



St Thomas More School Newsletter

28th 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 our gospel according to Luke which reminds us of the power of forgiveness and hope. Even in His final moments, Jesus offers mercy to the repentant thief, saying, *"Today you will be with me in paradise."* This passage teaches us that no matter our mistakes, God's love and forgiveness are always available when we turn to Him with a sincere heart.

How Parents Can Support at Home:

Talk about forgiveness: Encourage children to reflect on times they've forgiven others or asked for forgiveness.
Model hope and kindness: Show that even in difficult situations, we can choose compassion and trust in God.
Pray together: A short prayer of gratitude and asking for strength to forgive can be a meaningful family moment.

A Huge Thank You!

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful children who sang so beautifully at the Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday. It was truly a delight to hear them perform—they wowed the audience with their singing and even brought tears to some eyes!

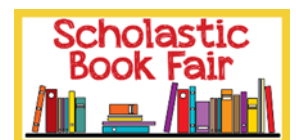
It's fantastic to see so many of our children attending choir club and then sharing their talents with the community. These moments mean so much to us as a school, and we are incredibly grateful to the parents and grandparents who support these opportunities by bringing their children along.

The standing ovation and round of applause at the end said it all—it was a magical way to kick off the festive season. Thank you to everyone involved!



Thank You for Supporting Our Book Fair!

Your generosity has made a huge difference. Thanks to your support, we can provide classrooms and our library with the latest bestsellers and a wide range of books for everyone to enjoy. This helps us nurture a love of reading and ensures that every child has access to stories that inspire and engage. Together, we are building a community that values learning and the joy of reading. Thank you for being part of this journey!





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Year 6 Travel Back in Time for a WWII Experience at Kent Life

On Monday Year 6 stepped back in time for an immersive World War II experience at Kent Life. Dressed in authentic 1940s-style outfits, the children took part in a series of hands-on workshops that truly brought history to life. They explored rationing by examining real ration books, crafted their own rag rugs, and even learned RAF navigation skills. The day also included writing letters as evacuees, experiencing life as a soldier in an army workshop, and visiting a genuine WWII house complete with an Anderson air raid shelter.

It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of wartime Britain through practical activities and historical settings—an unforgettable learning experience that made history feel real. They were a real credit to our school with their behaviour and enthusiasm.

Thank You for Joining Our ‘Bring Your Parent to Maths’ Session!

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our recent *Bring Your Parent to Maths* session. It was so lovely to see so many of you getting involved and sharing in your child’s learning. We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did—your support makes a real difference! If you have any questions about maths in school, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us. I would like to thank our Maths Lead, Mrs Reeves-Parry for organising the event too!

Don’t forget: Children also have access to fun and interactive maths games on **MyMaths** and **Purple Mash** through their logins (please speak to your child’s class teacher if you’re unsure). These are great ways to continue supporting your child’s learning at home.



Our quiz night is tonight so we look forward to seeing some of you later -remember to bring your drinks and nibbles. May the best team win!

School Christmas Fayre – Save the Date!

We are thrilled to announce our **Christmas Fayre** is just around the corner! This is always a highlight of the festive season and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. There will be **stalls, games, festive treats, hot drinks and plenty of Christmas cheer**—a perfect way to start the celebrations. We will also be entertained by our wonderful choir! All funds raised will go directly back into the school to support learning resources and enrichment activities for our children.

Date: Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Time: 3.15-4.15pm

Location: KS2 Playground

Please come along, bring family and friends, and help make this event a huge success!



End-of-Term Assessments

This week, our children have been busy completing their end-of-term assessments, and we are so proud of how hard they have worked and applied themselves. Their effort and determination have been fantastic to see! You will receive data regarding their progress at the end of this term, and we look forward to sharing this with you.



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Prayer for This Week

Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of November, we thank You for the learning, friendships, and blessings we have shared this term. Help us to stay focused and kind in all we do. Guide us to support one another and to show gratitude for the gifts in our lives.

Amen.



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

Have a fantastic (no doubt chilly) weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Le Breton

My Childs Art



So far our parents have raised £147.50 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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Merit



Award

RB

Neriyah

RC

Asher

1B

Preston

1C

Harrison

2B

Lucy

2D

Ifeduwanimi

3C

Ladiamond

3S

Lucas

4D

Savannah

4F

Macey

5RP

Amen-Grace

5W

Ugochi-Grace

5W

Alex

6F

Freddie

6L

Darcy



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RC



Attendance

Anteater

3C

facebook

Please see our Face-
book page for photos of
learning and good news



Sam has been chosen
out of 100 children
nominated by their
districts to represent
Kent School's as Goal-
keeper. A huge
achievement





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Term 2

1st December 2025

EYFS/KS1 visiting Panto in school

Wear Pyjamas Day

KS2 Own clothes (£1 donations in bucket or to class teacher)

3rd December 2025

Christmas Fair from 3.30pm

9th & 10th December 2025

Secret Santa

11th December 2025

Meet Father Christmas

12th December 2025

Advent Mass 5W leading

Followed by Coffee morning run by the Union of Catholic Mothers in the Church Hall

17th December 2025

Christmas Performance KS1

9.15am-10.15am

Christmas Performance KS2

10.30am-11.30am

18th December 2025

Christmas Dinner Day

18th December 2025

Christmas Performance KS1

3.15pm—4pm

Christmas Performance KS2

4.15pm—5.15pm

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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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.