



St Thomas More School Newsletter

7th February 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents & Carers

Can you believe we are almost near the end of term with only one week to go!



Our Monday's assembly, celebrated the word of our Lord looking at the Gospel of Luke and we heard about Jesus and his family and a special trip they took to Jerusalem. We heard about the special things that happened to the baby Jesus there and all that was said about him. This reading shows that Jesus is the saviour, the 'light for all nations', and the fulfilment of God's promises. It also reveals that He was dedicated to God from the very beginning and was recognised as the Messiah by faithful people like Simeon.

We've had a busy week with lots of learning taking place including an assembly led by our Emotional Well-Being Team practitioners in support of Mental Health Week. The focus this year has been, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and we have been encouraging children to embrace self-awareness with the exploration of what it means. Please remember to 'like' and follow us on our social media page to see photos of lots of learning in action.

We are extremely fortunate to have 'Coram Beanstalk' reading helpers who are trained volunteers working with our children in school to help them develop a love of reading. The charity has shared some ideas that they use with the children to engage them with books and reading that you may enjoy playing together at home. You can find them attached.



I wish you all a peaceful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

God Bless

Mrs Le Breton

Our Week in pictures

Please see our Facebook page for more

Prayer of the Month—February

Pope Francis asks us to pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.





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Merit Award

RC Hannah

RR DJ

1C Seon

1S Elizabeth

2D Constance

2F Freya

3B Nancy-Lou

3L Tomi

4L Ethan

4S Amaziah

5W Elliott

5C George

6B Andre

6B Blade

6F Bentley

6F Jaxon

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



**Punctuality
Peacock**

6B



**Attendance
Anteater**

4L

Whole School Attendance

95.6%

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

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

School Holiday Dates

24/25

February Half Term

17th Feb—21st Feb

Easter Break

7th April—22nd April

23 April SDD

May Half Term

26th May—30th May

Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025

OPAL request

Do you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate to our OPAL resources

Hats i.e top hats, ladies hats, cowboy/girl hats (not baseball caps or woolly hats)

Wigs—any colour, length or style

Capes

Tutu's

We are also looking for unused outdoor decking planks





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Jody's Mothers Day Gift Shop

Jody will be running her Mother's Day Gift Shop this year on 27th & 28th March 2025.

Gifts will be priced at £3.50 and children will be taken, class by class, to pick from a selection. Each child will be given a bag that can be personalised by them.

The event will be on MCAS under Products.



Would any of our parents/carers like to run our tuck shop. You would be required to bag up the sweet bags and then set up the tuck shop out on the playground. The school would purchase the sweets and drinks. If you think this is something you could do once a Term then please email Jody at flo@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk



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.