



St Thomas More RC Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Friday 20th October -

INSET DAY

School closed to children

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

October

HALF TERM

Monday 30th October

Children return to school

Wednesday 1st November

Whole school Mass at church

Friday 3rd November

Yr 3 class mass @ church

11am

Tuesday 7th November

Reception 2024 Intake open
morning @ 9.30am

Wednesday 8th November

Parent's Evening

Monday 13th – 17th

November

Other Faiths week

Wednesday 29th November

**Hopscotch and Art club
closed**

Tuesday 12th December

Infant Nativity 2pm & 6pm

Wednesday 13th December

KS2 Advent service @ church
2pm

Wednesday 20th December

– LAST DAY OF TERM

Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

As our first half term ends, our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the violence in the Middle East. We pray for the families that have been torn apart. We ask God to strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations and hope those who have the power bring peace. The news of the war can be distressing and we have found that some children have questions. CBBC Newsround is a great place to direct your children to so they can have some of these questions answered and open the discussion for you and your child. There is a daily bulletin that will cover the latest information in a way that is easier for our children to understand. ([Home - CBBC Newsround](#))

Poppies For Sale

From the 1st November, Poppies and wristbands will be on sale at break times to raise money for the British Legion. If children wish to bring money in can it please be in a sealed envelope or purse with their name on it so it can be handed to the teacher. Thank you.

Hopscotch Vacancy

We are looking for a new member to join our fantastic Hopscotch team once a week after school. If you are interested, please see the advert further on in this newsletter.

We wish you and your families a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

Mrs Collins

Weekly Attendance Figures

It is such a shame that after many weeks of fantastic attendance the school has dropped so low on the run up to half term.

Class	% Attendance
Reception	89.4%
Year 1	89.5%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	92.1%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	89.7%
Year 6	94.4%
Whole school	91.3%

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.

Winter Uniform and PE Kit

When the children return in they should still be in their winter uniform. This consists of:

Children are expected to wear and be proud to wear our school uniform.

Boys	Girls
Grey Trousers	Navy Skirt or Pinafore
White Shirt	White Blouse
Navy Jumper	Navy Cardigan or Jumper
Red Tie	Red Tie
Grey or Black Socks	White or Navy Blue Socks / Navy Blue Tights
Black Shoes - no Boots or Trainers	Black Shoes - No Boots or Trainers
Dark Blue / Navy Blue Overcoat	Dark Blue / Navy blue Overcoat

Winter PE Uniform

Can you please make sure that for PE your child is wearing their winter PE kit on their days (see timetable below). A **navy, plain** tracksuit, white polo shirt and trainers is required.

*****Please remember to label ALL items of clothing so they can easily be returned*****

PE Timetable

Reception Class:	Monday and Thursday
Year 1:	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2:	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3:	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4:	Monday (swimming) and Friday
Year 5:	Monday and Thursday
Year 6:	Tuesday and Thursday

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 June

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****

Extra-Curricular Clubs this 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: Autumn 1 Date: October 2023

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ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Afternoon Hopscotch Club Assistant

2.5 hours per week Wednesday (3.30pm – 6pm)

Term Time Only

Salary: Scale 4 Point 8 (£1,563.00 pro rata)

8th November 2023 Start

We are looking for a permanent member of staff to join our new team. The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic and outgoing. Applicants must have good literacy skills and the ability to develop good working relationships with the team and parents.

Please download details of the post and application form from the schools website.

- Application form
- Recruitment Monitoring Form
- Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 – Disclosure Form
- Job Description
- Person Specification

St Thomas More School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with current and past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Please forward completed application forms to sao@stmprimary.org

Closing date 31st October 2023