



St Thomas More RC Primary School

'Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others'

Upcoming dates

Monday 4th September –

INSET DAY

School closed to children

Tuesday 5th September

Children return to school

Wednesday 19th

September

Whole school Mass at church

Friday 22nd September

Year 1 trip to Woodlands Farm

Friday 22nd – Wednesday

27th September

Scholastic Bookfair after school

Friday 20th October -

INSET DAY

School closed to children

Monday 23rd October –

Friday 27th October

HALF TERM

Monday 30th October

Children return to school

Wednesday 8th November

Parent's Evening

Wednesday 20th December

– LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 21st December –

INSET DAY

School closed to children

Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year ends, we would like to express our thanks for your ongoing support and dedication to our school community. We also want to acknowledge our incredible pupils, each and every one of them have shown tremendous growth and eagerness to learn, resulting in amazing end of key stage results so please do read on to see our fantastic outcomes.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we are committed to continuing to provide the best possible educational experience for our pupils. We will continue to prioritise their well-being, academic growth and spiritual development.

Thank you once again for your support and on behalf of all the staff at St Thomas More we wish you a safe and joyous summer filled with rejuvenation and quality time with loved ones.

Mrs Collins

Goodbyes and Hellos

We will of course be saying good bye to Year 6 today and wish them all the best for the next step in their educational journey, but we will also be saying good bye to Mrs Highfield -our school business manager who is moving on to manage a far larger primary school, we thank her and wish her all the best in her new role.

We say hello and welcome to Mrs Gowing who will be joining our teaching team in September as our PPA cover teacher and PE lead.

Weekly Attendance Figures

This week we celebrated those children with outstanding attendance. It was brilliant to have a quarter of our school recognised for 99% or above school attendance. Please see below this week's figures.

Class	% Attendance
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	75%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	99.2%
Whole school	91.6%

Our final end of year attendance figure is 94.6%, let's work together to improve this next year.

Moving forward - September 2023

We cannot stress enough the importance of regular school attendance. EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS. Although being absent cannot always be helped as we all do become ill from time to time, taking time off during term time to go on a family holiday will not be authorised as we want the best outcomes for your child and missing what could be the equivalent of 5 days learning could widen the gap between your child and their peers.

Following Government guidance and working alongside the Royal Borough of Greenwich, we will be putting in place procedures to prevent pupils becoming Persistent Absentees (any pupil with less than 90% school attendance) by contacting parents when a child's attendance drops to 95%. If no further improvement is seen, a meeting will be arranged for you to see our school attendance officer.

Nut allergies and Birthday Treats

From September 2023, we will not be able to give out any birthday treats to children that contain edible items. Unfortunately, this is due to the increase of children with differing allergies and dietary requirements. If you would still like your child to bring in gifts to share with the class to celebrate their birthday, we ask for it to be non-food based such as stationery items etc. Thank you for your support in this.

Can I also remind you that if you are sending your child in with a packed lunch there should be no nut-based products in it.

School Money Account

Our wrap around care as well as our after school clubs are extremely busy. Unfortunately, if you have not cleared your accounts from this academic year you will not be eligible to book on any of these clubs. If you are having difficulty paying, please come and speak to us in the school office.

Term: Summer 2 Date: July 2023

Extra-Curricular Clubs this term

Clubs will be starting week beginning 14th September and letters will be given out on the first week of term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Taekwondo Yrs 1, 2,3	Dodgeball Yrs 4-6	Art Club Yrs 2-6	Prokickers Yrs 3-6	Gymnastics Yr 1, 2 and 3
	Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill		Musical theatre club Yrs 3-6	

****If your child attends a club that doesn't fall on their PE day can they please bring their kit in a bag and wear school uniform as normal.****

Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 1

****INSET DAY – Monday 4th September: No attendance for children****
Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 19th October

****INSET DAY – Friday 20th October: No attendance for children****

-October half term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October-

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December 2023

****INSET DAY – Thursday 21st December: No attendance for children****

-Christmas Holidays Friday 22nd December – Friday 5th January 2024-

Spring Term 1

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024

-February half term: Monday 12th February -Friday 16th February-

Spring Term 2

Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024

-Easter Holidays Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April-

Summer Term 1

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May (May Day bank holiday – 6th May)

-May half term: Monday 27th May – Friday 21st May

Summer Term 2

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

****INSET DAY – Friday 28th June: No attendance for children****

****INSET DAY – Wednesday 24th July: No attendance for children****