



St Thomas More School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you'

24th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Gospel Reflection

We began the week by reflecting on the Gospel according to Matthew and the Parable of the Vineyard Workers. Together, we considered where we might see ourselves within the story and explored the important message that God values and loves each of us equally, regardless of our differences or the contributions we make.

What made this reflection even more special was seeing our current Year 3 pupils confidently remember all the actions to the hymn that accompanies this Gospel. To celebrate their enthusiasm and help us grow together as a school community, they will have the opportunity to stand in front of the whole school and teach the actions to everyone, so that we can all join in and worship together. We are very proud of their confidence, leadership and willingness to share their gifts with others.

Governor Visit

A sincere thank you to our Chair of Governors, Simon, who visited the school this afternoon and spent time completing learning drop-ins across the school. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the excellent learning taking place in our classrooms and to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines with their new teachers.

The visit also provided an opportunity to celebrate our recent Inclusive Quality Mark achievement and to discuss how our provision supports the needs of all pupils. We were proud to share the many ways in which we promote inclusion, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to flourish within our school community.

What have the children been up to this week?

During our recent lesson drop-ins, it was wonderful to see learning taking place across the school. In EYFS, children were exploring the meaning of the word 'Good' in RE and proudly explained what it means and how we can be good in the eyes of God. Our Year 1 pupils were busy with RE, demonstrating great enthusiasm and engagement. Year 2 children have been learning about how to stay safe at home, particularly in the kitchen, and were able to discuss important ways to keep themselves safe. In Year 3, pupils impressed us with their rugby skills, working collaboratively as a team to pass the ball and outmanoeuvre their opponents. Year 4 were revisiting colours in French and learning how to describe eyes and hair, showing excellent recall and confidence in their language learning. Meanwhile, Year 5 pupils were exploring primary and secondary sources in History and could clearly explain the differences between them, demonstrating strong historical understanding. It has been a pleasure to see such enthusiasm, knowledge and teamwork across all year groups. Remember to head over to our Facebook page to see more learning in action.



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Governors' Strategic Meeting and Celebrating Success

This week, we held our first Governors' Meeting of the academic year. It was an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the many successes of the last academic year, while also looking ahead to the priorities and developments that will help us continue to grow and improve as a school community.

We were delighted to share the outstanding achievements of our previous Year 6 pupils. Their end of Key Stage 2 results were above both local and national averages, with a particularly high number of pupils achieving Greater Depth. These outcomes are a testament to the hard work, commitment and dedication of our staff, but most importantly, they reflect the resilience, determination and effort of our children. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know that they have an excellent foundation for the next stage of their education.

We look forward to building on these successes throughout the year as we continue to provide the very best education, care and opportunities for every child at St Thomas More.

Little Recyclers Collection

Thank you for your generous donations to Little Recyclers. Not only are we helping to reduce waste and care for our environment, but we are also living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly our call to be Stewards of God's Creation. By reusing and recycling clothing, we are showing respect for the world God has entrusted to us and helping to build a more sustainable future for everyone.

This initiative also reflects the principle of the Common Good, as the funds raised will support opportunities for our children while encouraging us all to think about how our actions can positively impact others. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action and for supporting this worthwhile cause. We raised £105.30 with yesterday's collection.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Le Breton



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Term 1

29th September 2026
Reading & Phonics workshop
EYFS, Y1, & Y2
9am—9.45am

8th October 2026
Y6 Celebration of the Word
9.15am-9.45am

13th October 2026
Individual School Photos
By Vancols

16th October 2026
Harvest Festival Mass
9.30am in Church
All Welcome

21st October 2026
EYFS parent meetings RR
All Day

21st October 2026

Y1-6 Parent's Evening
4-7pm

No children to attend

22nd October 2026
EYFS parent meetings RS
All Day

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Year 1-6 Parent's Evening
4-7pm

No children to attend

23rd October 2026
PTFA Crazy Hair Day
£1 donation via Arbor
Last Day of Term 1

Half Term
Monday 26th– Friday 30th October



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RR Odin

RS Artie

1C David

1R Zhyon

2B Kairi

2M Connor

3C Daniela

3S Lilah & Ethan

4F Fae

4T Catherine

5C Andrew

5S Barney & Spencer

6F Arabella

6L Amber



**Punctuality
Peacock**

RS, Y1, 2M,
Y3, Y4, Y5



**Attendance
Anteater**

4F

facebook

Please see our Facebook page for photos of learning and good news

Prayer for This Week



Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of Your generous love, a love that welcomes each of us into Your vineyard and calls us by name.

Help us not to compare ourselves with others or to be jealous of the gifts and blessings they receive. Instead, teach us to rejoice in Your goodness and to celebrate the successes of those around us.

May we remember that every person is valued in Your eyes, regardless of their background, abilities or circumstances. Help us to show kindness, fairness and compassion to everyone we meet, especially those who may feel left out or overlooked.

As we go through this week, help us to respond willingly to Your call to serve others, using our talents to make a difference in our school, our families and our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him." (Psalm 145)