



St Thomas More School Newsletter

25th April 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to Term 5! I hope you all had a super break enjoying the sunshine that we were blessed with! As we continue to journey through the joyful season of Easter and look ahead to the great feast of Pentecost, we are reminded that the spirit of hope and new life is at the heart of our faith.



Before we move forward, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the sadness we feel following the loss of Pope Francis. During our assembly on Monday, we gathered in prayer and remembered his life, his leadership, and the deep compassion with which he guided the Church. His example continues to inspire us as we live out our faith with love and humility.

In that same spirit, we also shared in the joy of Easter together, greeting one another with 'Happy Easter' to remind ourselves that we remain in this beautiful season of resurrection. Easter is not a day – it is a whole season of celebration, lasting until Pentecost, filled with promise of hope and renewal.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mr Hughes, who generously crafted the stunning cross now proudly displayed at the front of our school. This cross stands as a powerful symbol of our faith and marks the Jubilee Year of Hope, a time for renewal, healing, and looking forward with faith.



This week we also celebrated St George's Day. As the Patron Saint of England, St George reminds us of courage and standing firm in our beliefs. And, the children had a super time celebrating African culture! Thank you for your kind donations and support in making the day special.

The children looked absolutely wonderful in their vibrant, colourful clothing, each bringing a beautiful touch of Africa's rich culture to life. It was truly a joy to see them embrace the day with such spirit and pride. Once again, thank you for being part of this special day and for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more exciting events with you in the future!



Please head over to our Facebook page to see what else has been happening this week and also our photos and video of our Big Lent Walk where, with your generosity, we raised over £700 for CAFOD! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Mrs Le Breton

POPE FRANCIS
1936-2025

Eternal rest grant upon him,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.



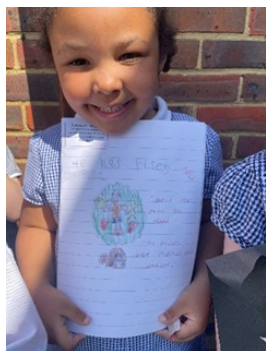


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Foundation Stage Celebrating Easter

He is Risen



Parish News – St Simon Stock

Our Parish Newsletter is produced every week, which is our traditional way of communicating with all parishioners, especially those who are ill and/or housebound. If you are not able to come and pray with us at any given time or simply prefer to download the Newsletter, click on the link below which will take you to our website.

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

A big thank you to everyone who donated food and everyday essentials to the Medway Foodbank last weekend for our Lenton almsgiving collection. The will really help families and individuals in need in the weeks ahead. Please remember that the collection boxes will remain in the porch and we can keep donating every weekend during the year.

The times of our Masses and Services can be found by clicking or copying the following link

<https://stsimonwalderslade.co.uk/mass-and-services/>

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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Merit Award

RC Ugonna

RR Essa

1C Lucy

1S Yinka-Rose

2D RJ

2F Micah

3B Manette

3L Theo

4L Amelia

4S Derrion

5W Jacob

5C Simona

6B Grace

6F Lanika

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



**Punctuality
Peacock**

6f



**Attendance
Anteater**

45

Whole School Attendance

93.3%

We are aiming for at least 97% whole school attendance.

Network Rail visit

The whole school had an assembly with volunteers from Network Rail about how to stay safe when travelling on trains. They learned all about the ways to keep safe and who they can ask for help at the railway. Year 5 and 6 also benefited from additional workshops with even more facts about staying safe at the railway!



Medway's Local Offer website is undergoing extensive improvements.

It is now called the **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information hub**

Take a look at the link below - lots of information for families regarding schools, health, social care, clubs, activities etc

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200307/special_educational_needs_and_disabilities_send_information_hub



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Term 5

Thursday 8th May 2025

VE Day Celebration

Friday 9th May 2025

Marian Mass 9.30am

23rd May 2025

End of Term 5

Term 6

4th June 2025

Parent Forum 5.45pm

Understanding Assessment at
STM

Friday 20th June 2025

St Thomas More Mass 9.30am

23rd & 24th June 2025

SDD—No children in school

Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

School Holiday Dates

24/25

May Half Term

26th May—30th May

SDD

23rd & 24th June

Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025



VE Day Celebrations – Thursday 8th May

We're excited to let you know that we will be marking **VE Day** on **Thursday 8th May** with a day of celebration and remembrance.

To honour this important occasion, we're inviting all children to come to school dressed in **red, white, and blue**.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of classroom activities to help them learn about the significance of VE Day and why it is remembered.

We are also kindly asking for a **£1 donation**, which will go towards raising funds for **new play-ground equipment**. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for helping us make this a special day of learning and reflection.