



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

28th June 2024

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*

Dear Parents,

What an exhausting, but brilliant, week we have had at St Thomas More!!

On Monday we had our reaccreditation with our Inclusive Quality Mark inspector and I am delighted to announce that we have once again been awarded the 'Centre of Excellence', I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff for the caring and inclusive educational experience that they provide for our children. I also need to say a special thank you to Mrs Austin, who leads on SEN, Nurture and Behaviour, for her passion and dedication to ensuring that every child at STM gets the care, provision and education that they need.

We then had our Catholic Schools Inspection on Wednesday and Thursday, I could not be more proud of our children, staff and governors who shone as examples of the very special school that we are. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the parents of the school, the responses to the parent questionnaire were heart-warming and the attendees at the Year 6 Liturgy were amazing – thank you once again for the support you give us.

We will receive the inspection report to publish in a few weeks and we look forward to sharing the outcomes with you.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Ebdon

## Insect Week

Mrs Forrest kindly brought her collection of insects in this week for the children to see and handle. As you can see from the pictures the children loved this experience. Thank you Mr & Mrs Forrest for this opportunity.





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## Year 2 Kent Life trip

The children had a lovely day at Kent Life today. They learned about "Farm to Fork" and got to taste some rocket leaves. They enjoyed a tractor ride and fed some sheep and alpacas.





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## Term 6

### 1st July 2024

Sports Day

KS2 AM

KS1 PM

### 2nd July 2024

Year R Liturgy

### 9th July 2024

Year 1 Liturgy

### 17th July 2024

Y6 Production

### 18th July 2024

Leavers Mass

### 19th July 2024

End of the academic year

## Academic Year 24/25

### 2nd September 2024

SDD no children in school

### 3rd September 2024

Start of T1—children return

### 18th October 2024

Last day of Term 1

## Term 4

### 22nd April 2025

SDD –No children in school



**A big Happy Birthday to..**

William

Wade

Una

Sofia

Jensen

Theo

Oluwatomilola



## **Attendance Anteater**

1S



## **Punctuality Peacock**

2F

## **Parish News**

Children's Liturgy will be on  
Sunday at 11am Mass

Please note the attendance and punctuality figures are taken from the previous week



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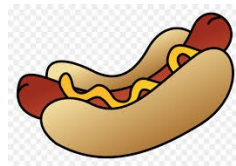
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## Sports Day

Monday 1st July 2024

We will be selling refreshments on the day but a new item for this year will be hotdogs.

If you have pre ordered a hotdog they will be available from the pavilion. If we have any further availability they will be available on the day for £1.50 each. .



We will have the following available



Ice cream cones £1

Ice lollies 50p

Cans of drink £1

Bottles of water 50p

*These items will be cash on the day.*



There will also be the tuck shop.



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## **Sports Day**

**1st July 2024**

9am Gates open for KS2 sports day

12pm KS2 sports day ends

12pm gates will open for KS1 parents

(KS1 children can be collected from their classrooms once KS2 sports day has concluded)

12-1pm All children and parents/carers picnic on the field—pre-ordered hotdogs can be collected from the pavilion

1pm we will ask all children to return to class and parents can leave site or remain on the field if they have KS1 children.

1.15pm KS1 sports day commences

We have no arrangements for an early finish. Gates will open to KS2 parents as usual at the end of the day and all children will be dismissed in the usual way.

We will have a selection of cold drinks, ice creams and lollies and tuck shop will be open. We will also have bric-a-brac and secondhand uniform stalls.





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## SEN support

Individual provision and school-based support plans were sent home for children with additional needs who are maintained on the school SEN support register at the end of last term. Should you have any questions regarding the targets set or the support in place for your child, please discuss this with the Class Teacher.

Mrs Austin our SENDCO is also available if required to discuss any questions or queries that you may have. If you would like to arrange a call or meeting please call via the office **01634864701** or email [sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding

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Dear Parents

Please sign up to our fantastic resource The National College where you can find lots of useful information to support young adults, children including those with SEN and yourself. There is a whole host of information about Disney+, Snapchat, Roblox, YouTube, Whatsapp, conversation starters to help parents talk to their children about their mental health, cyberbullying, tips for stronger passwords, artificial intelligence and much, much more.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's online habits, speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head, Mrs Le Breton if you believe a child is at risk of harm.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

If your child has been a victim of online bullying and has had a nasty message, picture or video posted about them, you can ask the school for support to help find out who might have posted the content. In addition to your child speaking to you, they may wish to talk to someone outside of the family about what has happened to them and how it made them feel. Let them know that they can always call Childline with any worry, big or small on 0800 11 11. Within school, all children have posters available to them with the telephone number and also who to speak to if they're worried. Children also have a safeguarding notice board and have had a safeguarding assembly at the start of this academic year to support them.

If you are worried about a child, please contact Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership to report your concerns or contact the school's safeguarding team for further support in doing so. You can also report through the NSPCC.

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children\\_and\\_families/600/concerned\\_about\\_a\\_child/2](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/>

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Headteacher

Mrs Deamer (Jody) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager

### Our Safeguarding team are:

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Jody Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Simon D'Souza Safeguarding Governor

Sinead Joshi Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.