



St Thomas More School Newsletter

8th May 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit Award

RC Bella

RR Gabriella

1C Oakley

1S Demilade

2D Lily

2F Thea

3B Nataniel

3B Freddie

3L Ugochi-Grace

4L Nesia

4S Efee

5C Temitayo

5M OG

6C Eva

6F Ciel

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable bank holiday weekend - even though the weather left a little to be desired!

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this week, on Tuesday we welcomed our Year 3 parents to our Year 3 Liturgy which was focused around 'Love being the greatest gift' and thinking about how we can show love to others in the way that Jesus would want us to.

On Thursday, 4L lead the school in our mass to celebrate the Ascension and the children read beautifully during the service. It is fantastic that we now have several children within school who are altar servers and it is wonderful to see how reverently they carry out their duties while assisting Fr Pawel during our school masses.

We have rounded off this week with 'Bring Your Parent to RE' for our Reception classes. As May is the month of Mary the children led their parents in prayer and reflection dedicated to our Holy Mother. The children all then helped their parents to make a mini rosary so that they can use it to continue praying to Mary during this very special month.

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6's, we are very proud of how hard the children (and staff!) have worked, I am sure you will join me in wishing the children the very best of luck for next week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

As the weather is due to get warmer over the coming weeks please remember to give your child a hat and apply sun cream before they come to school.

Please do not send children in with bottles of sun cream to apply themselves. Also remember to send your child in with a full water bottle (these can be refilled in school) and remind them to keep hydrated. If you your child needs antihistamine due to allergies please use the twice a day type which can be given before and after school.



MMR vaccine catch-up clinics running 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 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.../>



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Term 5

13th May 2024

Y6 SATS week

16th May 2024

2nd hand uniform sale

21st May 2024

Y4 Liturgy 9.15

23rd May 2024

Class Photos/Yr 6 individual

23rd May 2024

Y6 Residential trip meeting
5-5.30pm

24th May 2024

Topic afternoon RE—
parents in 2.30pm
Y1-6

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

6C



Punctuality Peacock

RC, 2F, 5M

Please note the attendance and punctuality figures are taken from the previous week

First Holy Communion

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

Logan, Benjamin, Nataniel, Elias, Leo, David,
Anne, Amen-Grace



**PARISH FEAST DAY
CELEBRATIONS**
**ON 19TH MAY AFTER 11AM
MASS**



**8 evenings with
the Lord's Prayer**
Mondays at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

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| 1. An Introduction to Our Father prayer | 8 th April |
| 2. Our Father, Who art in heaven | 22 nd April |
| 3. Hallowed be Thy Name | 29 th April |
| 4. Thy Kingdom come | 6 th May |
| 5. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven | 13 th May |
| 6. Give us this day our daily bread | 20 th May |
| 7. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us | 27 th May |
| 8. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen. | 3 rd June |

All are welcome!

Sessions led by:
Fr. Pavel Sobol





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A big Happy Birthday to..

- Blade
- Lucy-Amy
- Thomas
- Erin
- Favour
- Ninoula
- Temitayo
- Faith



On Saturday 4th May Ivy had 12.5 inches cut from her hair and raised £400 to donate to the Little Princess Trust. Ivy's hair will be made into a wig for a child who has lost their hair.



"I did this because I really wanted to do this when I was little but my hair wasn't long enough. I also wanted to do it because I thought it would be really nice for someone who has cancer."

Thank you Ivy for caring about others and for raising funds for this vital charity.



Fundraising coming soon.....

After the success of the Mother's Day gift shop, I will be running the same for Father's Day, I will send out payment details shortly. Jody's Fathers Day gift shop will be open on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June

We have a small group of parents that organised a disco last year that have kindly offered to do it again this year. We have decided on Thursday 20th June and it will be for year's 1 to 6, as last year we will group them into 2 year groups and they will have allocated times. A letter will be sent out confirming timings and payment instructions.



We are hoping to organise a Quiz night for parents, carers, friends and staff towards the end of the summer time, once we have the date confirmed we will let you know.

Thank you for supporting these events.

Ascension Mass

Thank you to all those who joined us yesterday for Mass celebrating the Ascension of Jesus in to Heaven. Thank you to Father Pawel for leading us in prayer.



Rosary

On Tuesday we took part in the Rosary carried out by Archbishop Wilson with other school in our Diocese through Zoom. It was great to see so many other schools participate and the children really enjoyed taking part and hearing the Archbishop.

Rosary club is running daily for the children at school and they can bring in their own rosary beads if they wish.



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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

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.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.