



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

24th February 2023

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

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the children come back to school on Monday and we hope you all had a lovely half term.

We have started the term with a busy week - on Monday the children all had a 'Recycling Roadshow' to help them understand about how to care for our environment. On Wednesday we celebrated the start of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass, on Thursday some of our Reception and Year 1 children took part in a 'Balanceability' competition and today our Year 5's are attending a production of Peter Pan at Waddeslane Girls Secondary school.

We are having our cake sale today to raise money for the children to be able to adopt an animal through David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation and I would like to thank you for your generous culinary donations!

World Book Day will be celebrated on Monday with our Word Day and we are also asking children to bring in £1 each to raise money for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Next Friday we have 'Bring Your Parent to Geography' session followed by some writing workshops on Friday, which are always very useful, so please do come along if you are able to.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

## KS1 Intra competition

**Ball skills**

**Winners**

Children in St Andrew's in KS1 can exchange an item of their school uniform for a blue item of clothing on

Friday 3rd March 2023

## KS2 Intra competition

**Ball Skills**

**Winners**

Children in St Patrick's in KS2 can exchange an item of their school uniform for a green item of clothing on

Friday 3rd March 2023

## KS1 Intra competition

**Speed bounce**

**Winners**

Children in St George's in KS1 can exchange an item of their school uniform for a red item of clothing on

Friday 3rd March 2023

## KS2 Intra competition

**Speed bounce**

**Winners**

Children in St Andrew's in KS2 can exchange an item of their school uniform for a blue item of clothing on

Friday 3rd March 2023



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## Term 4 Dates

### 27th February 2023

Word Day  
(STM world book day)

### 2nd March 2023

NEU Teachers strike

### 3rd March 2023

Bring your parents to Geography

9.15—9.45

### 17th March 2023

Bring your parents to spelling

9.15-9.45

Spelling workshop KS2

10.15-11.15

Bring your parents to phonics

9.45-10.15

### 31st March 2023

Last day of Term 3

### 3rd April—14th April

Easter break

## Term 5 dates

### 17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

### 28th April 2023

Bring you parents to History

9.15-9.45

### 1st May 2023

May bank holiday—School closed

### 8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—school closed

### 9th-12th May 2023

SATS

### 26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

### 29th May—2nd June

May half term

## Term 6 dates

### 25th May 2023

Class photo taken

### 9-11th June 2023

Year 6 residential

### 23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

### 26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

### 21st July 2023

Last day of academic year



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Sarah O

Sofia R

Michaela A

Mofetoluwa O

Juliet A

Sophia G

Eliska M-D

Elsie-Mae M

Charlotte C

## Families and Fairy Tales

FS had their first Families and Fairy Tales session this week. Families were invited in before school to read with their children. It was lovely watching everyone so engrossed in their stories. We can't wait for the next session!

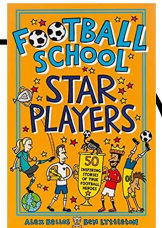


## Shoe box request

As part of the Primary Engineer programme, the whole school will be taking part in a Vehicle Project during March. EYFS—Yr 4 need shoe boxes with removable (not hinged) lids. If you have any at home, please could you send them in to school. Thank you.



## FOOTBALL SCHOOL AT ST THOMAS MORE



We are excited to be sharing with you that Alex Bellos, author of the FOOTBALL SCHOOL series of books, will turn St Thomas More into a real life Football School by visiting KS2 children on Wednesday March 1 in the afternoon.

Football school is a bestselling series that encourages reading and a curiosity about the world through football. The first Football School book was runner up in Blue Peter's book of the year award. The series has sold more than 500,000 books in the UK, and been translated into a dozen languages.

Alex will be bringing copies of the following Football School books, which will be available to buy at £6.99 each, £13 for two books, or £18 for three. These will be available at the end of the day to purchase via cash or card.



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Merit award

Jemimah T RC

Zahra K-M RR

Macey W 1D

Orla F 1D

Orla M 1J

Lydia I 2F

Brianna B-B 2S

Koby S 3B

Thomas T 3B

Roslyne K 3T

Sebastian M 4L

Maa S 4S

Danielle C 4S

Victoria O 5C

Thalia-Rose M 5M

Jamie B 5M

Edward M 6C

Molly Q 6F



Golden Welly Award

Maya L 3T

## Internet Safety—Year 6



On Tuesday, PCSO Rowan from Police Community Support visited Year 6 to discuss the importance of cyber awareness.

The children were actively engaged in the discussion and learned about the safe use of the Internet, social media, gaming, identity protection, age limitations, messaging, photography and cyber-bullying. They also covered how to behave whilst using these different types of social platforms and the possible impact of behaviours on themselves and others.

We hope this has been a helpful insight for the children into how to use computers, phones and gaming safely for the future. We thank PCOS Rowan for her time and her input.

## Environmental Team

On Monday morning, we had a visit from 'Environmental team Medway' to talk about reducing, reusing and recycling. We had a whole school assembly discussing how we can help make a difference to our environment.



## Peter Pan

### Walderslade Girls



Year 5 enjoyed an amazing performance of Peter Pan at Walderslade Girls School this morning which showcased some superb acting, singing and dancing. The children and adults loved every minute including the drink and biscuit during the interval.

'My favourite part was Captain Hooks solo dance routine' says Sofia. 'The songs were brilliantly adapted and showed lots of emotions.' Thanks to all the teachers for organising this.





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## Safeguarding

### Safeguarding – Identifying Online Risks

Online safety is embedded within the curriculum and children are regularly taught how to stay safe online and how to identify online risks. To help at home, you can help children to identify and manage risks by discussing:

- the ways in which someone may put themselves at risk online
- risks posed by another person's online behaviour
- when risk taking can be positive and negative
- online reputation and the positive and negative aspects of an online digital footprint
- sharing information online and how to make a judgement about when and how to share and who to share with
- the risks of cyber crime, online fraud and identity theft

To support your child at home with this, you can sign up for free to our 'National Online Safety' platform by using the link below:

[Browse E-safety Training and Resources For Schools | National Online Safety](#)

You can also help your child by:

explaining how to identify trusted adults, access support from the school, the [National Crime Agency's Click CEOP reporting service](#) for children and 3rd sector organisations such as [Childline](#) and [Internet Watch Foundation](#)

reporting cyber crime, fraud and suspicious online activity, through organisations such as [Action Fraud](#) and the [Advertising Standards Authority](#)

reporting inappropriate contact or content for various platforms and apps

A list of media literacy resources for teachers and parents is available via the following link too:

[Online media literacy resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### Safeguarding Survey for Parents & Carers

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete our safeguarding survey. If you would like to find out more about how we safeguard children at St Thomas More, please head to our website and the safeguarding section. You will also find a Safeguarding Information Booklet for Parents and Carers. If you would like to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, please contact the office where Mrs Le Breton, Mrs Ebdon or Jody our Pastoral Manager will be able to answer any questions that you have.

Please see the PTFA facebook page

Search St Thomas More fundraising team and ask to join.

