



St Thomas More School Newsletter

5th 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 Families,

A very warm welcome back to all our children, parents, and carers as we begin a new school year together. We hope you had a restful and joyful summer break.

We are especially excited to begin this year as proud members of the **Kent Catholic School Partnership**. This marks a new chapter in our journey, and we look forward to growing together in love, faith, and learning as part of this wider Catholic community.

Our **governors** join us in welcoming you all and in expressing their commitment to supporting the school in providing the very best for every child. Together, with our dedicated staff and supportive families, we aim to nurture a school environment where every child feels valued, inspired, and encouraged to flourish.

Thank you for being part of our school family — we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Welcome to Father Joseph

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to our new priest, **Father Joseph**, who joins our parish family with open arms and a spirit full of grace. Father Joseph brings with him a deep devotion to faith, a compassionate heart, and a commitment to serving our community.

As we begin this new chapter together, we look forward to the wisdom, warmth, and spiritual guidance he will share with us. Let us keep him in our prayers as he settles into his new role and home among us.

Please join us in giving Father Joseph a warm and joyful welcome! If you would like to join us at the weekend for Mass, please see the Mass times at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome, Father Joseph — we are blessed to have you!



Curriculum Evening

Thank you so much for joining us at our recent Curriculum Evening. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. We hope you found the evening informative and that it gave you a clear picture of the exciting year ahead.

We truly value the partnership between home and school, and we believe that by working together, we can support your child to achieve their very best. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We also love hearing about the wonderful things your child achieves outside of school—whether it's a new hobby, a sporting success, or a creative project. Please do share these moments with us!



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What a Wonderful Week!

Our children have had a **fantastic week** filled with excitement, discovery, and joyful learning! From creative activities to curious exploration, it's been heart-warming to see their enthusiasm shine through each day.

A special shout-out to our **Reception children**, who truly did themselves proud. They've been busy making new friendships, settling in beautifully, and learning through play — all with big smiles and open hearts. We're so proud of how well they've embraced their new adventure!

It was also **lovely to see so many of you** at our coffee morning — thank you for coming along and sharing in the warmth of our school community.

Here's to many more weeks of fun, friendship, and learning ahead!

Facebook

Remember to head over to our Facebook page to see lots of learning in progress — we love sharing these special moments with you!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Le Breton

Headteacher

Prayer for the Start of the Academic Year

Loving God,

As we begin this new academic year, we place our trust in You.

Bless our staff with wisdom and compassion,
our families with strength and support,
our governors with guidance and discernment,
and the Kent Catholic School Partnership Trust with unity and purpose.

May our schools be places of joy, growth, and faith.

Help us to work together in love,
to nurture every child's potential,
and to walk humbly with You each day.

Amen.





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Term 1

16th & 17th September 2025

Medway Test (11+) start 8.30am

22nd September 2025

Y6 Trip to Chessington

25th September 2025

Little Recyclers—see Pg 4

26th September 2025

BYPT Reading 9.15-9.45

26th September 2025

Reading & Phonics workshop
EYFS, Y1 & Y2 parents 9.45-10.15

8th October 2025

Y6 Celebration of the Word
9.15-9.45am

9th October 2025

Individual school photographs

15th October 2025

Parents Evening 4-7pm

16th October 2025

Parents Evening 5-8pm

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 1st September 20025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 22nd June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026





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Merit Award

1C Imani
1B DJ
1B Zakiyaa
2D Elizabeth
2B Tiara
3C Fae
3S Penelope
4D James
4F Juanita
5RP Damilola
5W Jakub
6F Amelia
6L Logan
6L George



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RC, 1C



Attendance

Anteater

4F 6F

For Sale £3 each

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

3/4 Years—7 green, 6 red, 7 blue

7/8 Years—1 green

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.

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.
- 2 Bring your filled bags to school on Thursday 25th September **at the beginning of the school day.**
- 3 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



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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.