



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

12th December 2025

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

Knowledge-rich, skills-led learning for all  
Christ at our heart  
Serving everyone in our community  
Partnership of love, ambition, joy and peace



Dear Parents & Families,

Can you believe we are almost at the end of term? It's hard to imagine how quickly the weeks have flown by! This term has been full of learning, laughter, and special moments, and we know next week will be even busier as we look forward to our wonderful Christmas productions. We can't wait to share these festive celebrations with you.

This week began with a beautiful moment of reflection as we lit the second candle on our Advent wreath, symbolising Peace. We are now in Year A of the liturgical calendar, following the Gospel of Matthew. Our focus this week was on Chapter 3—a challenging passage, yet the children rose to the occasion, answering thoughtful questions and reflecting deeply on how they can live out the Gospel values in their daily lives. It was inspiring to see their understanding grow.

Another highlight was our Secret Santa Shop, which brought so much excitement and joy! A huge thank you to Mrs Jones for organising this event and for being the ever-patient "shopkeeper" as the children carefully chose gifts for their loved ones. Your support makes these moments possible and helps our children learn the importance of generosity and thinking of others. We hope this little tradition has helped lighten your Christmas shopping list too!

We were also blessed with a very special visitor—Father Christmas himself! The children's faces lit up with wonder and delight as they met him. We are so grateful to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit St Thomas More and spread festive cheer.

Finally, we ended the week with our Advent Mass, a beautiful time of prayer and preparation for the coming of Jesus. The children sang with such joy and reverence, creating a truly uplifting atmosphere. A special thank you to Father Joseph and to 5W for planning, preparing, and leading the service so thoughtfully. It was a perfect way to close the week and remind us of the true meaning of this season.

As we move into the final days of term, we look forward to celebrating together and creating more wonderful memories. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership—it truly makes all the difference. Wishing you peace and joy as we journey through Advent.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Le Breton

## Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

*Lord Jesus, You are the Prince of Peace.*

*As we light the second candle of Advent, fill our hearts with Your peace.*

*Help us to bring calm where there is conflict, hope where there is worry, and love where there is hurt.*

*May Your light shine through us this week and always.*

*Amen.*





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## Christmas Production Thursday 18th December 2025

Please see below the times and collection points for your child after the performance. The children will stay at school until their performance is finished and are welcome to pack a healthy snack to keep them going!

KS 1 - parents to collect at 4:15.

KS 2 - parents to collect at 5:15.

If you are not watching the KS 1 performance you may collect your child slightly earlier. If you are watching both KS1 & KS2 your children will stay in class following their performance until you collect.

Year R - 3:45 from the year R doors

Year 1 - 4:00 from 1B

Year 2 - 4.15 from your child's classroom



All children must be collected by an adult. **No children are able to walk home by themselves.**

Many thanks for your co-operation and we hope you enjoy the show!

## Calling All Young Actors and Singers!



The 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Simon Stock Church is a special celebration for children. During this vigil Mass, the children will have the opportunity to act out the Nativity story.

There are **no lines to learn**, but we do ask families to attend at least one practice. There are **two practices left**, so there's still plenty of time to join in!

### Practice Times:

Sundays from **10:15 am to 10:45 am** (between the two morning Masses) at St Simon Stock Church.

Everyone is welcome—we'd love to see you there!

## My Childs Art



So far our parents have raised **£156.74** for our school just through purchasing items through My Childs's Art. There is still time to place an order and what family member doesn't love a mug with a piece of unique art work on it for Christmas. You can place your order until 31st December 2025. The username to access the site is **StThomasmore** and the access code is **3naeyd5s**.



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Merit Award

RB Harper

RC Ruby

1B Tymon

1C Anthony

2B Scarlett

2D Sophia

3C Maisie

3S Sammy

4D Lily

4D Amila

4F Chiamaka

5RP Blake

5W Elliott

6F Anuki

6L Mori



**Punctuality  
Peacock**

4F



**Attendance**

**Anteater**

5RP

**facebook**

Please see our Facebook page for photos of learning and good news

## CHRISTMAS TAG DAY!

We're excited to announce our festive Christmas Tag Day at school! Children are invited to come in wearing their favourite Christmas jumpers, sparkliest outfits, or festive colours to help us celebrate the season.

Instead of the usual £1 donation we will be offering a festive shop for children to visit throughout the day if they wish, a price list of what's available will be posted next week. Let's fill the school with Christmas cheer, glitter, bright colours and smiles! Thank you for your support and festive spirit!  
PTFA





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## Term 2

### **17th December 2025**

Christmas Performance KS1

9.15am-10.15am

Christmas Performance KS2

10.30am-11.30am

### **18th December 2025**

Christmas Dinner Day

Please pay on Caterlink as you would for school dinners

### **18th December 2025**

Christmas Performance KS1

3.15pm—4pm

Christmas Performance KS2

4.15pm—5.15pm

### **19th December 2025**

PTFA Christmas Tag Day

Pocket money items will be on sale throughout the day

Term 2 finishes

## Term 3

### **Monday 5th January 2025**

Term 3 starts—children return

### **Friday 9th January 2025**

Epiphany Mass Lead by 5RP

## Term Dates & SDD

### **Term 2**

27/10/2025 – 19/12/2025

### **Term 3**

5/1/2026—13/2/2026

### **Term 4**

24/2/2026—2/4/2026

### **Term 5**

20/4/2026—22/5/2026

### **Term 6**

1/6/2026 - 17/7/2026

### **SDD—No children in school**

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 22nd June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026





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**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  
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

**Children's Liturgy will be held every Sunday during 11am Mass during Advent.**

As usual the children will be acting out the Nativity during the Gospel at the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. If your child would like to take part there will be rehearsals from 10.30am to 10.50am every Sunday during Advent so please come along on 30<sup>th</sup> November and sign up.

**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

Mr D'Souza 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.