



St Thomas More School Newsletter

22nd July 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, we take a moment to reflect on what has been an extraordinarily busy, joyful, and successful year at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. We began the year with a fantastic achievement – a successful Ofsted inspection that recognised the dedication, passion, and excellence that defines our school community. And we end the year on an equally high note, celebrating our phenomenal Key Stage 2 results. With children achieving in the 80s and 90s percent which were well above local and national averages, we couldn't be prouder of their academic accomplishments!

But as always, results are just one part of the story. We are also incredibly proud of their performance on last Wednesday night. Our Year 6 pupils truly shone as they delivered a fantastic end-of-year production that brought so much laughter and joy to the audience. Their confidence, creativity, and teamwork were on full display, and I know you will all agree – their talents really sparkled on stage!

As we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils, we want to thank them for their hard work, their resilience, and for being exemplary role models to our younger children. They have shown us what it means to lead with kindness, to persevere through challenges, and to support one another as a team. They've learned lessons that go far beyond the classroom – how to be good friends, how to listen, how to show respect, and how to bounce back when things don't go their way. These are the qualities that will carry them far in life.

Throughout their journey, their faith has been their guide. They have lived out the values of our Catholic school – love, compassion, forgiveness, and service – and they have truly let their light shine. As they move on to secondary school, we hope they carry with them this message: You are capable. You are loved. You are never alone. God will walk with you every step of the way.

We send them off with our love, our prayers, and our deepest pride. May God bless them and guide them on the next part of their journey – and we hope they'll come back to visit and say hello!

Shining Star Award

It was truly an honour and a pleasure to present a new award this year – the Shining Star Award – to someone who truly embodies the spirit of resilience, courage, and unwavering positivity. Despite facing challenges that most of us can only imagine, this person has continued to shine brightly not just in their school work, but in the hearts of everyone around them. Even while undergoing treatment, this child has shown incredible perseverance, continuing her learning journey in hospital and at home, never letting go of their determination to keep moving forward. Her friends adore her. Every time she walks in, she lights up the classroom with her smile and her strength. She reminds us all that even in the toughest times, joy and hope can still flourish. So, this special award was presented to Simona in Year 5. We are all so, so proud of her. Congratulations Simona!





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Farewells

As we close the school year, we also say goodbye to four cherished members of our staff who have each made a lasting impact on our school community.

Mrs Robertson

After over 20 years of dedicated service, Mrs Robertson retires having been a guiding light not only for our children but for many teachers too. Her unwavering support and passion for providing children with enriching experiences—especially in sports—have left a legacy that will be remembered for years to come. We wish her a well-earned rest and joyful time with her family.

Mrs Cole

Also retiring after more than two decades, Mrs Cole has been a quiet yet powerful presence in our school. Her calm, kind, and conscientious nature has touched the lives of thousands of children and supported countless teachers. Her gentle strength and dedication have left an indelible mark, and we wish her a peaceful and relaxing retirement.

Mrs Cooper

Though with us for a shorter time, Mrs Cooper has made a meaningful difference in our Early Years provision. Her kindness, passion, and patience have ensured that our youngest learners had the best possible start. As she moves on to support children in specialist provision, we know she will continue to make a profound impact. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs Collins

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for her time, guidance, and unwavering support in strengthening our leadership team. Under her leadership, the school has continued to move from strength to strength. She has delivered valuable training to staff, supported our governors, and played a key role in shaping our school’s direction. Her presence around the school will be greatly missed by the children, and we are grateful for the positive impact she has made. We look forward to staying in contact and continuing the strong relationship we have built. Thank you, Mrs Collins, and may God bless you in all your future endeavors.

Father Pawel

As the school year draws to a close, we also say goodbye to someone who has been a truly cherished part of our school and parish family—**Father Pawel**.

His presence among us has been a blessing. His Masses have offered moments of peace, reflection, and joy, and his gentle guidance has helped both staff and students to grow in faith and understanding. Whether it was blessing the new cross at the front of our school or joining us for the Big Lent Walk, Father Pawel has shown us what it means to live our faith with love, humility, and kindness.

He has played a vital role in helping our children understand the key elements of our faith, encouraging them to become living examples of Christ in their daily lives. His care and compassion have extended far beyond the altar, touching the hearts of all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

As he begins a new chapter in Clapham, we send him with our heartfelt prayers, deep gratitude, and very best wishes. Father Pawel leaves behind a legacy of faith, kindness, and love that will continue to inspire us for years to come.

Thank you, Father Pawel, for everything. You will be greatly missed. Father Pawel will continue to deliver Masses in church over the summer so please do come along and join us to celebrate our faith.





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Headteacher Awards Celebration

This morning, we had the privilege of presenting our **Headteacher Awards** to a group of truly remarkable children. It was a joy to witness not only their academic progress but also the incredible growth in their **resilience, compassion, and love** for learning and for one another.

These young individuals have shown us what it means to persevere, to care deeply, and to shine brightly in all they do. **Huge congratulations** to each and every one of them — we are all so proud!

Let's continue to celebrate the whole child and the journey they're on. Check out the children in the Merit Award section!

Celebrations

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you! Over the upcoming holidays, Miss Cole will be travelling to beautiful Greece to celebrate a very special occasion—her wedding! When she returns after the break, she will be known as **Mrs Reeves-Parry**. We're all incredibly happy for her and wish her a joyful and memorable celebration filled with love and sunshine. Please join us in congratulating her on this exciting new chapter!



Thank You

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, the entire staff would like to say a huge **thank you** for your kind words, thoughtful cards, and generous gifts. Your support and appreciation mean the world to us and truly brighten our days. It has been a privilege to work with your children and to be part of their learning journey.

Wishing all our families a restful, joyful summer break. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school family.

Mrs Le Breton & Staff at St Thomas More



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Headteacher Award

RC Rotimi
RR Evioghene
1C Zara
1S Ruby
2D Zuhayb
2F Michelle
3B Orla
3L Charlie
4L Cian
4S Nathan
5W Samuel
5C Darcy
6B Lorenzo
6F Bentley

Please remember to return merit badges to school the following week. Thank you



Fundraising Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supplied, bought, and supported our bake sale.

We raised £165.82

Safeguarding

If you're worried about a child or would like some family support, please contact us:

Our Safeguarding Team

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Mrs Murphy Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & Acting Deputy Head
Mrs Austin Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & Assistant Head
Mrs Ronja Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & EYFS Lead
Mrs Deamer Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) & Pastoral Manager
Mr D'Souza Governor Safeguarding Lead
Miss Joshi Governor Safeguarding Lead

You can also contact Medway's Children's Safeguarding Partnership

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child#:~:text=If%20you%20think%20the%20child,hours%20on%2003000%20419%20191.

Or via telephone - **In an emergency phone 999**. If you think the child is at immediate risk of harm contact Medway Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm on 01634 334 466 or out of hours on 03000 419 191.



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St Simon Stock Parish in Walderslade

Our Parish is primarily a place of worship. The very centre of our prayer is Jesus Christ whose Eucharist we celebrate nearly every day. Listed below are the times of our weekly Masses and Services. For more details you can look at our [Parish Diary](#) Masses are celebrated as follows:

Weekends:

Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
11.00 am

Weekdays:

Monday 10.00 am Mass
Tuesday 10.00 am Mass
Wednesday 10.00 am Mass
2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 10.00 am Mass
Friday 8.00 pm Mass

Holy Days of Obligation:

8.00 pm Vigil Mass
10.00 am Morning Mass
8.00 pm Evening Mass

During holiday periods, please consult the weekly newsletters for the times of all the Services.

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention, please [contact](#) the Parish Office. The Archdiocese of Southwark guideline for a Mass intention stipend is £10.00. Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Friday from 7.15 pm - 7.45 pm and Saturday from 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm also by appointment, please call: 07305 831925. Thank you

The Little Recyclers Are Coming!

We're excited to announce that *The Little Recyclers* will be visiting our school to collect bags filled with *gently used clothes* on the morning of **Thursday 25th September 2025!**

Not only will this be a fantastic way to **declutter** and give your old clothes a second life, but it's also a **great opportunity to raise funds for our school!** Every bag collected helps support our pupils, so let's come together and make a positive impact – both on the environment and our school community! .

How to Participate:

- 1 **Fill a bag (or more!)** with clean, wearable clothes.
- 2 Bring your filled bags to school on Thursday 25th September **at the beginning of the school day.**
- 3 Help raise funds while being eco-friendly!

Let's show how much we care about the planet AND our school. Together, we can make a BIG difference! Let's get recycling!

The Year group who bring the most bags in will win themselves a Tag Day