



St Thomas More School Newsletter

14th November 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Knowledge-rich, skills-led learning for all
Christ at our heart
Serving everyone in our community
Partnership of love, ambition, joy and peace



Dear Parents and Carers,



We began our week with a Remembrance Assembly led by our wonderful Faith Beacons from across the school. The children planned and delivered the assembly beautifully, reminding us all of the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. Their thoughtful words and prayers encouraged us to reflect on peace, gratitude, and hope for a better future.

On Tuesday, the whole school came together to observe a two-minute silence, joining millions across the country in honouring those who gave their lives in service. It was a moving moment of unity and respect. We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to all parents and children for your generous support of this important cause—whether through purchasing items, donating for poppies, or simply taking time to talk about remembrance at home. Your contributions help us keep this tradition alive and meaningful for our school community. Together, we honour the past and inspire our children to build a future rooted in compassion and understanding.

Thank You for Your Generosity



We are deeply grateful for your donations to support **Children in Need**. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils taking part by wearing their own clothes and showing their commitment to helping others. This important event reflects a key principle of **Catholic Social Teaching: the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**. As a school community, we strive to live out this teaching by standing in solidarity with those in need and encouraging our children to act with compassion and generosity. Thank you for helping us make a difference!



Farewell and Best Wishes

This week, we say goodbye to Mrs Ronja as she begins her maternity leave. Throughout this academic year, she has had the opportunity to teach in many year groups across the school, and I know she has truly enjoyed her time with all the children she has had the pleasure of teaching.

The children have loved having her in their classrooms, and her dedication and warmth have made a lasting impact on our school community. We wish her every happiness for a safe, restful, and joyful time as she prepares to welcome her little one—just in time for Christmas! Please join us in keeping her in your thoughts and prayers during this exciting new chapter.



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Upcoming Events



Don't forget our **Quiz Night** on **Friday 28th November**—a fantastic way to kick off the festive season! We're excited to welcome back Jody, who has kindly organised the event and is looking forward to seeing many of you there. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, gather a team of up to 8 people, and join us for a night of fun and laughter in support of our fund-raising efforts.

Celebrating Learning Across Our School

It has been a privilege this week to welcome many children to my office who have shared their learning with me. Seeing their work, the smiles on their faces, and the pride in their achievements is always what makes my role so rewarding. Watching them grow and develop as young people is truly inspiring. **Your children are amazing!** Thank you for your continued support in helping them thrive and succeed.

Prayer for Remembrance

Loving God,

We remember with gratitude all those who have given their lives in service and sacrifice.

May their courage inspire us to work for peace and justice in our world.

Bless those who mourn and comfort those who suffer because of war and conflict.

Help us to be peacemakers in our homes, our school, and our community.

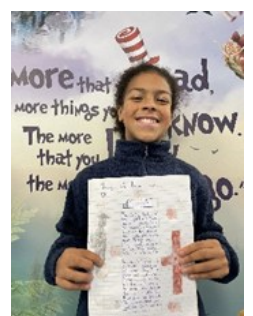
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Remember to head over to our Facebook page to lots of wonderful learning in action!

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Le Breton





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St Simon Stock Parish Church

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 22nd November 11am—2pm

All welcome— There will be a gift stall, craft stall, bottle tombola, toys, and Christmas Cards

My Childs Art



So far our parents have raised £140.21 for our school just through purchasing items through My Childs's Art. There is still time to place an order and what family member doesn't love a mug with a piece of unique art work on it for Christmas. You can place your order until 31st December 2025. The username to access the site is **StThomasmore** and the access code is **3naeyd5s**.

Little Recyclers



We have booked another collection from The Little Recyclers it is on

Thursday January 15th 2026

If you are having a post Christmas clear out then please fill your bags with

Good quality clean clothing, shoes (paired), bags, hats & scarves, belts, fashion accessories, swimwear, jewellery, lingerie, bras, perfumes.

They do not accept work wear, underwear, socks, duvets, linen, towels etc

Please see the full list on their website www.thelittlerecyclers.co.uk

Raffle Prizes



We are looking for donations of raffle prizes if anyone knows a company or is willing to donate please email the office, thank you. Please keep an eye out for the STM fundraising page on Facebook. Please check MCAS as Christmas events will be added over the next 2 weeks.



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Term 2

20th November 2025

Y5 Celebration of the Word

9.15-9.45am

27th November 2025

Healthy Bladder Healthy Bowel

2pm in school

24th November 2025

28th November 2025

Y1-Y6 BYPT Maths (Not EYFS)

9.15-9.45am

Followed by

Maths Workshop for Parents 9.45-10.15am

28th November 2025

Tombola Tag Day

Please see Christmas info

1st December 2025

EYFS/KS1 visiting Panto in school

Wear Pyjamas Day (Payment on MCAS)

3rd December 2025

Christmas Fair from 3.30pm

9th & 10th December 2025

Secret Santa

11th December 2025

Meet Father Christmas

19th December 2025

PTFA Glitzy Christmas dress day and glitter tattoos £1 per child

Term Dates & SDD

Term 2

27/10/2025 – 19/12/2025

Term 3

5/1/2026—13/2/2026

Term 4

24/2/2026—2/4/2026

Term 5

20/4/2026—22/5/2026

Term 6

1/6/2026 - 17/7/2026

SDD—No children in school

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 22nd June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026





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Merit Award

RB Jude
RC Ezekiel
1B Olivia
1C Nina
2B Damilola
2D Sophie
3C Rhea
3S Vivian
4D Ella
4F Iky
5RP Israel
5W Mazel
6F Roslyne
6L Demi



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RB



Attendance

Anteater

5RP

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Please see our Facebook
page for photos of learning
and good news
notices

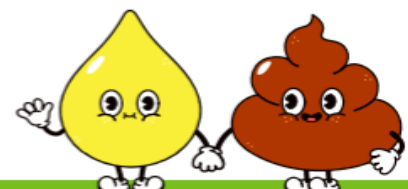
The school nurses are coming to your school to talk all
about getting that wee and poo in the loo!

Main topics to be discussed:

- Day time wetting
- Night time wetting (Bedwetting)
- Soiling
- Constipation
- Toilet training

And so much more...

If your child has any form of
continence concern, please
express interest with your school
who can get you booked onto our
1-hour session with the chance to
speak to our team on a one-to-
one basis.





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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
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

Children's Liturgy will be held every Sunday during 11am Mass during Advent.

As usual the children will be acting out the Nativity during the Gospel at the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. If your child would like to take part there will be rehearsals from 10.30am to 10.50am every Sunday during Advent so please come along on 30th November and sign up.

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

Mr D'Souza 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.