



St Thomas More School Newsletter

‘Love one another as I have loved you’

18th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy and joyful week in school, filled with faith, learning, achievement and new opportunities. There has been so much to celebrate, and we are incredibly proud of the way our children continue to demonstrate our values each and every day.

Celebration of the Word

We began our week by reflecting on the Gospel according to Matthew (18:21-35), where Jesus teaches us about the importance of forgiveness. Through this Gospel, our children reflected on how God calls us to show mercy, kindness and compassion to others, just as He forgives us. We thought about the difference forgiveness can make to our relationships and how we can live out this important message through our words and actions each day. As a school community, we continue to encourage our children to be people of forgiveness, understanding and love, following the example of Jesus.

Celebrating Our Inclusive Quality Mark

We are incredibly proud to share that our school has received the Inclusive Quality Mark again, recognising our commitment to ensuring that every child feels welcomed, valued, supported and able to thrive within our school community. This is a wonderful achievement and one that belongs to our whole school community. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our staff, governors, pupils and families for the contribution you make each and every day.

Our inclusive ethos is not simply something we talk about. It is something we work hard to live out through the care, support and opportunities we provide for all our children. We are extremely proud of this recognition and, most importantly, proud of the wonderful community that has made it possible.

Thank you for helping us to make our school a place where everyone belongs.

What a Fantastic Start to Street Dance Club!

It was wonderful to see our children enjoying their first Street Dance Club session this week. The club got off to a brilliant start, with so much enthusiasm, energy and plenty of smiles before the school day had even begun! We are delighted to be able to offer opportunities such as this, helping our children to stay active, build confidence, have fun and start their day positively with their friends. A huge thank you to Miss Lily for getting everyone moving and leading such a fun session. We can't wait for next Friday! The sessions will last for 6 weeks and we hope to be running this throughout the year so make sure you keep up to date with the newsletters so you book early to avoid disappointment. We will be allocating different year groups each time.



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Well Done, Year 6!

A huge congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 children who took the Medway Test this week. We were incredibly proud of the way they approached the tests, showing resilience, determination, maturity and a positive attitude throughout. Whatever the outcome, what matters most to us is that every child tried their very best and faced the experience with courage and confidence. You have already done yourselves, your families and our whole school community proud. Well done, Year 6. We are very proud of each and every one of you!

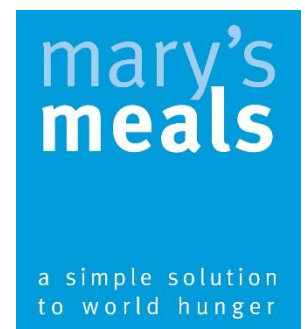
Thank you for Joining us at Curriculum Evening

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Evening this week. We hope you found the evening informative and useful. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear about the year ahead and learn a little more about the curriculum and the exciting learning opportunities your child will experience.

We know how important a strong partnership between home and school is, and we really value these opportunities to come together and consider how we can best support our children. We look forward to welcoming you back for our Parents' Evening meetings in October (remember it is for adults only), when there will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group and the progress they are making. If you were unable to join us for Curriculum Evening, please don't worry. Your child's teacher will be in touch to say hello between now and Parents' Evening, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to make that important connection at the beginning of the school year. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Putting Our Faith into Action: Mary's Meals

A huge thank you to Roy and Iona, who visited us this week to speak to our Key Stage 2 children about the work of the charity Mary's Meals. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to hear about the difference the charity makes and to consider the lives and experiences of children around the world. This year, as part of our Catholic life and mission, we will be deepening our understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, with a particular focus on the Preferential Option for the Poor.



This important principle reminds us that we are called to notice those who are most in need and to respond with compassion, generosity, dignity and love. We hope to support Mary's Meals during the year and look forward to exploring how, as a school community, we can put our faith into action and make a positive difference to the lives of others. It's been exciting to hear about the ideas that the children and staff already have to make this happen!



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Looking Ahead

We have started welcoming prospective parents and their children into school for tours ahead of our September 2027 Reception intake. It is always such a pleasure to meet new families, show them around our school and share everything that makes our school community so special. If you know a family who is looking for a school place for their child for September 2027, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a visit. We would be absolutely delighted to welcome them and show them around.

Please also help us to spread the word by sharing our Facebook page and directing friends and family to our school website, where they can discover much more about school life, our values and the wonderful opportunities we offer our children.

We also still have a small number of Reception places available for this academic year. If you know a family who may be interested, please encourage them to get in touch.

PTA Danceathon Success!

What a wonderful sight it was to see our whole school community come together for today's fantastic fundraising event, organised by our fabulous PTA!

The KS2 playground was filled with energy, enthusiasm and plenty of smiles as every child joined in, dancing non-stop for an incredible 30 minutes to raise money through sponsorship. It was truly heartwarming to see all of our pupils taking part with such excitement and determination. This event simply could not have happened without the support of our amazing families. Thank you for helping your children secure sponsorship and for supporting this fundraising effort so generously. Your support makes such a difference to our school. All funds raised will go directly into our fundraising pot to help enhance and develop outdoor activities and experiences for our children in the future. We are also delighted to announce that there will be a special prize for the class that raises the most money!

A very special thank you goes to Mrs Fitzmaurice and Mrs Mitchell, who generously gave up their time to lead the dancing and keep everyone motivated throughout the event. Fun was certainly had by all, with smiles, laughter and plenty of dancing throughout the session! The PTA will share the final amount raised once all sponsorship forms and donations have been collected and counted.

Thank you once again for your incredible support in making this event such a success. Together, we are helping to create even more exciting outdoor opportunities for our children in the future. 🌿 🌻

Please share and help us to welcome even more families into our wonderful school community!

Please remember to look at the dates to see what's coming up!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Le Breton





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Term 1

21st September 2026

Y6 Chessington Trip

24th September 2026

Little Recyclers Collection

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

22nd October 2026

Year 1-6 Parent's Evening

4-7pm

No children to attend

23rd October 2026

Last Day of Term 1

Half Term

Monday 26th– Friday 30th October



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RR Esme

RS Makai

1C Mia

1R Jaxson

2B Alexander

2M Fiya

3C Bella

3S Zara

4F Daniel & Adora

4T Lucas

5C James

5S Amila

6F Oluwadamilola

6L Amelia



**Punctuality
Peacock**

**1C, 1R, 3C,
6F, 6L**



**Attendance
Anteater**

4T

facebook

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

A Prayer for Those in Need



Loving God,

We pray for all those around the world who are experiencing poverty, hunger or hardship.

Help us to open our eyes to the needs of others, our hearts to show compassion, and our hands to offer help.

Teach us to share generously, to treat everyone with dignity and respect, and to remember that we are all part of one human family.

May we follow the example of Jesus by showing love, kindness and hope to those who need it most.

Help us, through our words and actions, to make our world a fairer and more loving place.

Amen.