. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the positive start they have made.

For families who are new to our school community, our next Parent Meetings will take place in **March**, providing another opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development. At the end of the academic year, you will also receive your child's annual school report.

Healthy Lunch Reminder

A gentle reminder to all families about the importance of providing children with a healthy packed lunch each day.



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We have recently had several reports of children bringing sweets into school. Unfortunately, this cannot be permitted, particularly when children wish to share food with their friends. As a school, we have a responsibility to keep all pupils safe, including those with food allergies and dietary requirements.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that we are a **Nut Free School**. Nuts and products containing nuts must not be brought into school under any circumstances, as even small traces can pose a serious risk to some members of our school community.

We appreciate that many children enjoy preparing or helping to prepare their own packed lunches. However, we would be grateful if parents and carers could check lunchboxes before children come to school to ensure that they contain suitable items and comply with our school expectations.

Winter Uniform - Term 2 Onwards

As we move into **Term 2**, please ensure that all children are wearing the correct winter school uniform. This consists of a **white shirt (not a blouse with a rounded collar) and school tie**, together with the rest of the school uniform.

If you are unsure about any aspect of our uniform expectations, please refer to the school website for full details.

Ensuring that your child arrives at school dressed in the correct uniform helps them to feel a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. It promotes equality, reduces distractions and supports children in being ready to learn from the moment they arrive at school. Wearing the uniform correctly also helps children to develop responsibility and prepares them for the high expectations we have across all aspects of school life.

During the winter months, children may wear a **plain navy blue tracksuit** for PE. Please ensure that tracksuits are plain and in keeping with our uniform expectations.

Improving Our Playgrounds

Thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our PTA and the generosity of our families, we have begun exploring ways to further improve our playground areas for all of our children.

Recently, I met with a playground design company to discuss how our outdoor spaces could be enhanced. It was an exciting and productive meeting, and they shared some wonderful ideas that would help create even more engaging, stimulating and inclusive environments for play, learning and social interaction.

As you can imagine, any significant improvements come with considerable costs. However, these initial discussions have given us a clear starting point, helping us to understand what may be achievable in the short term and what we may need to continue fundraising towards in the future.

As many of you will be aware, school budgets continue to face significant pressures. This makes the support of our PTA and school community more important than ever. Every fundraising event,



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donation and contribution helps us to invest in opportunities and facilities that directly benefit our children and enhance their school experience.

We are now eagerly awaiting the company's proposed designs and quotations and look forward to sharing further updates with you as our plans develop.

Crazy Hair Day

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Crazy Hair Day today. It was wonderful to see so many children embracing the opportunity to be creative, have fun and take part in such an enjoyable event.

The children looked absolutely amazing, and seeing them all together in assembly today was a real highlight. From colourful creations to imaginative designs, there was no shortage of smiles and laughter throughout the day. Most importantly, it was heartwarming to see the pure joy on the children's faces as they celebrated together and admired each other's fantastic hairstyles.

Thank you once again for your support, and a special thank you to our wonderful PTA for coming up with the idea and helping to make the day such a success.

A Final Thank You

As we reach the end of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for their continued support, dedication and commitment.

To our wonderful staff, thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child is given the very best opportunities to learn, grow and succeed. Your care and dedication make a difference to our children every single day.

To our governors, thank you for the time, expertise and guidance you provide in supporting the strategic direction of the school and helping us to achieve the very best outcomes for all pupils.

To our incredible children, thank you for your positivity, resilience and determination throughout the term. We are so proud of everything you have achieved, and it has been a joy to see you learn, grow and flourish.

Finally, to our families, thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. By working together, we continue to create a strong and caring school community where every child can thrive.

A Faith-Filled Reflection

As a Catholic school, we are reminded that our greatest strength comes from the relationships we build with one another and with God. This term, we have seen our children grow not only in their learning but also in their understanding of what it means to live out our Gospel values each day through kindness, service, forgiveness and love.



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As we journey into the half-term break, may we take time to appreciate the many blessings we have received and give thanks for the people who enrich our lives. Let us return next term refreshed, renewed and ready to continue our mission of learning together, growing in faith and serving others with compassion.

May God's love watch over you and your families during the break. May He grant you rest, joy and peace, and bring us back together safely for another exciting term of learning and achievement.

God bless,

Mrs Le Breton

End of Term Prayer

Loving God,

As we come to the end of this term, we pause to thank You for all that we have learned, the friendships we have made and the experiences we have shared together.

Thank You for helping us to grow in knowledge, confidence and faith. Thank You for the support of our families, the dedication of our staff and the joy and enthusiasm of our children. We are grateful for the many opportunities we have had to learn, celebrate and serve others.

As we begin our half-term break, help us to take time to rest and recharge. May our homes be places of peace, happiness and love. Keep us safe in our travels and activities and help us to enjoy special moments with family and friends.

Renew our energy and refresh our minds so that we can return ready to learn, ready to challenge ourselves and ready to be the very best versions of ourselves. Help us to continue showing kindness, respect and compassion to everyone we meet.

We pray for those who may be struggling, lonely or in need of support. May we always remember to care for others and live out our faith through our words and actions.

As we look forward to the term ahead, fill us with hope, enthusiasm and determination. May we continue to grow together as a school family, always following Your example of love.

Amen.



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Merit Awards

RR Harry

RS Harrison

1C Micah

1R Ezekiel

2M Evi

2B Nina

3C Alex

3S Reyna

4T Joshua

4F Sophie

5C Simona & Juanita

5S Charlie

6F Max

6L Jakub

*Last week's merit award winner in RS was Selena



**Punctuality
Peacock**

2B



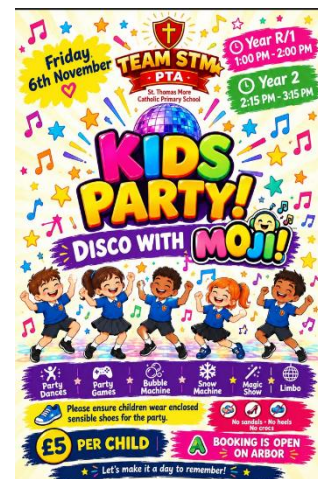
Attendance

Anteater

RR

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Half Term

Monday 26th– Friday 30th October

Term 2

2nd November 2026

All children return to school

6th November 2026

EYFS/KS1 Disco

In school

13th November 2026

KS2 Glow Disco

12th November 2026

Y3 Celebration of the Word

9.15-9.45

Book Fair

Monday 23rd – 25th November

