



St Thomas More RC Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 8th January 2024

Children return to school

Friday 12th January

New Year Mass at church
9am

Tuesday 23rd January

Yr 2 trip to the Florence
Nightingale Museum

Tuesday 30th January

Road Safety Workshops

Monday 5th – Friday 9th February

Celebrating Asian Culture
week

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February HALF TERM

Monday 19th February

Children return to school

Friday 1st March

Yr 6 St David's Day Mass at
church 11am

Wednesday 6th March

Parent's Evening

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 19th March

Yr 5 & Yr 1 Class Mass 11am
at church

Thursday 28th March – Last day of term

Yr 6 Stations of the Cross
performance at 9.30am

Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been an excellent term at St Thomas More and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone in our community for playing their part.

At the start of last week Key stage 1 impressed with their fantastic nativity show, Key stage 2 sung beautifully at their carol service and on Thursday we were all busy tucking into a Christmas dinner. The end of the week finished with our PTA Christmas Fayre – what a busy few days!

Your fundraising support has been overwhelming and even amongst a cost of living crisis the Christmas Fayre alone raised a staggering £1496! As well as other fundraising such as the Poppy Appeal, Demelza and Save the Children raising £412. It is much appreciated.

In our final assembly of 2023 we lit the candles on our Advent Wreath. Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season, we light candles amidst the darkness and find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. This Advent, we are especially in need of peace. War rages on in our world and affects the daily lives of millions in different ways; we pray that Jesus transforms our world as we await His coming again.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your continued support and we wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Mrs Collins

*please read on for important reminders including **PE timetables** and term dates

Half-Termly Attendance Figures

Class	% Attendance
Reception	97.3%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	96.0%
Whole school	95.1%

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



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 31st 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 Rec, 1, 2,3	Dodgeball Yrs 4- 6	Art Club Yrs 2-6	Prokickers Yrs 3- 6	Gymnastics Yr Rec, 1, 2 and 3
	Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill	Tag Rugby Yrs 3,4,5,6	Musical theatre club Yrs 3-6	Girls only multi skills 4,5,6

****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.****