



St Thomas More School Newsletter

13th June 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Collective Worship



We began our week reflecting on **John 14:15-16, 23-26**, where Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit—our constant Advocate and Guide. The children explored the unique gifts the Holy Spirit has given them and how they can share those gifts with others. From acts of kindness to encouraging words, we witnessed their spiritual gifts in action all week long.

Here are a few ways to continue this week's themes at home:

- Read John 14:15-26 together and talk about how the Holy Spirit helps us love others.
- Reflect together on the gifts God has given each of you—what makes your family unique?

Thank you, as always, for being a part of our school community. We are so grateful for the opportunity to nurture not just minds, but hearts and faith, every day.

As we prepare to say goodbye to Father Pawel

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Father Pawel who will be moving on and using his talents in Clapham. We are deeply grateful for his support – not only in guiding and teaching our children, but also in offering kindness and encouragement to our staff. The children are already busy thinking about their 'Goodbyes'. He will be greatly missed by our school community.

Goodbye to our Baby Chicks

This week also marked a bittersweet goodbye to our baby chicks. It has been an absolute joy for the children to observe the miracle of life—watching the chicks hatch, grow, and explore their little world. The experience brought wonder, care, and responsibility into our school in such a special way.

The children asked thoughtful questions, expressed compassion, and learned how to gently handle and care for God's smallest creatures. As we said goodbye, we talked about how all living things are part of God's creation—and how even small moments, like caring for chicks, show God's love and creativity.

Father's Day

In preparation for Father's Day, the children have been thoughtfully choosing and preparing gifts to celebrate the special male figures in their lives—fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, and mentors.

We would like to wish all our dads and father figures a very happy and meaningful Father's Day. May you feel celebrated, appreciated, and deeply loved this weekend.

A heartfelt thank you to Jody, our Pastoral Manager, for organising this special activity with the support of two wonderful parent volunteers. Your time and dedication helped make this celebration truly special for our children and their families.

Feast of St Thomas More Mass

3L will leading Mass on Friday 20th June, following Mass parents are invited to stay for a coffee morning lead by the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) in conjunction with St Thomas More.



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Year 6 Residential Trip Norfolk

This week, our Year 6 children returned from their residential trip to Norfolk brimming with stories, laughter, and a sense of accomplishment. Throughout the trip, they were challenged to step outside their comfort zones—whether it was through outdoor adventures, team challenges, or simply being away from home for the first time.

We are incredibly proud of their courage, resilience, and teamwork. Each child demonstrated not only personal growth but also kindness and support for one another, making the experience truly memorable. The residential was more than just a trip—it was a time for building confidence, deepening friendships, and making memories that will stay with them long after Year 6.

Well done, Year 6!

Remember to keep up to date with more learning via our Facebook page! Have a fantastic weekend everyone!
Mrs Le Breton





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Colourful Clothes Day – Fundraising for Evelina!

Get ready to brighten up the day on Friday, 4th July by wearing your most colourful clothes! 

We're raising money for Evelina London Children's Charity, and all it takes to take part is a £1 donation.

Let's add some colour and kindness to the day while supporting a great cause!

Can you help?

The group of school mums is looking for team members to join us in the church cleaning.

We meet up every 5 weeks for 1-2 h to help with our church cleaning.

All helpers welcomed - coffee and biscuits provided!

For more please contact the parish office:

walderslade@rcaos.org.uk

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 Kairi
RR Eden
1C Kurtis
1S George
2D Joel
2F Michelle
3B Juliet
3L Ella
4L Mila
4S Fikayomi
5W Blake
5C Thomas
6B Joanna
6B Andre
6F Sara
6F Joseph

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



Punctuality Peacock

RR, RC, 3B, 6B



Attendance Anteater

3L

Whole School Attendance

95.9%

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.



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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Term 6

17th June 2025

Yr 5 Trip—Hever Castle

18th June 2025

Yr 2 Trip—Shorne Wood Country Park

Friday 20th June 2025

St Thomas More Mass 9.30am
Followed by UCM coffee morning

23rd & 24th June 2025

SDD—No children in school

25th June 2025

Yr 5 Aylesford Priory for A Festival of Hope

27th June 2025

Yr 1 Historic Dockyard Trip

2nd July 2025

Sports Day
KS2 AM, KS1 PM
Picnic lunch on field

4th July 2025

Colourful clothes fundraiser
In aid of Evelina Children's Hospital

Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

22nd July 2025

Last day of academic year

School Holiday Dates

24/25

SDD

23rd & 24th June

Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025

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.

Thank you

A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Robson whose company bought Year 1 a gazebo. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

