



St Thomas More School Newsletter

1st November 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to get some rest!



It was so lovely to see lots of smiling faces back after a week off and, as many of you have already seen on our Facebook page, our new corridor wall murals excited the children immensely! They have already spotted historical events that they have learned all about in previous years and spotted some places on the world map that they would like to visit too! We paid for this using some of our school PTFA money so I would like to thank you all for supporting our fundraising events



On Monday, we began our week sharing the Gospel of Mark when Bartimaeus, a blind beggar called out to Jesus and was healed because of his faith. He left his old life and followed Jesus. With our busy lives we can sometimes suffer spiritual blindness – and therefore we must have the courage to call out to Jesus and let Him guide us. By doing so, we will see clearly in order to follow his path.

I would like to thank our Governors, who, on Wednesday, visited us and had the opportunity to say hello to families at the start of the day as well observe our early morning interventions, our Year 5 Liturgy and each year group doing a range of activities from English, Phonics and Maths. They even joined in with the children at playtime! I would also like to thank all parents and grandparents who joined us for the Year 5 Liturgy, I was truly overwhelmed to see so many of you supporting your children and bringing our community together reminding us all of God's love.

Today we also celebrated the feast days of 'All Saints' and 'All Souls' in church with Father Pawel and once again the children did an amazing job of leading our Mass, singing and reading clearly. It was also the first time our new Reception children joined us in church showing their best behaviour throughout the service. Thank you to parents and carers for joining us.



During the month of November, we remember those who are no longer with us but are very much still in our hearts and also think about those who gave their today for our tomorrow. As we move through the month of November, we have a number of opportunities for the children to reflect on those who gave their lives during wars and conflicts. Our Prayer this week reflects on this.

Kindest regards

Mrs Le Breton

Acting Head of School

Prayer

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore. It is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Amen





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Merit Award

- RC Rotimi
- RR Danielle
- 1C Gabriella
- 1S George
- 2D Maisie
- 2F Adora
- 3B Joel
- 3L Ella
- 4L Anne
- 4S Zoe
- 5W Akif
- 5C Israel
- 6B Lorenzo
- 6B Joanna
- 6F Una

Please remember to return merit badges to school the following week. Thank you



Punctuality Peacock

3B, 3L



Attendance Anteater

3B, 5C

Whole School Attendance

95.1%

Emotional Wellbeing Team

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are in school running a face to face workshop - all welcome. Please email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk if you are attending so we can plan accordingly.

Wednesday 13th November 2024 09:30am Saint Michael's rcp school

Please email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk to book on.

Anti bullying week 2024



14th November 2024

STM children are invited to wear odd socks.



Children in Need 2024

15th November 2024

STM children are invited to wear their own clothes

Collection buckets will be available before and after school.

Christmas Events

Every Monday up until Christmas we will be sending out a Christmas Newsletter. This will have all of the information about the upcoming Christmas events.





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Parish News

Please join the link to find out what's happening in our church, St Simon Stock. They will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November so please do come along and support this event and contact the church if you are available to help. More information can be found on the parish newsletter along with items to donate.

<https://stsimonwalderslade.co.uk/parish-newsletter/>

Masses are celebrated as follows:

Weekends: Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am or 11.00am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am (Wed 2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) Friday 8.00pm



School Uniform

Remember, , it is now a requirement that our winter uniform is worn (shirt, tie, jumper, cardigan, skirt/pinafore or grey trousers). Navy tights or socks can also be worn. Please look out for our pre-loved school uniform sales that happen regularly or do contact Jody, our Pastoral Manager if you need support with uniform. For more information, please follow our link:

<https://st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk/parent-information/school-uniform/>



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#:~:ext=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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Closing date for applications
to **primary school** is
5pm on Wednesday
15th January 2025



Term 2

8th November 2024

BYPT Maths Y1-6 9.15-9.45

8th November 2024

Maths Workshop for par-
ents—Hall 10-10.30

13th November 2024

School nurse workshop-
Health Bladder and Bowel

At St Michael's RCP

14th November 2024

Anti bullying week

Odd socks day

15th November 2024

Children in Need day

Wear your own clothes

20th November 2024

Y4 Liturgy 9.15-9.45

25th November 2024

Book Fair

29th November 2024

Christmas Fair Tombola Tag
Day

2nd December 2024

EYFS PJ Day

2nd December 2024

EYFS & KS1 Panto

4th & 5th December 2024

Secret Santa Gift Shop

5th December 2024

EYFS Hartbeeps music and
sensory session

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 December 2024

SDD

