



St Thomas More School Newsletter

27th June 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents & Carers,

Lymphoma Action

At St Thomas More, we believe in the power of community, compassion, and courage. On Sunday, some of our school family came together in a truly inspiring way to raise awareness and funds for lymphoma, a cause that touches us deeply.

We are incredibly proud to share that they took part in the Bridges Walk, a meaningful event that brought people together to support those affected by lymphoma. Every step taken was a symbol of hope, strength, and solidarity.

This cause is especially close to our hearts because of our dear Simona, in Year 5, is currently undergoing treatment. Simona has shown remarkable resilience and determination throughout her journey. She is a much-loved member of our school community—cherished by her friends and admired by staff. Her courage is a true inspiration to us all.

They walked for Simona. They walked for everyone affected by lymphoma. And they walked with love, hope, and faith in their hearts.

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported this important cause. Together, we are making a difference. If you would like to donate, please head over to our Facebook post and click on the 'Just Giving' link.





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Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope



As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, our Year 5 children had the wonderful opportunity to visit Aylesford Priory and take part in the Pilgrims of Hope gathering. It was a truly uplifting day filled with reflection, unity, and spiritual growth.

The children represented St Thomas More Catholic Primary School with impeccable behaviour, showing reverence, maturity, and a deep sense of community. It was heart-warming to witness so many schools coming together in faith, celebrating the Jubilee Year with joy and hope.

The experience offered our pupils a chance to deepen their spiritual understanding and connect with others on a shared journey of faith. It was a day of prayer, peace, and purpose—one that will remain in their hearts for years to come.

We are so proud of our Year 5s for being such wonderful ambassadors of our school and faith. Check out our photos on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>

Classes for the next Academic Year

We are excited to share your child's class for the next academic year. The children will have the opportunity to visit their new classroom before the end of term too.

Current Class	New Class	New Teacher(s)
New Intake	RC	Miss Caswell
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Mrs Caswell	1C	Mrs Clausen
Mrs Ronja	1B	Miss Bowles
Mrs Stevens	2D	Mrs Dolan
Mrs Clausen	2B	Mrs Bickmore/Mrs Baxter
Mrs Dolan	3C	Mrs Curtis (New teacher we welcome to STM)
Mrs Fitzgerald	3S	Mrs Stevens
Miss Bowles	4D	Mrs Davies/Miss Savage
Miss Bunyan	4F	Mrs Fitzgerald
Miss Savage	5RP	Mrs Reeves-Parry (Miss Cole's new name after summer)
Miss Lockwood	5W	Mrs Wilson/Mrs Duggan
Miss Cole	6L	Miss Lockwood
Mrs Wilson, Mrs Murphy	6F	Miss Fenech



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Have a wonderful weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support as we come towards the end of this academic year.

Our prayer this week is for not only Simona, but all the children around the world receiving medical treatment.

Prayer

Dear God,

We lift up all the children in our school community and the wider world who are going through treatment. Wrap them in Your love and fill their hearts with courage and hope. Give them strength for each new day, comfort in moments of pain, and joy in the little things.

Bless their families with peace, their doctors with wisdom, and their friends with kindness and understanding. May they feel surrounded by care, supported by love, and never alone on their journey. Amen.

Warmest wishes for a peaceful weekend.
Mrs Le Breton

St Simon Stock Parish in Walderslade

Our Parish is primarily a place of worship. The very centre of our prayer is Jesus Christ whose Eucharist we celebrate nearly every day. Listed below are the times of our weekly Masses and Services. For more details you can look at our [Parish Diary](#) Masses are celebrated as follows:

Weekends:

Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
11.00 am

Weekdays:

Monday 10.00 am Mass
Tuesday 10.00 am Mass
Wednesday 10.00 am Mass
2pm – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 10.00 am Mass
Friday 8.00 pm Mass

Holy Days of Obligation:

8.00 pm Vigil Mass
10.00 am Morning Mass
8.00 pm Evening Mass

During holiday periods, please consult the weekly newsletters for the times of all the Services.

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention, please [contact](#) the Parish Office. The Archdiocese of Southwark guideline for a Mass intention stipend is £10.00. Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Friday from 7.15 pm - 7.45 pm and Saturday from 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm also by appointment, please call: 07305 831925. Thank you



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Merit Award

RC Samuel

RR Connor

1C Scarlett

1S Aaliyah

2D Deborah

2F Lamiya

3B Halle

3L Nancy

4L Logan

4S Blake

5W Alex

5C Elias

6B Aaron

6B Amelia

6F Bella



Punctuality Peacock

3B, 3L 6B



Attendance Anteater

4S

Whole School Attendance

95.2%

We are aiming for at least 97% whole school attendance.

Is your child prepared for any weather at school?

Please ensure your child has a light jacket/rain mac for the very changeable weather we are experiencing. Please ensure sun cream is applied before school.



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



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.

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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 **Colourful Clothes Day – Fundraising for Evelina!** 

Get ready to brighten up the day on Friday, 4th July by wearing your most colourful clothes! 

We're raising money for Evelina London Children's Charity who also look after some of our children, and all it takes to take part is a £1 donation.

Let's add some colour and kindness to the day while supporting a great cause!

Can you help?

The group of school mums is looking for team members to join us in the church cleaning.

We meet up every 5 weeks for 1-2 h to help with our church cleaning.

All helpers welcomed - coffee and biscuits provided!

For more please contact the parish office:

walderslade@rcaos.org.uk

Term 6

2nd July 2025

Sports Day

KS2 AM, KS1 PM

Picnic lunch on field

4th July 2025

Colourful clothes fundraiser

In aid of Evelina Children's Hospital

16th July 2025

Year 6 Production 5.30-6.45pm

Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

22nd July 2025

Last day of academic year

Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025

1st September 2025

Staff Development Day



Sports Day—Wednesday 2nd July 2025

9am Parents will be allowed onto the field ready to watch their child/children

9.30am KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) Sports Day will commence

11.45-12pm Gates open - Any parent/carer wanting to join their child for the picnic who was not at the KS2 event can collect their YR, Y1, Y2 child/children from their classroom and then make their way to the blue playground gates and onto the field as directed by adults.

12-12.45pm Picnic on the field - all children to bring packed lunch (there will be no hot food from the kitchen) hotdogs are available to purchase on MCAS and there will be ice creams/lollys and cold drinks available on the day, please bring cash for these. We will also be selling tuck and second hand uniform.

1pm KS1 Sports Day will commence.

At the end of Sports Day all children will be taken back to their classrooms and registered. Parents may collect after the registration has taken place. Any children whose parent/carer is not in school will be released at the normal time of 3.15pm (unless they are attending after school club).