



St Thomas More School Newsletter

16th May 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents & Carers

Well done Year 6!

As we conclude this year's SATs assessments, I am filled with immense pride and admiration for our Year 6 children. Over the past week, they have demonstrated unwavering determination, remarkable resilience, and an inspiring commitment to excellence.

Each day, they approached their tasks with focus and perseverance, facing challenges head-on and supporting one another through moments of uncertainty. Their ability to maintain a positive attitude, even during the most demanding times, has been truly commendable.

While the assessments are now behind us, the qualities our children have exhibited will continue to serve them well in all their future endeavours and they will be an asset to any secondary school. Their hard work and dedication are a testament to their character and the supportive community we have built together.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each member of Year 6 for their outstanding efforts. You have made us all incredibly proud. A special thank you to all staff members who contributed to this journey. Your hard work and passion for education are truly appreciated.

Please check out our Facebook posts to see the fabulous learning that has taken place this week.

Honouring Mary in the Month of May – Prayer Opportunities

May is a special time for reflection, prayer, and devotion to Mary, and we will continue to offer be offering opportunities for you and your family to join us in prayer during this blessed month each week on a Thursday, before the start of school at 8.40am. Please join us by Our Lady at the front of the school. It's a lovely opportunity to take a few quiet moments to reflect and pray to Mary together.

First Holy Communion

Soon we will be sharing the wonderful news about the **17 children** preparing for their First Holy Communion on the 17th, 24th, and 31st of May at 2:00 pm. This is a significant milestone in their faith journey, and it's heartening to see such a dedicated group taking this step together. First Holy Communion is a pivotal moment in a Catholic's spiritual life, typically occurring around the ages of 7 or 8. It marks the first time a child receives the Eucharist – the body and blood of Christ during Mass. If you're interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the significance of the Eucharist, please do contact us.

Breakfast and After School Club

This is a friendly reminder that, as previously communicated, all wraparound care bookings **must** be made through the school app. We will no longer be accepting bookings over the phone so **please do not** ask the office staff to do so. Please remember that payment is required at the time of booking to secure a place for your child. There are still parents who are not following our procedures and this is impacting on the workload for our office staff. Thank you to all of those parents who have paid outstanding monies.



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Additionally, if your child is not booked in for wraparound care, it is essential that you collect them on time at **3:15pm**. There are some parents who repeatedly arrive late and this is unacceptable. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff available to supervise children beyond this time. Again, chasing parents for payments who leave their children without booking, also increases pressure on our office staff who have to continually speak to parents and chase debts. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage wraparound care effectively.

Have a blessed weekend everyone!

Mrs Le Breton

Prayer

A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
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



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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

Jody's Father's Day Gift Shop

10th June 2025

£3.50

On MCAS now



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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Merit Award

RC Xena
RR Luke
1C Gabriella
1S Sophie
1S Isabella
2D Rhea
2F Mia
3B Aida
3L Evie
4L Amber
4L Willow
4S Vinnie
4S Alanei
5W Roslyne
5W Sara
5C Tyger
5C Israel
All of Year 6

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



Punctuality Peacock

3L, 3B, 6B



Attendance Anteater

3B

Whole School Attendance

95.7%

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

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Term 5

23rd May 2025

Yr 4 Trip to Rare Breeds

23rd May 2025

End of Term 5

17th, 24th & 31st May 2025

First Holy Communion

Term 6

4th June 2025

Parent Forum 5.45pm

Understanding Assessment at STM

6th-8th June 2025

Yr 6 Residential—Norfolk Lakes

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

Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

School Holiday Dates

24/25

May Half Term

26th May—30th May

SDD

23rd & 24th June

Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025



Tuck Shop is back

Thursday 22nd May

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

