



St Thomas More School Newsletter

16th October 2026

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reflect on this week, Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of perseverance, faith and trust in God. Jesus teaches us that when we place our confidence in Him and continue to act with kindness, compassion and hope, we can make a real difference in the lives of others. As a school community, we are called to live out these values each day through our words, actions and service to those around us.

Year 6 Kent and Medway Test Results

This week our Year 6 children received their Kent and Medway Test results. We are incredibly proud of every single child for the way they approached these assessments with determination, resilience and maturity.

While we celebrate the success of those who achieved the outcomes they hoped for, we also want to remind all our children and families that these tests represent only a small snapshot of a child's learning journey. They can never measure the full range of talents, gifts, kindness, creativity and potential that each child possesses.

Choosing a secondary school can feel daunting, but we have every confidence that our Year 6 pupils will continue to flourish wherever they go. They have consistently demonstrated excellent attitudes to learning, perseverance and compassion, and we know they will be a tremendous asset to their future schools. Well done, Year 6. We are very proud of you all.

Next Week Reminder: Parents' Evenings

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our **Parents' Evenings next week**. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and talk about the next steps in their learning journey.

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible to ensure you can meet with your child's teacher.

A gentle reminder: Parents' Evening appointments are intended for parents and carers only. Unfortunately, we are unable to supervise children during the meetings, so we kindly ask that children are not brought along.

For families who require childcare, places are available in our **After-School Club until 5:30pm**, and these can be booked in the usual way.

We look forward to meeting with you and continuing to work together to support your child's success.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Stay Connected with Us

To see more of the fantastic learning, achievements and experiences taking place across the school each week, please head over to our Facebook page.



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We regularly share photographs, celebrations and examples of learning in action from across all year groups, giving you a wonderful insight into life at St Thomas More.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy seeing our children grow, learn and flourish throughout the year. 📖 ✨

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest news and events from our school community!

Thank You for Supporting Medway Foodbank

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations to the **Medway Foodbank**. Your kindness and support make a genuine difference to families within our local community.



We will continue collecting donations throughout October, so please do continue to give if you are able. This year's Catholic Social Teaching focus is "**The Preferential Option for the Poor**", reminding us that we are called to place the needs of the most vulnerable at the heart of our actions. Through your generosity, our school community is putting this important principle into practice.

Safeguarding Assembly

The children took part in an important safeguarding assembly this week focused on staying safe and understanding where to seek support if they have a worry or concern.

A key message was that no matter how big or small a worry may seem, there will always be a trusted adult in school ready to listen, help and support them. Ensuring our children feel safe, valued and heard remains one of our highest priorities.

Governor Monitoring Visit

We were delighted to welcome our governors, **Miss Joshi** and **Mrs Paoli**, to school this week as part of their monitoring visit.

During their visit they had the opportunity to observe our provision and speak with some of our wonderful pupils about safeguarding and life at St Thomas More. We would like to thank them for their time, commitment and continued support of our school. Their involvement plays a vital role in helping us continue to provide the very best education and care for our children.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

This week our photographers were in school taking individual and sibling photographs.

Families should now have received a QR code enabling them to view their child's photographs online. Should you wish to purchase any photographs, please follow the instructions provided.



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Prospective Parent Visits

We have continued welcoming prospective parents into school as they consider applications for the **September 2027 intake**.

We are also pleased to share that we currently have some places available within our EYFS provision. If you know of any families seeking a school place, please encourage them to contact the school.

Stay and Play Session

 **Wednesday 4th November 2026**

 **2:00pm - 3:00pm**

This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective parents (for September 2027 intake) and children to experience the warm, nurturing environment of St Thomas More and see our excellent provision in action. Please help us spread the word.

Harvest Mass

This morning, we gathered together as a whole school community for our beautiful Harvest Mass led by Father Joseph.

The celebration provided a wonderful opportunity to thank God for His many blessings and to reflect on our responsibility to care for others. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Father Joseph for his continued support of our school, to the staff and families who joined us, and, of course, to our amazing children who represented the school so beautifully.

A special mention goes to our Reception children who attended their first school Mass. They showed great reverence and enthusiasm and were a credit to themselves and their families.



Loving God,

We thank You for the many gifts You provide through the harvest and for the blessings we receive each day.

Help us to remember those who struggle without enough food, shelter or support. Bless all the families who depend upon the Medway Foodbank and strengthen those who work tirelessly to help others in need.

Guide us to live out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the **Preferential Option for the Poor**, so that we always notice those who need our help and respond with generous and loving hearts.



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May our donations, kindness and prayers bring hope to those who are finding life difficult, and may we continue to follow Jesus' example of compassion, service and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

God bless,

Mrs Le Breton





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Merit Awards

RR Mila

RS Harrison

1C Sienna

1R Jayla

2M Fletcher

2B Samuel

3C Ella & Isla

3S Arlo

4T Jacob

4F Iruoma

5C Kian

5S Theo

6F Logan

6L Mila



Punctuality
Peacock

1C, 3C



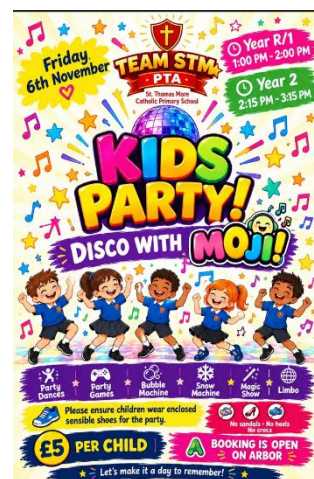
Attendance

Anteater

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Term 1

21st October 2026
EYFS parent meetings RR
All Day

21st October 2026
Y1-6 Parent's Evening
4-7pm

No children to attend

22nd October 2026
EYFS parent meetings RS
All Day

22nd October 2026
Year 1-6 Parent's Evening
4-7pm

No children to attend

23rd October 2026
PTFA Crazy Hair Day
Tag Day
£1 donation via Arbor

Last Day of Term 1

Half Term
Monday 26th– Friday 30th October

Term 2

6th November 2026
EYFS/KS1 Disco
In school

13th November 2026
KS2 Glow Disco

12th November 2026
Y3 Celebration of the Word
9.15-9.45

Book Fair
Monday 23rd – 25th November