



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

31st January 2025

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

Dear Parents and Families,

As we come to the end of another exciting week, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the Chinese New Year this week. This special festival, also known as the Lunar New Year, is a time of joy, family gatherings and new beginnings. We extend our warmest wishes to all our families who are celebrating – Happy New Year!



It was lovely to see so many families attend our 'Bring Your Parent to Writing' session at the beginning of the week. We hope that this gave you a snapshot of learning and activities used to support writing. Mrs Bickmore, our writing lead, would welcome your feedback that she has sent out.



We are excited to share that we have set up a special display in the hall celebrating the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. We are incredibly proud of the children who are preparing during this truly a special time in their faith journey, and we are grateful to be part of this meaningful milestone with them. Their dedication and enthusiasm are a testament to the love and support they receive from their families. Let's continue to encourage and pray for them for this important moment.

This week, senior leaders had the privilege of observing some more fantastic RE Learning. Our Reception children were prayerful and grateful for their loved ones who took care of them when in need and were beginning to understand the importance of loving one another. At the top end of the school, the children demonstrated their fantastic understanding of what happens at consecration and blew us away with their responses and knowledge of how we can feed our spiritual hearts.



We ended our week with a visit from the 'Fizz, Pop, Science' company who entertained and truly captured the imagination of all children in the hall. The amazing science demonstrations, that the children wouldn't usually have access to, delighted them immensely and it was a joy to see the laughter, wows and smiling faces!

As we continue with the Jubilee Year, the children have been working together to think about what they hope for during this special time. Remember to take a look at our entrance display when you visit us next.

*"Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5)*

Remember to follow us on our Facebook page to see lots of fantastic photos of learning in action.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Le Breton



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Merit Award

RC Isaiah

RR Zoha

1C Paul

1S Ruby

2D Kayla

2F Isla

3B Daniella

3L Belle

3L Charlie

4L Jonathan

4S Nathan

5W Thejal

5C Charlotte

6B Gbemisola

6F Bailey

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



**Punctuality Peacock**

6B



**Attendance Anteater**

3B

**Whole School Attendance**

95.2%

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

## Parish News – St Simon Stock

Our Parish Newsletter is produced every week, which is our traditional way of communicating with all parishioners, especially those who are ill and/or housebound. If you are not able to come and pray with us at any given time or simply prefer to download the Newsletter, click on the link below which will take you to our website.

The choir is looking for a pianist to accompany them at their Thursday evening rehearsals 8-9pm. It does not have to be a weekly commitment we would be happy to have someone to play once or twice a month. We also need guitarists to help play at our Masses on 4th Sunday every other month. If you would like to help us out or know someone who can please let Josie know on 07915601076.

More information can be found on the parish newsletter.

<https://stsimonwalderslade.co.uk/parish-newsletter/>

### Masses are celebrated as follows:

Weekends: Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am or 11.00am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am (Wed 2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) Friday 8.00pm

## Prayer

God of all people,  
Jesus, shared in the joy of a wedding, help us to find peace and joy in the events of each day. May we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help spread love and peace throughout the world.  
Amen.





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## Term 3

### 7th February 2025

Children's Mental Health Week—TAG day

### 7th February 2025

Y1 Phonics workshop 2.30pm

### 12th February 2025

Y2 Liturgy 9.15-9.45am

### 14th February 2025

Last day of Term 3

## Term 4

### 24th February 2025

Start of Term 4

### 28th February 2025

Year 5 Immersive Victorian Day

### 5th March 2025

Ash Wednesday Mass

## 6th March 2025

World book day

## 13th March 2025

BYPT RE Foundation Stage

## 21st March 2025

World Maths day

## 28th March 2025

BYPT Science 2.30pm

## 2nd April 2025

Parents Evening 4-7pm

## 3rd April 2025

Parents Evening 5-8pm

## 4th April 2025

KS2 Stations of the Cross

## 4th April 2025

End of Term 4



## **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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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Children's Mental Health Week Tag Day

Theme - **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**

Donations of £1 to go to the Anna Freud Children's Mental Health Charity .

Children to wear an outfit that expresses themselves, whether it's their favourite outfit, a splash of colour, a traditional attire that celebrates their culture, or an ensemble that showcases their beloved hobby, we want everyone's creativity to shine.



## Whiz Pop Bang

This morning, the children had a fantastic time at the Whizz, Pop, Bang assembly! They explored the wonders of science and were treated to some fun experiments about air.

If parents are interested in extending the excitement, they can check out today's Dojo post for details on the after-school club, including how to sign up and payment information. It's a great opportunity for the kids to continue their hands-on learning!

