



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

3rd May 2024

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



Merit Award

RC Noah

RR Kurtis

1C Vivian

1S Constance

2D Amila

2D Tomi

2F Macey

3B Fikayomi

3L Jonathan

3L Kara

4L Eddie

4L Emma

4S Samuel

4S Ollie

5C Chizaram

5M Grace

6C Kacey

6C Chelsea

6F Wade

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely end to the week today with Father Pawel leading our 'Marian Assembly' to bless our Marian crown and lead us in a service of thanks to Mary our Mother to start the month of May.

As the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, there will be lots of opportunities for the children to reflect on this and to participate in activities and sessions to pray to Her.

Please make sure you have a look on Class Dojo as there is a PowerPoint for families about how to pray the Rosary with your children during this special month.

Our Year 3 and 4 children represented the school in a Hockey tournament yesterday and they were fantastic ambassadors for our school with their courteous and respectful behaviour.

Next week, we have Year 3's class liturgy on Tuesday followed by our whole school Ascension Mass on Thursday, I look forward to seeing all those who are able to attend.

I hope that you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Mrs Ebdon

## **Reminder**

If your child has been sick or had diarrhea at home they should not attend school for 48 hours from the last episode. This week we have had many children sent home after vomiting in school who tell us they were sick at home the previous evening or that morning. Bugs travel fast in a primary school and we have 2 classes with almost a third of the children off today with symptoms of a tummy bug. Please could you also practice good hand hygiene at home with your children, in school the children are encouraged to wash their hands before lunch and when they come in from break, please reinforce this message at home. Thank you.

As it is the month of May, we are focussing on the Rosary. On Class Dojo, you will find an attached PPT resource to help guide and support you in reciting the Rosary with your family in memory of our Mother Mary, the Queen of May. We hope you all have a blessed month of May.





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## Term 5

### 6th May 2024

Bank holiday

### 7th May 2024

Y3 Liturgy 9.15

### 9th May 2024

Ascension Mass

### 10th May 2024

YR RE session

Parents welcome 2.30pm

### 13th May 2024

Y6 SATS week

### 21st May 2024

Y4 Liturgy 9.15

### 23rd May 2024

Class Photos/Yr 6 individual

### 23rd May 2024

Y6 Residential trip meeting

5pm

### 24th May 2024

Topic afternoon—parents in

Y1-5

### 24th May 2024

End of Term 5

## Term 6

### 3rd June 2024

Start of 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 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

### 18th July 2024

Leavers Mass

### 19th July 2024

End of the academic year



### **Attendance Anteater**

5M



### **Punctuality Peacock**

RC 5M

## First Holy Communion

We pray for the children who will be taking their first Holy Communion this weekend

Jonathan and Amelia





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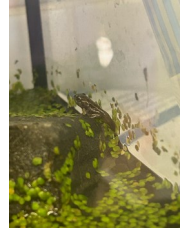
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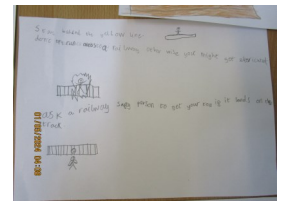
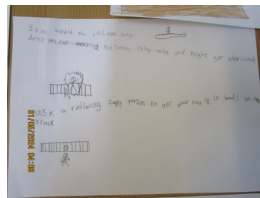
A big Happy Birthday to..

Lenny  
Hope  
Didier-Dylan  
Darcy  
Ayooluwapo  
Andrew  
Eva  
Mila  
Jada-Grace

Year 4 have a froglet!! They have been looking after tadpoles for 11 weeks and one has finally formed into a baby frog. They were very excited when they saw it sitting on the rock on Wednesday morning.



Year 2 have been learning how to keep safe near railways



**MMR vaccine catch-up clinics running this April and May. Make sure your child is protected from measles**

Following a rise in measles cases in London and England, the NHS are urging parents and carers to make sure their children are up-to-date with their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations. To do this you can check your child's red book, or check with your GP, who can offer MMR catch-up appointments. Measles can lead to serious illness but it is preventable through two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Catch-up clinics are available to school-aged children, and teens up to 19 years old, on **Saturday 18 May** at the Clover Street Clinic in Chatham.

To book an appointment visit

<https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/.../immunisation-community.../>

**World Asthma Day (May 7<sup>th</sup> 2024)**

Attached is a poster you may find useful.

The **TIME document** would be useful for parents and carers as well as professionals.



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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.