



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

7th June 2024

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



Merit Award

RC Buddy

RR Nathaniel

1C Olivia

1C Lucas

1S Rhea

2F James

2D Jack

3B Alanei

3L Ronnie

4L Teniola

4L Demi

4S Isla

5C Sofia

5M Amelia

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 6 and I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Years 3-6 had a fantastic afternoon on Tuesday with a visiting roadshow celebrating STEM through a collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy. The theme of the roadshow was 'Electricity' and the children were fascinated by the demonstrations and experiments that were performed!

Our Reception children had a brilliant morning yesterday when we had a visit from the mobile role play experience, 'Little City'. They thoroughly enjoyed the interactive play experience which supported their Early Years learning.

Our Year 6 children have headed off to Norfolk this morning for their residential trip over the weekend! We hope they have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

## **Message from SEND team**

If your child has additional needs and receives an individual PPF (Pupil Provision Form) we will be sending you an access code and login details next week to access the plan. The template will be the same and you will have an opportunity to leave comments as well. We would be very grateful if you login and complete this within 72 hours of receipt so that we can collate all feedback at the same time.

If your child has a school based support plan - these will be sent as normal as paper copies by the end of next week.

Kind regards



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## Term 6

### 11th June 2024

Y5 Liturgy 9.15

### 17th—18th June

SDD-No children in school

### 19th June 2024

Children back to school

### 20th May 2024

Registration for the Medway Test

### 14th June 2024

Registration for the Medway Test closes

### 20th June 2024

Y2 Liturgy 9.15

### 21st June 2024

Feast Day of St Thomas More Mass

### 25th June 2024

Y6 Liturgy 9.15

### 1st July 2024

Sports Day

KS2 AM

KS1 PM

### 17th July 2024

Y6 Production

### 18th July 2024

Leavers Mass

### 19th July 2024

End of the academic year

## Academic Year 24/25

### 2nd September 2024

SDD no children in school

### 3rd September 2024

Start of T1—children return

### 18th October 2024

Last day of Term 1



### **Attendance Anteater**

5M



### **Punctuality Peacock**

RC, 2D, 2F, 5M

Please note the attendance and punctuality figures are taken from the previous week

## EWT workshops

The Emotional Wellbeing team are running the following workshops that you maybe interested in.

12/6 Starting Secondary School

27/6 Understanding ADHD

12/6 Starting Primary School

Posters attached with newsletter with a booking link



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## Fundraising Events



Jody's Fathers Day gift shop will be open on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** and all those who have paid for a gift will get to pick them from the in school shop over those 2 days.



We have a small group of parents that organised a disco last year that have kindly offered to do it again this year. We have decided on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June and it will be for year's 1 to 6, as last year, we will group them into 2 groups and they will have allocated times. Y1-2 will be 3pm –4pm with collection at 4pm, Y3-4 will be 4.15 to 5.15 with collection at 5.15, Y5-6 will be 5.30-6.30 with collection at 6.30. Payment can be made via MCAS and once payment is made a letter will be sent home requiring consent and collection details. Payment deadline is 10th June to allow us to have enough snacks and drinks for all of those attending. The cost will be £5 including snack and drink. Please note Years 3-6 will need to be collected at 3.15 and then returned at their disco start time.



The  
**Wildlife**  
Trusts

This month is 30 Days Wild – a challenge promoted by The Wildlife Trusts to encourage people to be outside noticing, exploring and moving in nature while doing their bit to support the things that live there.

Families can sign up online to access games and activities <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>

## STEM

On Tuesday key stage 2 were lucky enough to have 3 STEM ambassadors come and visit. They are working in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy to deliver an engaging theatre roadshow celebrating STEM. The show was all about Electricity, this highly interactive show explored what electricity is and how we generate it. We were all amazed by some of the 'shocking' demonstrations and learnt a lot!





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## Reception children had their internal school trip on Thursday.

They spent the morning exploring 'Little City' and were able to immerse themselves into a variety of different role play areas everything from vets to chefs! They really enjoyed taking on the role of different characters, using a variety of props and sharing beautifully with their friends. They then enjoyed a

messy play session, the children were able to explore colour mixing and enhancing their gross motor skills through painting and colouring on large sheets of paper and cling film. They explored a variety of different textures and smells, when using the fruit water, shaving foam and corn flour; this also allowed them to discuss and explore changes of state.



A big Happy Birthday to..

Mary  
Adora  
Daniel  
Bella  
Emevioghene  
Lola-Rose  
Jacob  
Lorenzo  
Jenson  
Zara  
Leon

## Class photos 2024



Class photos are available to order if you have misplaced your code please email the school office

Parents@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

## Caterlink Meal Prices



From September Caterlink will be charging **£2.56** per school dinner. Year R-2 are part of the Universal Infant Free School meals that are paid for by the Government. Year 3-6 are required to pay for their school meals.

## Year 5

The registration for the Medway Test opened on 20th May and will close on Friday 14th June. If you want your child to take the Medway Test please remember to register them, this is not something the school does it is the responsibility of the parents.

Medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions



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## SEN support

Individual provision and school-based support plans were sent home for children with additional needs who are maintained on the school SEN support register at the end of last term. Should you have any questions regarding the targets set or the support in place for your child, please discuss this with the Class Teacher.

Mrs Austin our SENDCO is also available if required to discuss any questions or queries that you may have. If you would like to arrange a call or meeting please call via the office **01634864701** or email [sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding

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Dear Parents

Please sign up to our fantastic resource The National College where you can find lots of useful information to support young adults, children including those with SEN and yourself. There is a whole host of information about Disney+, Snapchat, Roblox, YouTube, Whatsapp, conversation starters to help parents talk to their children about their mental health, cyberbullying, tips for stronger passwords, artificial intelligence and much, much more.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's online habits, speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head, Mrs Le Breton if you believe a child is at risk of harm.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

If your child has been a victim of online bullying and has had a nasty message, picture or video posted about them, you can ask the school for support to help find out who might have posted the content. In addition to your child speaking to you, they may wish to talk to someone outside of the family about what has happened to them and how it made them feel. Let them know that they can always call Childline with any worry, big or small on 0800 11 11. Within school, all children have posters available to them with the telephone number and also who to speak to if they're worried. Children also have a safeguarding notice board and have had a safeguarding assembly at the start of this academic year to support them.

If you are worried about a child, please contact Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership to report your concerns or contact the school's safeguarding team for further support in doing so. You can also report through the NSPCC.

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children\\_and\\_families/600/concerned\\_about\\_a\\_child/2](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/>

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Headteacher

Mrs Deamer (Jody) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager

### Our Safeguarding team are:

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Jody Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Simon D'Souza Safeguarding Governor

Sinead Joshi Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.