



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

6th June 2025

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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you are all well and that you managed to get some rest during the break.

## Thank You!

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your warm and encouraging congratulations, emails and cards on my appointment as Headteacher. Your kind words and unwavering support mean the world to me.

Embarking on this new chapter in my career is both exciting and challenging, and knowing that I have such a loving and supportive family behind me gives me the strength and confidence to embrace this role wholeheartedly. I look forward to sharing this journey with you.

We began our week with the Gospel of John, Chapter 17:20-26. In this passage, Jesus extends His prayer beyond the immediate circle of His disciples to include all who will come to believe in Him through their message. I am continually moved by the depth of insight and sincerity our children demonstrate during our collective worship and would like to say a special thank you to our families and staff who support our children to grow in faith with understanding and compassion.

## First Holy Communion Celebrations

I felt truly blessed to have been part of our recent First Holy Communion celebrations. Witnessing our children receive the Eucharist for the first time was a profoundly moving experience. Their reverence, joy and sincerity were evident throughout the ceremony, reflecting the depth of their faith and the care with which they had prepared for this significant sacrament. I would like to thank the staff for supporting our children on their faith journey too!



## Incredible Eggs!

We are thrilled to share that this week we have been waiting patiently for our eggs to hatch! For 10 days, the 'Incredible Eggs' company have given us the opportunity to witness the miracle of life in our learning environment. The children have been buzzing with excitement as they have watched and waited patiently. The pure joy on their faces as they witnessed the miracle of life unfolding is truly heart-warming!





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## BAE Workshop KS2

We had the pleasure of welcoming **BAE Systems** to deliver an engaging and eye-opening workshop all about **Artificial Intelligence** as part of their exciting STEM Theatre Roadshow.

In collaboration with **The Royal Air Force**, **The Royal Navy**, and MGA, this programme brings the world of STEM to life for our Key Stage 2 pupils—and today's session was packed with energy, learning, and lots of "wow" moments!

👂 Our pupils learned:

- ✓ What AI is and how it's already part of our lives
- ✓ How to spot deepfakes and understand AI safety
- ✓ Why human skills are more important than ever
- ✓ How AI can help in learning and teaching



Oh—and the star of the show? **Fluffy**, the AI robotic dog! 🤖💡

Today's session wasn't just about technology—it was about inspiring the next generation to explore the future with confidence and curiosity. A huge thank you to the team from BAE Systems for such an insightful and exciting day!

## Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6's embarked on their exciting adventure to Norfolk Lakes this morning and we all send our warmest wishes for a memorable and enriching experience. I would like to say a special thank you to our staff; Miss Fenech, Mrs Ronja, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Murphy who will join myself and the children on this weekend of laughter, learning and lasting friendships as they come towards the end of their time at St Thomas More.

## Parent Forum

Thank you to those who attended our Parent Forum virtual meeting on Wednesday where we had the opportunity to share information about school reports and end of year data, uniform, fundraising ideas and how we can continue to move the school forward. Towards the end of this academic year, I will send out some key dates in preparation for the next academic year.

Please look overleaf for upcoming dates for your diary.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Warmest Wishes  
Mrs Le Breton

🎨 **Colourful Clothes Day – Fundraising for Evelina!** 🦋

**Get ready to brighten up the day on Friday, 4th July by wearing your most colourful clothes!** 🌈

**We're raising money for Evelina London Children's Charity, and all it takes to take part is a £1 donation.**

**Let's add some colour and kindness to the day while supporting a great cause!**



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Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

## 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 Leon  
RR Nathan  
1C Aida  
1S Dara  
2D Victoria  
2F Elijah  
3B Macey  
3L James  
4L Arora  
4S Israel  
5W Amelia  
5C Hope  
6B Lili  
6F Chizaram

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



### Punctuality Peacock

3L, 6B



### Attendance Anteater

4S

### Whole School Attendance

94.6%

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



### Jody's Father's Day Gift Shop

10th June 2025

£3.50

On MCAS now

### 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.



### 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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## Term 6

### 10th June 2025

Fathers Day Gift Shop

### 17th June 2025

Yr 5 Trip—Hever Castle

### 18th June 2025

Yr 2 Trip—Shorne Wood Country Park

### Friday 20th June 2025

St Thomas More Mass 9.30am

### 23rd & 24th June 2025

SDD—No children in school

### 25th June 2025

Yr 5 Aylesford Priory for A Festival of Hope

### 27th June 2025

Yr 1 Historic Dockyard Trip

### 4th July 2025

Colourful clothes fundraiser  
In aid of Evelina Children's Hospital

### Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

### 22nd July 2025

Last day of academic year

## School Holiday Dates

### 24/25

### SDD

23rd & 24th June

### Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025



## 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

Thursday 22nd May

## Can you help us?

We are looking for a large gazebo for our outdoor area in Year 1 if anyone has one please could you let one of the Year 1 team know.

Thank you

