



St Thomas More School Newsletter

24th January 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents and Families,

We are excited to announce the launch of our Jubilee Year 2025, which we began today with a special assembly and prayer. This year, we are focusing on hope and how we, as a school community, can help those in need and we encourage everyone to reflect on how we can all make a difference in the lives of others. Our prayer today reminded us that we are called to be pilgrims of hope—spreading God's love and sharing the message of faith with all those we encounter.

As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, we have taken steps to visibly demonstrate our commitment to these values. A banner now proudly stands outside our school, symbolising our dedication to promoting the Word of the Lord and to spreading hope, peace, and love to all who pass by. Additionally, each class has a "Pilgrim Journey" poster, which reflects our collective journey of faith, love, and hope throughout this special year. Children will also receive a sticker featuring the Jubilee Year logo, which they can proudly wear as a sign of their participation in this important journey and they have received a Prayer of Hope card. Our display board in our entrance is also beginning to take place. Let us work together to make this Jubilee Year 2025 a truly special one, bringing peace and joy to the hearts of those around us. We are confident that through our collective efforts, we can make a lasting impact, filled with compassion, understanding, and faith.

The theme of hope is beautifully captured in the words from the letter to the Romans:

"Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1–5)

Our learning this week has been full of enjoyment and excitement. Senior leaders had the pleasure of visiting classrooms to see our RE lessons taking place. During these sessions, the children engaged in meaningful discussions about the importance of belonging, the Beatitudes, inspirational people and the impact they have had on people's lives as well as how we promote the Catholic Social Teaching principles within our own lives. They also reflected deeply on how their actions impact both themselves and those around them.

I would like to thank all the parents of Year 2 who were invited to a Reading with Fluency workshop led by Mrs Ronja and Miss Caswell this afternoon. I hope you found it informative with lots of strategies to take home with you to support your child's reading journey.

Please take a look on Class Dojo for information from our Science Lead, Mrs Fitzgerald who is sharing an exciting opportunity for the children to take part in. Children are invited to compete against other schools to win the fantastic opportunity of asking astronauts a question whilst in space!!

I wish you all a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Le Breton



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Merit Award

- RC Jude
- RR Connor
- 1C Ethan
- 1S Favour
- 2D Mercy
- 2F Catherine
- 2F Oakley
- 3B Samuil
- 3L Orla
- 3L Busola
- 4L Elliott
- 4L Ronnie
- 4S Amen-Grace
- 4S Tireni
- 5W Emmanuel
- 5C Thomas
- 6B Alisa
- 6F Lois

Please remember to return merit badges to school the following



week. Thank you



Punctuality Peacock

1S, 6B



Attendance Anteater

4S

Whole School Attendance

95.3%

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

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.

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 we would be happy to have someone to play once or twice a month. We also need guitarists to help play at our Masses on 4th Sunday every other month. If you would like to help us out or know someone who can please let Josie know on 07915601076.

More information can be found on the parish newsletter.

<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

Prayer

God of all people,
Jesus, shared in the joy of a wedding, help us to find peace and joy in the events of each day. May we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help spread love and peace throughout the world.
Amen.





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Term 3

27th January 2025

BYPT writing 9.15-9.45am

27th January 2025

Writing expectations parent workshop 9.45-10.30am

7th February 2025

Children's Mental Health Week—TAG day

7th February 2025

Y1 Phonics workshop 2.30pm

12th February 2025

Y2 Liturgy 9.15-9.45am

14th February 2025

Last day of Term 3



Term

24th February 2025

Start of Term 4

5th March 2025

Ash Wednesday

6th March 2025

World book day

21st March 2025

World Maths day

28th March 2025

BYPT Science 2.30pm

2nd April 2025

Parents Evening 4-7pm

3rd April 2025

Parents Evening 5-8pm

4th April 2025

KS2 Stations of the Cross

4th April 2025

End of Term 4

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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Friday 7th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week Tag Day

Theme - **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**

Donations of £1 to go to the Anna Freud Children's Mental Health Charity .

Children to wear an outfit that expresses themselves, whether it's their favourite outfit, a splash of colour, a traditional attire that celebrates their culture, or an ensemble that showcases their beloved hobby, we want everyone's creativity to shine.



A big thank you for all of the donations we have received this week, they are very gratefully received and are already in use for some of our groups.

Thank you



Please remember to check your class whatsapp for messages regarding fundraising and events. A message has gone out to ask whether people would like Jody to run her Mothers Day and Fathers Day gift shop again this year.



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