



St Thomas More School Newsletter

26th September 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 by reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 16. The children reflected deeply on the message, understanding how important it is to put their trust in God and to place Him above material things and money.

I'm always blown away by their responses—so full of kindness, empathy, and wisdom beyond their years. Their thoughtful words about those in need and their ideas for how they would help others were truly inspiring. It's a joy to witness their growing spiritual awareness and compassion in action.

Thank you for continuing to nurture these values at home. Together, we're helping our children grow into thoughtful, caring individuals.

Year 6 at Chessington – Courage and Camaraderie!

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on Monday at Chessington! It was a day filled with excitement, laughter, and personal growth. They showed true resilience and overcame many fears by bravely going on the rides—some for the very first time!

The weather was kind to us, and the atmosphere was full of joy and encouragement. It was heart-warming to see friendships blossoming—bonds that will no doubt last well beyond their primary years. As always, they were a true credit to our school, showing respect, kindness, and maturity throughout the day.

We're so proud of them!

A Joyful Start to the New Academic Year

This week, children from St Thomas More proudly represented our school at two special Masses to mark the beginning of the academic year.

- A group attended the Welcome Mass at St George's Cathedral with the Archbishop John Wilson, where they were exemplary role models throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school with such reverence and maturity. A special thank you to St John Fisher for kindly providing transport on their minibus — your support is greatly appreciated!
- Another group of children took part in the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP) Annual Mass, celebrated by Canon Victor. It was a beautiful occasion, and our pupils once again showed the very best of St Thomas More.

It is always a joy to be part of the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership and to come together with other schools in faith and celebration. These shared moments remind us of the strength and unity of our Catholic community.



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Starting School September 2026

We've had a wonderfully busy few weeks here at St Thomas More, proudly showcasing the fantastic learning and vibrant environment we offer to prospective families. It's been a real pleasure to welcome visitors into our school, and we've received lots of positive feedback about the inspiring teaching and nurturing atmosphere our children enjoy every day.

If you know anyone with a child due to start school in **September 2026**, please do let them know that we are running **school tours every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10am**. These tours are a great opportunity to see our good practice in action and experience the welcoming environment we're so proud of.

We also encourage families to visit our **Facebook page**, where they can get a real sense of daily life at St Thomas More and see the exciting learning experiences our children take part in.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us share the wonderful work happening in our school.

A Note for Year 6 Families – Catholic Secondary School Applications

As many of our Year 6 families begin exploring secondary school options, we'd like to remind you of an important aspect of applying to Catholic schools. If you wish for your child to continue their education within the Catholic faith, you may be asked to provide a supporting letter from your parish priest.

This letter typically confirms that your family regularly attends weekend Masses in church, not just school-led liturgies. Please bear this in mind when considering your application, as a parish priest may not be able to support your request if regular attendance cannot be confirmed.

We share this to help avoid any disappointment and to ensure families are well-informed during this important time.

Conduct on School Grounds and Upholding Our Gospel Values

At St Thomas More, our gospel values—respect, compassion, forgiveness, and integrity—are at the heart of everything we do. These values guide how we treat one another and how we respond to challenges within our school community.

Whilst on occasions, as with all schools, pupils may make the wrong choice throughout their schooling and we strive to ensure that every incident is addressed fairly, consistently, and with a focus on learning and restoration. Our aim is always to help children grow in character and responsibility.

However, I must remind all parents and carers that verbal or threatening behaviour towards any child is not acceptable. We cannot condone actions that undermine the safe and respectful environment we work so hard to maintain.

If you have concerns, I respectfully ask that you follow the correct channels by speaking with your child's class teacher in the first instance. This allows us to work together constructively and in the best interests of all children involved.

Thank you for your continued support in modelling the values we seek to instil in our pupils.

Have a super weekend!
Mrs Le Breton



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Visit to St George's Cathedral – Beginning of the School Year Celebration

On Wednesday, representatives from our school travelled to **St George's Cathedral in London** to mark the beginning of the new school year. We were joined by students and staff from schools across our **diocese**, coming together in unity and faith.

The celebration was a special moment of reflection and inspiration, as we were encouraged to embrace the message of **spreading hope to others**, especially in this **Jubilee Year**. It was a powerful reminder of our shared mission as a community and the importance of being a source of light and encouragement in the world around us.

Miss Bowles



Prayer for the Week (based on Luke 16:1-13):

Gracious God,
You have entrusted us with many gifts—our time, talents, and resources.
Help us to be wise and faithful stewards of all that you have given.
Teach us to use what we have, not for selfish gain, but for the good of others
and the glory of your name.
May we be trustworthy in small things,
so that we may be trusted with greater things in your kingdom.
Guard our hearts from serving wealth or worldly success above you.
Remind us daily that we cannot serve two masters,
and give us the courage to choose you always.
Guide our decisions this week,
that we may act with integrity, compassion, and wisdom.
Let our lives reflect your justice and mercy,
and may we be found faithful in all we do.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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Term 1

8th October 2025

Y6 Celebration of the Word
9.15-9.45am (parents welcome)

9th October 2025

Individual school photographs

15th October 2025

Parents Evening 4-7pm
No children

16th October 2025

Parents Evening 5-8pm
No children

17th October 2025

Last day of Term 1

Term Dates & SDD

Term 1

2/9/2025 —17/10/2025

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

RC Lilly
RB Mia
1C Isiah
1B Essa
2B Ethan
2B Arlo
2D Elizah
2D Tyler
3C Deborah
3S Olivia
4D Spencer
4F James
5RP Isabelle
5W Cian
6F Kayson
6L Albie



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RB, 1C



Attendance

Anteater

RC

For Sale £3 each

We have several of the old style STM
PE t-shirts

3/4 Years—7 green, 6 red, 7 blue

12/13—Years 5 blue

M—1 red

These will be first come first serve via
the office



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.

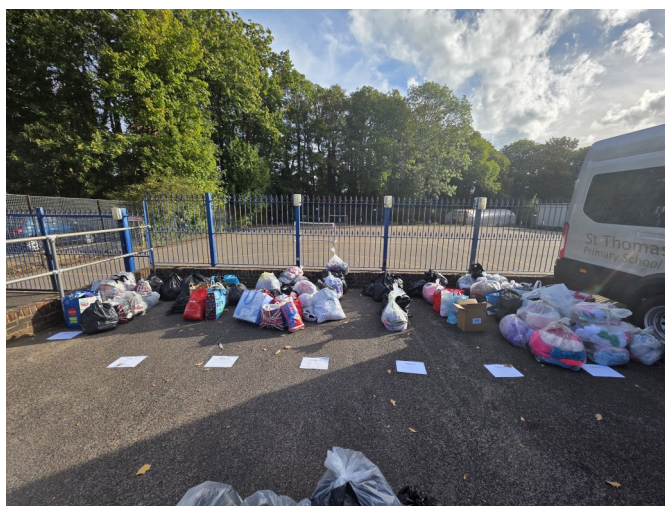
**Secondhand Uniform
Sale**

Alongside tuck shop.

Little recyclers

Thank you for all of your donations. As you can see we have a
very clear winner.....

Year 6 win the tag day (date to be confirmed)





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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

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.