



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

4th July 2025

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

## Gospel

This week in our Gospel time, we reflected on a powerful moment from **Matthew 16:13–19**, where Jesus asks His disciples a very important question:

### “Who do you say I am?”

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of knowing who Jesus is in our own lives, and how faith can be a strong foundation—just like a rock. We encouraged the children to think about their own relationship with Jesus and how they can share His love with others through kindness, honesty, and courage. Thank you for continuing to support your child's faith journey.

## Hong Kong Students Visit

What a joy and privilege it has been to welcome a group of students from Hong Kong into our school community this week!

Throughout their visit, our guests joined in with great enthusiasm—taking part in art classes, sports day, forest school, and even sharing laughter and play with our youngest children in EYFS. It was truly heart-warming to see friendships blossom and cultures shared so naturally and joyfully. These moments of connection reminded us how blessed we are to be part of a school that values kindness, curiosity, and global friendship. The children learned so much from one another, and we are grateful for the memories made and the smiles shared.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this experience so special. We look forward to more opportunities to open our doors and hearts to the wider world.



## Sports Day

Huge thank you to all our amazing families who joined us for Sports Day — and especially for persevering through the rain to enjoy a picnic with us!

Despite the weather, the atmosphere was full of joy, encouragement, and community spirit. The children were absolutely brilliant, showing determination, teamwork, and big smiles all day long. It was such a treat to witness some real sportsmanship and even a few budding athletes in action — especially during those exciting relay races!

Your cheers and support made the day extra special. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school family.



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## KS1 Sports Day Update!

We were so disappointed to have to cancel our KS1 sports events due to the weather, but we're happy to let you know that they've been **rearranged for next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm–3pm!**

We can't wait to see you there, cheering on our young athletes. The gates will be open from **12:45–1:00pm** for you to enter the field.

Please note: there won't be a picnic this time, as children will have lunch as usual in school. Our **tuck shop and lollies** will still be available to purchase as usual during the afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support — fingers crossed for sunshine!

## New Classes for September

This week, our children had the exciting opportunity to spend some time in their new classrooms, getting to know their future learning environments and the staff who will be supporting them next year. It was lovely to see their curiosity and confidence as they explored what lies ahead!

We were also delighted to welcome our new EYFS children and families for a special 'Stay and Play' session. It was a joy to see so many happy faces, and we hope you all had an enjoyable visit as you begin your journey with us. We're so pleased to have you as part of our school family.

As we prepare for the new academic year, we understand that change can take time. Some children may need a little while to settle into new routines, and that's perfectly okay. Please be assured that we have a fantastic team of staff and support in place to help every child make a positive and confident start in September.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make these transitions smooth and exciting for all.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support as we come towards the end of this academic year.

Mrs Le Breton

## SEND Support Update

If your child is on SEND support or has an EHCP - you will receive their updated targets and information with their school report at the end of the term.

These have been reviewed and also handed over to new teachers ready for September.

If your child is in Year 6 - this information has been passed over to the SENDCO and head of Year 7.

New starters in EYFS - if your child is on SEND support or has external agency involvement - please do ensure you let the school know.

If you any questions and wish to speak to Mrs Austin our SENDCO about next year - please contact her directly [sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk)



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## **Fundraising cake/bake sale Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Calling all bakers and cake makers.

Donations of cakes and biscuits for our fundraising cake and biscuit sale organised by the School Council for the last Friday of the year. Sale at break time and after school so please send children in with donations of 50p per item should they wish to buy. Any donations of cakes or biscuits (no nuts please) please leave at the entrance by the office.



## **Lost Property**

The lost property bins will be put out on the playground each week after school. Any lost property that is not claimed by Tuesday 22nd July will be donated to charity.

Please have a look through as we have 3 very full bins of coats, PE kits, jumpers, cardigans, shoes! etc



## **St Simon Stock Parish in Walderslade**

Our Parish is primarily a place of worship. The very centre of our prayer is Jesus Christ whose Eucharist we celebrate nearly every day. Listed below are the times of our weekly Masses and Services. For more details you can look at our **Parish Diary** Masses are celebrated as follows:

### **Weekends:**

Saturday 6.00 pm  
Sunday 9.00 am  
11.00 am

### **Weekdays:**

Monday 10.00 am Mass  
Tuesday 10.00 am Mass  
Wednesday 10.00 am Mass  
2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday 10.00 am Mass  
Friday 8.00 pm Mass

### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

8.00 pm Vigil Mass  
10.00 am Morning Mass  
8.00 pm Evening Mass

During holiday periods, please consult the weekly newsletters for the times of all the Services.

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention, please **contact** the Parish Office. The Archdiocese of Southwark guideline for a Mass intention stipend is £10.00. Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Friday from 7.15 pm - 7.45 pm and Saturday from 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm also by appointment, please call: 07305 831925. Thank you



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Merit Award

RC Chibuzo

RR DJ

1C Luke

1S Ella

2D Iruoma

2F Michelle

3B Andrew

3L Bobby

4L Leo

4S Roman

5W Akif

5C George

All of Year 6



**Punctuality  
Peacock**

3B



**Attendance  
Anteater**

5C

**Whole School Attendance**

94.4%

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

## Is your child prepared for any weather at school?

Please ensure your child has a light jacket/rain mac for the very changeable weather we are experiencing. Please ensure sun cream is applied before school.



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



### 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](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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## Colourful Clothes Day – Fundraising for Evelina!

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations  
so far we have counted  
**£311.21**



**Tuck Shop is back**

**Every Thursday**

There will be 50p bags  
and £1 bags, all sweets  
will be prepacked.  
Please bring loose  
change with you.

**Secondhand Uniform  
Sale**

Alongside tuck shop.

### Term 6

10th July 2025

**KS1 Sports Day 1-3pm**

There will be no hot food available  
but there will be cold lunch on offer

16th July 2025

Year 6 Production 5.30-6.45pm

Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

Friday 18th July 2025

Cake Sale

22nd July 2025

Last day of academic year

**Summer Term ends**

22nd July 2025

**1st September 2025**

Staff Development Day



### **Can you help?**

The group of school mums is  
looking for team members to  
join us in the church cleaning.

We meet up every 5 weeks for  
1-2 h to help with our church  
cleaning.

All helpers welcomed - coffee  
and biscuits provided!

For more please contact the  
parish office:

[walderslade@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:walderslade@rcaos.org.uk)