



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

11th July 2025

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

Dear Parents & Carers

## Celebration of the Word

We began our week with the Gospel of Luke 10:1-12 in which Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs. He must surely have known that two people travelling together could help each other in all that they had to do and say. When we have to make difficult choices, we need to have the sense and wisdom to ask the advice of our companions on the journey of life and seek the guidance of Jesus in prayer. Let's all remember that we may also share in Jesus' mission, to bring peace and healing. Our prayer this week reflects this.

## KS1 Sports Day

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our KS1 Sports Day—especially after last week's cancellation. Wasn't it worth the wait? The children did so well!

It was truly heart-warming to see them giving their all in each activity, showing determination, teamwork, and lots of smiles. Their collaborative spirit really shone through as they worked together to earn those all-important points for their teams. We're so proud of every child who took part!

Congratulations to everyone! The overall winning team will be announced at the end of the year assembly. Your cheering and support made the afternoon even more special. It was clear how much the children enjoyed having you there to celebrate their efforts. Thank you once again for being part of such a joyful afternoon!

## Transition Sessions

Today was a special day as the children had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms again as part of their transition. It was lovely to hear their excitement and reflections on what they've been up to, and what they're looking forward to in the new academic year.

We were also delighted to welcome our new EYFS intake and their families to their second, 'Stay & Play' session in school. It was a pleasure meeting you all and beginning this exciting journey together.

We understand that some children may feel a little apprehensive about the changes ahead, but please be reassured—our dedicated team is working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and supportive transition for every child. Here's to a strong finish to the term and an exciting start to the year ahead!



## End of Year School Reports

You should all have received your child's end-of-year school report by now. At the back of the report, there is a page for both you and your child to complete and return to school. (Please ignore the scissor line—we'd love for you to keep the page intact and support your child in writing their feedback too!) Please return to your child's class teacher. We truly value all feedback, as it helps us to reflect and continually improve what we do. Reading through the reports and writing my Headteacher comments filled me with pride, and I hope you feel just as proud of your child's achievements.

Thank you for your continued support.



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## **School Start Time – Early Morning**

It has been brought to our attention by local residents that there has been an increase in noise levels during the morning line-up, with children shouting and playing loudly. We understand that mornings can be busy, but we ask for your support in encouraging children to speak quietly and behave calmly while waiting to enter school. Additionally, we have observed some children arriving without adult supervision and playing near or even in the road. This poses a serious safety risk. There have also been reports of children running into the road, including in front of staff vehicles.

To help keep everyone safe and maintain good relationships with our neighbours, we kindly ask that you:

Supervise your children closely until they enter the school building.

Encourage quiet and respectful behaviour while lining up.

Remind your children about the dangers of playing near the road.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and respectful.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest Wishes

Mrs Le Breton

Prayer

God of all people,

You want us to live in your way.

Fill our lives with your Holy Spirit,

Our helper and guide.

Help us, by the way we treat people,

To bring your message of peace, love,  
and justice to those we meet.

Amen

## **SEND Support Update**

If your child is on SEND support or has an EHCP - you will receive their updated targets and information with their school report at the end of the term.

These have been reviewed and also handed over to new teachers ready for September.

If your child is in Year 6 - this information has been passed over to the SENDCO and head of Year 7.

New starters in EYFS - if your child is on SEND support or has external agency involvement - please do ensure you let the school know.

If you any questions and wish to speak to Mrs Austin our SENDCO about next year - please contact her directly [sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk)



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## **Fundraising cake/bake sale Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Calling all bakers and cake makers.

Donations of cakes and biscuits for our fundraising cake and biscuit sale organised by the School Council for the last Friday of the year. Sale at break time and after school so please send children in with donations of 50p per item should they wish to buy. Any donations of cakes or biscuits (no nuts please) please leave at the entrance by the office.



## **Lost Property**

The lost property bins will be put out on the playground each week after school. Any lost property that is not claimed by Tuesday 22nd July will be donated to charity.

Please have a look through as we have 3 very full bins of coats, PE kits, jumpers, cardigans, shoes! etc



## **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



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Merit Award

RC Fiyifoluwa

RR Harper-Violet

1C Reyna

1S Ruby

2D Victoria

2F Aria

3B Lenny

3L Olivia

4L Ezekiel

4L Lila

4S Arabella

5W Kayson

5C Zac

6B Joanna

6F Lois

6F Danielle



**Punctuality  
Peacock**

3B, 6F



**Attendance  
Anteater**

6B, 6F

**Whole School Attendance**

97.6%

We are aiming for at least 97% whole school attendance.

## Is your child prepared for any weather at school?

Please ensure your child has a light jacket/rain mac for the very changeable weather we are experiencing. Please ensure sun cream is applied before school. Please ensure they have a cap or sun hat with them.



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



### 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.](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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## Term 6

**16th July 2025**

Year 6 Production 5.30-6.45pm

**Friday 18th July 2025**

Leavers Mass 9.30am

**Friday 18th July 2025**

Cake Sale

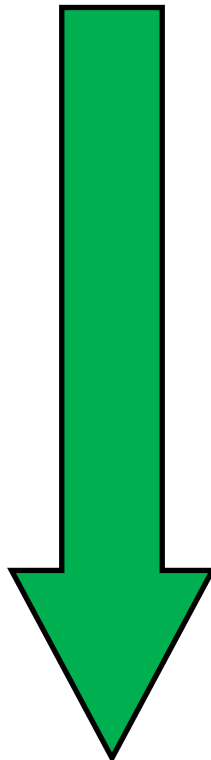
**22nd July 2025**

Last day of academic year

**Term 1 25/26**

**1st September 2025**

Staff Development Day



**Tuck Shop is back**

**Every Thursday**

There will be 50p bags and £1 bags, all sweets will be prepacked. Please bring loose change with you.

**Secondhand Uniform Sale**

Alongside tuck shop.

## **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.
- Bring your filled bags to school on Thursday 25th September **at the beginning of the school day.**
- 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**