



St Thomas More School Newsletter

4th September 2026

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Knowledge-rich, skills-led learning for all
Christ at our heart
Serving everyone in our community
Partnership of love, ambition, joy and peace



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and to see our school once again filled with smiles, laughter and enthusiasm for learning.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families as they begin their journey with us at St Thomas More. Starting school is an exciting milestone, and I know our school community will be supportive, caring and welcoming as they settle into school life.

We are also delighted to welcome a few new members of staff to our team as previously mentioned at the end of the academic year. I know that our children, families and staff will extend a warm St Thomas More welcome and give them the time and patience they need as they become familiar with our school, routines and systems.

The children have made an excellent start to the year. Throughout the week, we have revisited our Golden Rules, school values, attendance expectations and school uniform standards, ensuring that everyone understands the high expectations we have for ourselves and one another. We have also spent time focusing on those all-important hand-writing and presentation skills which help children take pride in their work and give of their very best.

You may have noticed our beautiful new front entrance wall display, proudly showcasing our school values of Faith, Happiness, Confidence, Resilience, Respect, Compassion and Ambition. It is wonderful to see these values displayed so prominently as a reminder of who we are and what we strive to be as a school community. You may also have seen our new external fence and security gate at the front of the school, along with the newly tarmacked pathway leading to Reception. These improvements will enhance both the safety and accessibility of our site, particularly during the winter months ahead.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Canon Victor and Father Joseph for organising and celebrating a Welcome Back Mass for our staff. It is always a privilege to welcome Canon Victor to our school, and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in prayer and reflection at the start of a new academic year. As we begin this year, it is important that we continue to nurture and share our faith, supporting one another and striving to become the very best versions of ourselves through Christ's example.

Today, we gathered together in church to celebrate a wonderful Children's Mass, beautifully led by our new Year 6 pupils. Our readers spoke with confidence and reverence, helping to make the celebration both prayerful and uplifting. The singing throughout the Mass was truly wonderful, with all of the children joining together so enthusiastically and respectfully, creating a joyful atmosphere of worship and celebration.



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We are incredibly proud of the way our Year 6 children embraced their responsibilities and set such a positive example for the rest of the school. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Father Joseph for his continued support of our school community and for helping to nurture and strengthen the faith journey of our children. It was a truly special celebration and a lovely way to begin the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to all that we will achieve together during the year ahead.
God bless,

Mrs Paula Le Breton
Headteacher



Loving God,

As we begin this new school year, we thank You for the opportunities that lie ahead. Bless our children, families and staff as we learn, grow and work together.

Help us to live out our school values each day by showing faith, happiness, confidence, resilience, respect, compassion and ambition in all that we do. Guide us to make good choices, care for one another and always strive to be the best we can be.

We ask You to bless all those who are new to our school community and help them to feel welcomed, valued and loved.

May Your presence be with us throughout this year, strengthening our faith and helping us to share Your love with others.

Amen.





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Punctuality Peacock

RR, 1C 2M, 3S,
4F, 5C, 5S



Attendance Anteater

Anteater
6L, 5S, 3S

facebook

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

Thursday

10th September

2nd hand uniform sale.

KS2 Playground

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of we are always grateful for donations that are in good condition

Reminder regarding parking



We have already had instances of poor parking across the pathway restricting families with prams and pushchairs and wheelchairs Please respect our community and park sensibly but more importantly safely for our children.

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
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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Term Dates - September 2026 to July 2027

Term 1

SDD: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Start: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Finish: Friday 23 October 2026

Autumn break: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term 2

Start: Monday 2 November 2026

Finish: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas break: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Term 3

Start: Monday 4 January 2027

Finish: Friday 12 February 2027

February break: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term 4

SDD: Monday 22nd February 2027

Start: Tuesday 23 February 2027

Finish: Thursday 25 March 2027

Good Friday: 26 March 2027

Easter Monday: 29 March 2027

Easter break: Tuesday 30 March 2027 to Friday 9 April 2027

Term 5

Start: Monday 12 April 2027

Finish: Friday 28 May 2027

Early May bank holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

Spring bank holiday: Monday 31 May 2027

Late spring break: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term 6

Start: Monday 7 June 2027

Finish: Friday 16 July 2027

SDD: 19, 20, 21 July 2027