



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

4th October 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have had a wonderful but busy week! The week began with our new therapy dog Ralph (who has taken over from Bella, our previous therapy dog) meeting and greeting the children in our Monday's assembly. The children sat intently listening to Mrs Masters, Ralph's owner, teach children all about 'dog talk', how to recognise behaviours and what they mean.

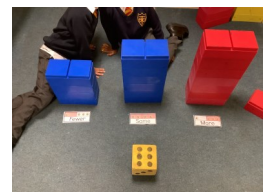
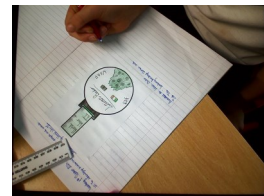
At St Thomas More, we celebrate our faith and our cultures to ensure that every child, regardless of colour or culture feels valued and represented and whilst this is embedded within our curriculum, we also celebrate Black History Month. This year, the theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives' linked to black history with literature and literary contributions so the children have been learning lots such as; the unsung heroes of World War II—Lilian Bader and Laearie Constantine and have created their own war medals with appropriate citations, Katherine Johnson, a NASA mathematician, the poet Joseph Coelho through to Benjamin Zephaniah's poem Nature Trail and lots more. Remember to look on our Facebook page to find out what our children have been doing across the curriculum such as Year 3 and their Forest School adventures taking them back to the Stone Age, our Eco-Warrior meeting to discuss Global Citizenship and assisting with our donations, clay pot making, maths and much more!

I would like to thank Father Pawel and our Year 6 children who led our Harvest Mass this morning. Our church was blessed with beautiful sounds and it was truly a wonderful and heart-warming service. Thank you to all of the children and families who made donations to the Medway Foodbank. Your generosity will help the homeless, needy and vulnerable people of all ages in the Medway towns.

Next week, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Year 6 have their Liturgy in the school hall for parents and family members of Year 6 children (9.15-9.45am) so please do come along and join in with our Gospel reflection, prayers, songs and activities which help the children explore our faith. Please take a look overleaf at the rest of the dates for your diary. Our prayer this week helps us to recognise our gifts and speak up for those in need. Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Le Breton  
Acting Head of School

## Celebrate our week with us..





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Merit Award

- RC Hugo
- RR Harper-Violet
- 1S Noah
- 1C Dara
- 2D Zahra
- 2D Greyson
- 2F Lucas
- 3B Kian
- 3L Margot
- 4L Tomas
- 4S Mila
- 4S Darasimi
- 5W Lexi
- 5C Darcy
- 6B Amber
- 6F Eloise



**Punctuality  
Peacock**  
RC, 5C, 6B



**Attendance  
Anteater**  
3B

**Whole School  
Attendance**  
96.5%



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- 3** Asda does the rest  
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Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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**Emotional Wellbeing Team**

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are in school running a face to face workshop - all welcome.

**Parent Workshop**

**Understanding and Supporting Behaviour**

**Tuesday 15th October at 09:15**



Dear God

We thank you for the gifts that spring forth all around us, flowing from our fellowship, growing from our actions in your name. Inspire us with your Spirit, encourage us to seek new ways to stand up to injustice, and speak up for those in need. Send us out replenished, that we may do the work of your kingdom. We ask this in your name, Lord.

Amen



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## Jody's back....

Jody missed the start of the year but she is now back with us and will be holding 2 drop in coffee sessions. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a coffee (or tea) and some biscuits, and a chat about anything you may be concerned or thinking about. Jody can help with your child's low level behaviour concerns, parental separation, financial difficulties/DWP support, friendship worries or anything else that may be concerning you.

Jody will also be co-ordinating our fund raising so if you have any ideas or can offer and support please speak to her. If you are unable to attend in person you can email Jody at flo@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk.

Drop in coffee sessions

Wednesday 9th October 2pm

Friday 11th October 9.45pm following BYPT

## Christmas is coming....

We need help with sourcing raffle prizes from businesses, we can provide you with a letter to explain who we are and how we can offer them advertising on our Christmas events media.



We need parent helpers please let us know if you have a few hours a week to spare.

Email us with the heading Parent Helper at [Parents@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk](mailto:Parents@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.](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.



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## Term 1

### 9th October 2024

Y6 Liturgy 9.15-9.45—Hall

### 10th October 2024

Individual School photos

### 10th October 2024

Y3 Stoneage workshop

### 9th October 2024

Drop in coffee with Jody  
2pm

### 11th October 2024

Drop in coffee with Jody  
9.45pm

### 11th October 2024

BYPT Reading/Phonics Y1-6  
workshop 9.15-9.45

### 11th October 2024

Reading workshop—Hall  
2-2.30 followed by Phonics  
workshop 2.30-3

### 16th October 2024

Parents Evening 4-7

### 17th October 2024

Parents Evening 5-8

### 18th October 2024

Last day of Term 1

## Term 2

### 28th October 2024

Term 2 begins

### 30th October 2024

Y5 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

### 1st November 2024

All Saints Day & All Souls  
Mass in Church 0.30

### 8th November 2024

BYPT Maths Y1-6 9.15-9.45

### 8th November 2024

Maths Workshop for par-  
ents—Hall 10-10.30

### 20th November 2024

Y4 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

### 25th November 2024

Book Fair

### 29th November 2024

Tombola Tag Day

### 2nd December 2024

EYFS PJ Day

### 2nd December 2024

KS1 Panto

### 6th December 2024

Christmas Fair KS2 Play-  
ground 3.30-4.30

### 11th December 2024

Christmas Productions

EYFS & KS1 9.15-10

KS2 10.15-11

£2 per ticket

### 12th December 2024

Christmas Production

EYFS & KS1 3.30-4.15

KS2 4.30-5.15

£2 per ticket

### 13th December 2024

Mass—Church 9.30

### 16th December 2024

KS2 Panto Central Theatre

### 17th December 2024

Children's Christmas lunch

### 19th December 2024

End of Term 2

### 20th Decvember 2024

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