



St Thomas More School Newsletter

9th October 2026

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Celebration of the Word: Caring for God's Wonderful World

We began our week together with our Celebration of the Word, reflecting on the Gospel of Matthew 21:33–43, where Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who planted a vineyard.

Our reflection encouraged us to give thanks to God for the gift of our wonderful world and all that is within it. We thought carefully about our responsibility to care for God's creation and the part that each of us can play.

Our Go Forth message challenged us to think: "What will I do to care for our Earth, now and in the future, for all the people who share it with us?"

We ended our worship by singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" together. It was wonderful to hear the children singing so beautifully and to begin our week united in gratitude for God's creation.

Learning Across Our School

This week, Mrs Murphy, Miss Hayes and I had the privilege of visiting lessons across the school. Our focus was on how well our children have settled into the new academic year, how classroom routines have become embedded and the positive behaviours for learning that we can now see developing.

It was a real pleasure to see so much wonderful learning in action. We saw children engaged and ready to learn, clear and consistent routines, and teachers skilfully adapting their teaching to ensure that all children are able to access learning and experience success. Children were developing positive learning behaviours, practising important social skills and receiving the support they need to become confident and successful learners.

These visits reminded me once again of the care, patience and commitment our staff show every single day. I am incredibly proud of our staff and everything they do for the children of St Thomas More. Thank you for always going that extra mile.

Sports News: Hockey Stars!

Some of our fabulous Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to represent St Thomas More at a hockey tournament this week.

They performed brilliantly and, most importantly, were outstanding ambassadors for our school. We are extremely proud of the teamwork, determination and sporting spirit they demonstrated throughout the event.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Odell for his teaching, encouragement, support and guidance in preparing the children, and to Mr Hughes for driving the minibus and ensuring everyone travelled safely to and from the event. Well done to all of our hockey players. You represented St Thomas More brilliantly!



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Reception Reading & Parental Engagement

A special thank you to all of our Reception parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent Reading and Parental Engagement Survey. Your views and feedback are incredibly valuable to us and will help shape our work as we continue to reflect on and improve our provision to achieve the very best outcomes for our children.

Our wonderful EYFS Lead, Mrs Ronja, is leading an exciting project focused on reading for pleasure, parental engagement and the impact these can have on children's learning and outcomes. Your responses will form an important part of this work and help us to understand how we can strengthen the partnership between home and school even further.

As a school, we are proud to continue working with Early Excellence, using research, professional development and reflection to ensure that our EYFS provision continues to be the very best it can be.

We know that working together with our families makes a real difference, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support. We look forward to working alongside you throughout the year.

Year 6 Celebration of the Word

A very special thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to join Year 6 for their Celebration of the Word this week. It is always wonderful to welcome you into school to share these special moments with us.

Our Year 6 children are becoming fantastic role models for our younger pupils, and it was a pleasure to see them take responsibility for planning and leading their Celebration of the Word, reflecting on Scripture and inviting everyone to participate in the activities they had prepared.

I would like to say a huge well done to the children for leading with such confidence, reverence and maturity and a special thank you to our amazing Year 6 staff. As always, it was also a joy to hear their beautiful singing!

We are incredibly proud of them. They are wonderful ambassadors for St Thomas More and a true credit to you, their families.

Winter Uniform for Term 2

As we look ahead to Term 2, I would like to remind all families of the importance of our school uniform and ask for your full support in ensuring that children return to school wearing the correct winter uniform.

When choosing and accepting a place at St Thomas More, parents and carers agree to support the school's expectations and policies, including our uniform policy. Wearing the correct uniform helps our children to



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feel a sense of belonging, promotes pride in our school and ensures that we maintain the high standards we expect for every child.

For Term 2, children should wear a shirt and school tie at all times, except on their designated PE day. Please ensure that children are wearing a traditional school shirt with a pointed collar that is suitable for wearing with a tie, rather than a round-collared blouse.

I would also like to remind families that earrings **should not** be worn in school. This is for important health and safety reasons. Earrings can become caught or pulled, particularly during playtimes, physical activity and PE lessons, potentially causing a significant injury. Please support us by ensuring earrings are removed before your child comes into school.

Children should also not wear Crocs to school. They are not appropriate school footwear and, importantly, do not provide the security and support children need when running and playing.

Our staff work incredibly hard to focus their time and energy on teaching, supporting and caring for our children. It is disappointing when staff have to repeatedly spend valuable time speaking with families about uniform or jewellery when our expectations have already been made clear. We therefore ask every family to please support us by adhering consistently to our uniform policy.

If you are unsure about any aspect of our uniform requirements, please contact us. We will always be happy to clarify the expectations and help where we can. You can also find more information on our website.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to welcoming the children back for Term 2 looking smart, feeling proud and wearing their winter uniform correctly, so that together we can continue to be the best that we can be.

Thank you, as always, to our children, staff and families for making St Thomas More such a special community.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Le Breton



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Our Prayer for This Week



Loving God,

Thank you for the wonderful world You have given us and for all the people who help to make our school such a special place.

Help us to care for Your creation, to be thankful for all that we have and to make choices that protect our world for others.

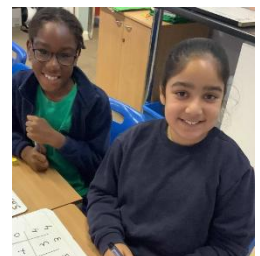
Thank you for our children, their enthusiasm for learning and the many gifts and talents they share each day. Help them to grow in confidence, kindness and faith, and to always try their very best.

Thank you for our staff, who guide, encourage and care for our children, and for our families who work in partnership with us.

May we continue to learn from one another, support one another and be positive role models to those around us.

Help us to put our faith into action, so that through our words and deeds, we can make a difference to our school, our community and Your wonderful world.

Amen.





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Merit Awards

RR Billie
RS Clara
1C Harper
1R Ruby
2M Preston
2B Hannah
3C Keava
3S Lily
4T Michelle
4F Greyson
5C Halle
5S Lily
6F Pelumi
6L Ezekiel



Punctuality Peacock

4F 5C



Attendance Anteater

Anteater

5S

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Term 1

13th October 2026

Individual School Photos

By Vancols

16th October 2026

Harvest Festival Mass

9.30am in Church

All Welcome

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