



St Thomas More School Newsletter

22nd November 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents/Carers

This term appears to be moving really quickly and before we know it, we will be talking about the 'C' word! Please remember to read our newsletter and any emails as tickets for the production are now available online.



We began our week reflecting on the Gospel of Mark and thought about when Jesus will come again. We do not know when this will be, but we must always try to be ready. It is always a delight to reflect on the Gospel with the children and listen to their responses particularly when they are able to make links to their own lives and our school values too.

Thank you to all of those who have taken some time to write in our 'Book of Remembrance', this month. You can still send in a message via note, email or in person if you would like to add to it.

I would like to thank the parents for attending our Year 4 children's liturgy this week – I am sure that you will agree, the singing was a real joy!



I sent an email out to all this week in regards to Chicken Pox, which is affecting children and staff so please be vigilant and keep your child at home if they are feeling poorly. I have put additional preventative methods in place such as increase in hand hygiene and ventilation but please do look out for those signs of a fever, itchy rash/spots.

Please head over to our Facebook page to see lots of learning in action! Have a great weekend and hopefully I will see lots of faces at the church Christmas Fayre tomorrow between 11-2pm.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Le Breton

Prayer

God of power, show us how to live in peace and harmony with each other, so that we may be ready to welcome your Son Jesus when he comes again in glory.

Amen.



School Uniform

Remember, it is now a requirement that our winter uniform is worn (shirt, tie, jumper, cardigan, skirt/pinafore or grey trousers). Navy tights or socks can also be worn. Please look out for our pre-loved school uniform sales that happen regularly or do contact Jody, our Pastoral Manager if you need support with uniform. For more information, please follow our link:

<https://st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk/parent-information/school-uniform/>





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Merit Award

- RC Fiy
- RR Nathan
- 1C Zara
- 1S Chloe
- 2D Lucrece
- 2F Sammy
- 3B Ify
- 3L Barney
- 4L Mazel
- 4S Georgia
- 4S Fikayomi
- 5W Alex
- 5C Elias
- 6B Ivy
- 6B Michaela
- 6F Chinyere

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



Punctuality Peacock

Last week there were no classes with no lates, every class had a minimum of 10% of the children in each class late to school.



Attendance Anteater
3B, 3L 4S

Whole School Attendance

95.3%

We are aiming for at least 96% whole school attendance.

Christmas Events

Extra raffle tickets can be collected from Reception we have some lovely prizes on offer, there will be more details in our Christmas newsletter on Monday.

We are selling hotdogs for pre order for the Christmas Fair please see Products on your MCAS app

Please remember to book your seat for the Christmas Production this is 1 seat per family, per performance (not per child in KS)

Father Christmas is booking fast you still have time to book your child on—this can be found under clubs in MCAS.

Secret Santa gifts will be available again this year please see the Christmas newsletter for more details.





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Parish News – St Simon Stock

Bereavement Support Group

During November we remember our loved ones who have passed and this can be a difficult time for us and therefore a Bereavement Support Group in the parish hall meets every second Tuesday of month. Being able to share experiences with others offers solace and some peace and the church welcomes you.

Choir

The choir is looking for a pianist to accompany them at their Thursday evening rehearsals 8-9pm. It does not have to be a weekly commitment and they would be happy to have someone play **once or twice a month**. If you would like to help or know someone, contact Josie in the church on 07915601076.

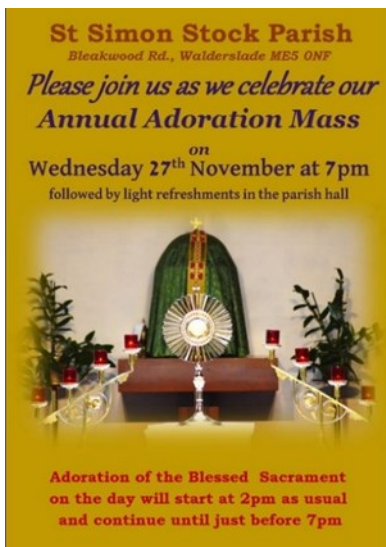
More information can be found on the parish newsletter along with items to donate.

<https://stsimonwalderslade.co.uk/parish-newsletter/>

Masses are celebrated as follows:

Weekends: Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am or 11.00am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am (Wed 2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) Friday 8.00pm



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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Closing date for applications
to **primary school** is
5pm on Wednesday
15th January 2025



Term 2

25th November 2024

Book Fair

29th November 2024

Christmas Fair Tombola Tag
Day

2nd December 2024

EYFS PJ Day

2nd December 2024

EYFS & KS1 Panto

4th & 5th December 2024

Secret Santa Gift Shop

5th December 2024

EYFS Hartbeeps music and
sensory session

6th December 2024

Christmas Fair KS2 Play-
ground 3.30-4.30

11th December 2024

Christmas Productions

EYFS & KS1 9.15-10

KS2 10.15-11

£2 per ticket

12th December 2024

Christmas Production

EYFS & KS1 3.30-4.15

KS2 4.30-5.15

£2 per ticket

13th December 2024

Mass—Church 9.30

16th December 2024

KS2 Panto Central Theatre

17th December 2024

Children's Christmas lunch

19th December 2024

End of Term 2

20th December 2024

SDD

Term 3

6th January 2025

All children back in school

27th January 2025

BYPT writing 9.15-9.45am