



St Thomas More School Newsletter

19h July 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Headteacher's Award

RC Ella

RR Tor Zion

1C Olivia

1S Asia

2F Nileyah

2D Kian

3B Tirenoluwa

3L Brianna-Adlina

4S Joshua

4L Charlotte

5C Annie

5M Alisa

6F Isabelle

6C Teni

Dear Parents,

The end of term has arrived!

We have had a lovely week celebrating the year we have had together at St Thomas More. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the dress rehearsal that the Year 6's performed for them before they then performed their show to an audience of very enthusiastic and impressed parents! Our Performing Arts Club also performed their latest production on Thursday after school for their parents and, once again, we were all very impressed by the hard work and practice that went into producing both of these shows.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff at St Thomas More who have worked diligently and with dedication to ensure that our children have had a happy, memorable and successful academic year.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Antoncini and Miss Carter today, who are both starting new teaching adventures in September, and I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck in their new jobs.

Today we say farewell to our Year 6 students who will be moving on to secondary school in September. The 7 years they have been with us seem to have flown by but it has been wonderful to see how they have blossomed, faced and risen to challenges and become the wonderful young people they are today. We wish them every success in the future and look forward to them popping back in to visit us to let us know how they are getting on.

A message from Mrs Ebdon

It is with a great deal of emotion that I have written today's newsletter as it is my last as Headteacher of St Thomas More School. I have had a wonderful day and was delighted by the performances that the children had prepared for me during our end of year assembly this morning.

It has been a privilege to serve the St Thomas More family as Headteacher for the last 8 years, there have been innumerable challenges and adventures along the way but I have been fortunate enough to have had a team of dedicated and passionate staff as well as wonderful children to face them with.

Education and our school are extremely different compared to when I first took on this role but I am incredibly proud of the school family that we the staff, the governors, the children and the parents have built.

I have been overwhelmed by the generous gifts and kind words that so many of you have shared with me this week and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside, and share this journey, with you all.

St Thomas More is a very special school and will always have a special place in my heart, it is with sadness that I hand over the reins to Mrs LeBreton whilst the Governors complete the process of appointing a new Headteacher but I know that Mrs LeBreton and the new Head will ensure the school continues to thrive and remains a loving and unique place for our children.

Thank you for all of your support over the last 8 years.

With all my love,

Mrs Ebdon



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Dance Envy

PRINCESS and PRINCE TRAINING SCHOOL

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST
10AM - 3PM

DANCE ENVY STUDIO, 56 LONDON ROAD, RAINHAM, KENT ME8 6YX

A day designed for all princesses and princes in the making

The day includes all essential skills needed to become a princess or prince plus a visit from a special princess.

COME ALONG DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE PRINCESS OR PRINCE

Ideal from ages 4+ plus Limited spaces booking is essential please email enquiries@danceenvy.co.uk

Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. First aid trained, full qualified and DBS checked staff.

Dance Envy

DESPICIBLE

Tuesday 13th August
10am - 3pm

Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

At Dance Envy Studio, 56 London Road, Rainham, Kent ME8 6YX

A day themed around Despicable me dances, activities and lots of fun.

£25 per person

Limited spaces booking is essential please email enquiries@danceenvy.co.uk

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KUNG FU PANDA

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST
10AM - 3PM

At Dance Envy Studio, 56 London Road, Rainham, Kent ME8 6YX

A day designed for all Kung Fu Panda fans including games, crafts, dances and activities

£25 per person

Please bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

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SLIME and SUMMER Fun Day

Monday 29th July
10am - 3pm

At Dance Envy Studio, 56 London Road, Rainham, Kent ME8 6YX

£25 per person

A fun filled day of slime making crafts, games and dances

Limited spaces booking is essential please email enquiries@danceenvy.co.uk

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Run by qualified dance teachers DBS checked and first aid trained.

Summer activities 2024



Good bye Mrs Ebdon

We will miss you so much

Thank you for everything you have done for our children and our school



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Attendance Anteater

2F & 5M



Punctuality Peacock

2F & 5M

Highest attendance and lowest number of lates for the whole academic year

Academic Year 24/25

2nd September 2024

SDD no children in school

3rd September 2024

Start of T1—children return

18th October 2024

Last day of Term 1

Term 4

22nd April 2025

SDD –No children in school



A big Happy Birthday to..

Anthony

And wishing a Happy Birthday to all of our Summer birthday's

Have a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you all back in September.



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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.