



St Thomas More RC Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 19th February
Children return to school

Friday 1st March
Yr 6 class Mass 11am

Monday 30th October
Children return to school

Wednesday 6th March
Parents' Evening

Friday 8th March
World Book Day

Thursday 14th March
International Maths

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day

Monday 18th March
Class Photos

Tuesday 19th March
Yr 1 & Yr 5 class Mass
11am

Thursday 28th March –
LAST DAY of TERM
Yr 6 Stations of the Cross
9.30am

Monday 15th April
Children return to school

Thursday 18th April
Eastertide Mass at church
9am

Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and carers,

The first half of the Spring term has been short, but it has been filled with exciting events and learning opportunities. The Lunar New Year Celebrations have ended this week with a special lunch and a visit from the SE9 magazine – so please keep an eye out for our feature! And, read on to learn more about it and see some pictures from the day.

As we approach the Lenten season Pope Francis' message is 'Through the desert God leads us to freedom,' In his message he invites us to pause for prayer and to assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities. This aligns with our values here at school. As you may have heard, Holy Family Catholic Primary School is undergoing a consultation for closure this July. On the 19th February, we will be welcoming new children and their families who have decided to make the move sooner. I know you will join me in welcoming them into our amazing school community.

And finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a lovely half term break, and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.



Mrs Collins

Weekly Attendance Figures

Class	% Attendance
Reception	94.4%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.0%
Whole school	96.0%

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

Lunar New Year Celebrations

We have had a fantastic response from pupils sharing their Lunar New Year Homework and some of the creations are outstanding and are currently pride of place in our school office! Pupils are bringing home a red envelope today. These red envelopes are a traditional gift for children as well as the elderly and usually have money inside. In China, the red envelope is called **ya sui qian**. Those who receive a red envelope are wished another safe and peaceful year. The **colour red** symbolises **energy, happiness, and good luck** in some Asian cultures. Interestingly, the significance lies in the red paper itself, rather than the money inside. A special thank you to Mrs Dada for coordinating this event and to Mrs Nguyen for running the art sessions in each class.



International Maths Day

International Day of Mathematics is on Thursday 14th March. This year, the theme is 'Playing with Maths'. The junior classes have been set homework during half term to make a game to play with the infants on the 14th March. Mrs Dada spoke to the school about how the games/puzzles can be created from recycled materials from around the home too! Please see your child's homework folder for more information on maths coverage in the infants and what you need to include. Good luck to our future entrepreneurs.



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 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****

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 R, 1, 2 and 3
	Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill	Tag Rugby Yrs 3 -6	Musical theatre club Yrs 3-6	Multi skills – girls only Yr 3,4,5 & 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.****