



St Thomas More School Newsletter

19th December 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents & Carers

Can you believe that we **are** at the end of term! Firstly, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of your for your support throughout this festive and busy season. The term has been filled with wonderful moments of learning, laughter, and joy, and your amazing children have been at the heart of it all.

From dazzling performances in the school nativity, the antics of the mischievous elves, our Advent Mass, the excitement and unforgettable visit from Santa, the magic of the season has truly been brought to life within our school. The energy, enthusiasm, and kindness shown by the children have been inspiring and have made this term a memorable one for us all.

As we approach the festive season, we are reminded of the joy and togetherness that Christmas can bring. However, we also recognise that this time of year can be challenging for some within our school community. Whether due to the loss of a loved one, personal difficulties, or other challenges, Christmas can sometimes feel like a heavy season. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with those of you who may be finding this time difficult. We hold in our hearts all who are missing loved ones and particularly to those of our families who are receiving treatment or who are battling other health issues. We wish you peace and strength this Christmas and always.

Mrs Le Breton

Loving God,

As we gather to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we lift up in prayer all who are missing loved ones during this season. Bring comfort to those who feel the absence of someone dear, and surround them with Your peace and love. May the memories they cherish bring warmth to their hearts, even in their sorrow. We also pray for those facing illness or challenges with their health. Grant them strength in their struggles, healing for their bodies, and hope for brighter days ahead. Surround them with care and compassion, and let them feel Your comforting presence through the love of those around them. May the light of the Christmas season bring renewed faith, hope and peace to all who are in need.

Amen

Christmas Services
St Simon Stock Catholic Church 2024
Blackwood Road, Walsleydale M25 0NF

Christmas Reconciliation Service
Monday 16th December at 6.00 pm

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas
9.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas in Polish
11.15 pm	Christmas Carol Service
12.00 am (midnight)	Mass of Christmas Night

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December

9.00 am	Christmas Dawn Mass
11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass

Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 5th January 2025 at 3.00 pm



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Head Teacher Award

- RC Rhylee
- RR Luke
- 1C Juwon
- 1S Chloe
- 2D Henry
- 2F Daisy
- 3B Lenny
- 3L Lily
- 4S Lydia
- 4L Amber
- 5W Uzoma
- 5C Aidan
- 6B Sabrina
- 6F Temitayo

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



Punctuality Peacock

6B



Attendance Anteater

1S

Reminder

We are a nut free school so please do not bring nuts in to school.

Whole School Attendance

95.8%

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

Christmas Events

Well done to the Challis family who won the Christmas Newsletter Quiz - hope you enjoyed your bag of goodies.



Although we are still getting money in for the Christmas Fair we have raised over £3300, thank you to everyone who took part in making this possible.

Jody would like to say a big thank you to all the parents that have helped me this Christmas especially Jessica, Nichole, Nicola, Terese, and Emma these events cannot happen without the help of our parent helpers.



We have made a donation of £80 to Making Miracles from the collection buckets we had.



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Closing date for applications
to **primary school** is
5pm on Wednesday
15th January 2025



20th December 2024

SDD

Term 3

6th January 2025

All children back in school

27th January 2025

BYPT writing 9.15-9.45am



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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Nativity Competition

This December, the Beacons have been running a competition for the best Nativity pictures across the school. They were blown away by how many people entered and how amazing they all were so well done. It was a really tricky job to pick the winners but well done to Arlo (RR), Isla (1S), Esther (2F), Busola (3L), Damilola (4S), Effee (5W), and Danielle (6F). You really did show the true meaning of Christmas with your Nativity scene. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

