



St Thomas More School Newsletter

20th June 2025

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents & Carers

What a hot week! This week we began by sharing the Gospel of John Chapter 16:12-15 where Jesus speaks tenderly to His disciples, acknowledging their limitations while promising them divine guidance through the Holy Spirit. It's a moment of deep compassion and foresight. Jesus knows that understanding spiritual truth is a journey, not a destination reached in a single moment. The children's reflection, paired with prayer, really brought the Gospel to life in such a heartfelt and relatable way.

Feast of St Thomas More

Today, our school community gathered in joyful reverence to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas More, our patron and a shining example of courage, integrity, and faith. A special highlight of the celebration was the presence of Mrs Whittle and Mrs Burford from the Kent Catholic School Partnership who we are excited to be a part of from September. It was a true privilege to welcome them as they presented the Jubilee Year of Hope Candle, a powerful symbol of our shared journey of faith. The candle reminds us that we are pilgrims together, walking in the light of Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit – just as Jesus promised. With our amazing and talented choir and thoughtful participation from all children, across all year groups, the Mass was a joyful and reverent tribute to our patron saint and our school's mission. A special thank you also to Father Pawel and Geraldine, the pianist and also to the families who joined us. I would also like to thank the Union of Catholic Mothers who offered coffee and cake to families afterwards. We very much appreciate your support.

To continue the celebration, the children enjoyed a well-deserved treat with their friends—ice creams and lollies all around! Laughter filled the air and there were plenty of blue tongues spotted, a sure sign of a fun and flavourful time. It was a lovely way to mark this special day and build happy memories together. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so meaningful and enjoyable!





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Inclusive Quality Mark – Centre of Excellence

We are also extremely proud to announce that our school has been awarded the Inclusive Quality Mark – Centre of Excellence. This prestigious recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to providing an inclusive, nurturing, and high-quality education for all our children. A special thank you goes to Mrs Austin and all our dedicated staff, whose passion and hard work continue to ensure that every child's needs are met and every learner is supported to thrive.

This Sunday in Church

This weekend is the Feast of Corpus Christi. On Sunday at 11am Mass, we will have a procession around the church and children will scatter petals before the Blessed Sacrament. Those children who made their First Communion last month are invited to come to this Mass in their First Communion clothes. If you would like to join us, please do. Parking will be limited so please park in the streets nearby.

To find out more about what has been happening this week, head over to our Facebook page!

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all on Wednesday next week due to our staff training days on Monday and Tuesday.

Have fun!

Mrs Le Breton





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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, 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

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 Francesca

RR Olivia

1C Leo

1S Elizah

2D Greyson

2F Toby

3B Nancy-Lou

3L Orla

3L Elliott

4L Cian

4S Pelumi

5W Moses

5C Logan

6B Ivy

6F Samuel



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RC, 3B



**Attendance
Anteater**

RC, 1C, 4S

Whole School Attendance

97.4%

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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Term 6

23rd & 24th June 2025

SDD—No children in school

25th June 2025

Yr 5 Aylesford Priory for A Festival of Hope

27th June 2025

Yr 1 Historic Dockyard Trip

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

Friday 18th July 2025

Leavers Mass 9.30am

22nd July 2025

Last day of academic year

School Holiday Dates

24/25

SDD

23rd & 24th June

Summer Term ends

22nd July 2025

1st September 2025

Staff Development Day



Tuck Shop is back

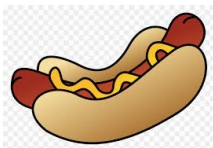
Every Thursday

There will be 50p bags and £1 bags, all sweets will be prepacked. Please bring loose change with you.



Secondhand Uniform Sale

Alongside tuck shop.



Hotdogs for Sports Day

Available for purchase via MCAS

£.1.50

Lost Property

The lost property bins will be put out on the playground each week after school. Any lost property that is not claimed by Tuesday 22nd July will be donated to charity.

Please have a look through as we have 3 very full bins of coats, PE kits, jumpers, cardigans, shoes! etc