



St Thomas More School Newsletter

10th January 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a peaceful and joyful time with your families over the holiday season, cherishing the special moments that this time of year can bring.

Today, our school community came together for the beautiful Mass celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord. It was a moving reminder of the significance of renewal and grace as we begin a new year. A heartfelt thanks you our wonderful Year 5 children, who led the service with such reverence and thoughtfulness with Father Pawel and pianist Geraldine. The participation of everyone truly made the celebration a memorable one for us all.

As we embark on this new year, we are filled with excitement and purpose as we prepare to launch the **Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope** on 24th January. This special year invites us to reflect on Pope Francis' inspiring message, which calls us to embody Catholic Social Teaching by caring for our common good and extending compassion to our sisters and brothers experiencing the harsh realities of war, hunger, and poverty.

The Jubilee Year reminds us to be beacons of hope, sharing the light of God's love in every part of the world. It challenges us to live in solidarity with those in need, fostering a spirit of peace and reconciliation in all that we do.

Throughout the year, we will focus on living out these values as a school community through prayer, reflection, and action. Together, we will strive to support those in most need and to instill in our children the importance of caring for creation and one another.

Next week, we invite the parents and carers of Year 3 to our Celebration of Word (previously called Liturgy) on Wednesday 15th January, at 9.15-9.45am so we look forward to seeing you join in with our celebrations.

I wish you and your families a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Warmest Wishes

Mrs Le Breton



The Jubilee Prayer

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.



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Merit Award

- RC Ethan
- RR Evi
- 1C Ire
- 1S Kaiel
- 2D Methaya
- 2F Orlagh
- 3B Andrew
- 3L Jamian
- 4L Layo
- 4S Jonathan
- 5W Sirri-Anna
- 5C Anthony
- 6B Andy
- 6F Sophie

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



**Punctuality
Peacock**

1S, 6B



**Attendance
Anteater**

3B

Whole School Attendance

93.8%

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

Breakfast & After School Club

Please remember that if you would like your child to attend breakfast or after school club, you **MUST** book the place online yourself - please do not ask the office to book the place for you. An enormous amount of time is being taken up booking places and also chasing outstanding monies so we would be extremely grateful if you could support us by booking online and keeping up with payments in order for us to be viable.



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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

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%203000%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 3

15th January 2025

Y3 Liturgy 9.15-9.45am

24th January 2025

Y2 Fluency workshop 2.30pm

27th January 2025

BYPT writing 9.15-9.45am

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

6th March 2025

World book day

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

End of Term 4

