



St Thomas More RC Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 15th April

Children return to school

Tuesday 16th April

Yr 4 Cricket sessions start

Thursday 18th April

Eastertide Mass at 9am
St John Fisher and St Thomas
More Church

Friday 19th April

Yr 3 trip to Thames Barrier

Tuesday 23rd April

Yr 4 class Mass 11am at
church

Friday 26th April

Yr 5 trip to Woodlands Farm

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 9th May

Ascension Day Mass at
church – 9am

**Monday 13th May – Thursday
16th May**

Yr 6 SATs week

Friday 17th May

Yr 3 trip to Eltham Palace

Tuesday 21st May

Yr 6 School journey meeting
3.45pm

Thursday 23rd May

Crowning of Mary Service
10am

**Friday 24th May – last day of
term**

Head teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our spring term and prepare for the celebration of Easter, I would like to thank you for the continued support to our school community. Easter, the most important event in the church calendar, allows us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life. This morning Year 6 performed beautifully the Stations of the Cross. It was an opportunity for reflection on the messages of renewal, hope and redemption. Easter is a time for us to come together, share the light of His love and carry forward the message of peace and forgiveness. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a reflective and restful Easter break.



Mrs Collins

Goodbyes and Warm Welcomes

At the end of this spring term we are sad to say goodbye to Mr Sedgewick our Yr 4 teacher. We thank him for his dedication to the children he has taught over the time he has been with us but also to the team here at STM. We wish him all the best for the future.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lobo as the new Year 4 teacher and member of our team. She has already met with the class and is looking forward to starting with us after Easter.

Please read on for information on summer sharing assemblies, PE timetables, term dates for the next academic year and some exciting news from the PTA!

Spring Term Attendance Figures

School attendance has dramatically improved, thank you for supporting us in this and ensuring your child is at school every day. I must remind you that if you would like to take your child out of school due to extenuating circumstances you must come in to the office and collect an absence request form prior to the date.

Class	% Attendance
Reception	97.6
Year 1	96.4
Year 2	96.4
Year 3	94.7
Year 4	95.5
Year 5	95.5
Year 6	96.9
Whole school	96.1

Summer Sharing Assemblies

Sharing assemblies will be returning in the summer term! It is a chance for the children to show case their learning and an opportunity for you to see them perform. Assemblies will start promptly on Fridays at 10.10am; you will then be invited up to your child's class after the performance to see their learning environment and work. Please see the schedule below:

Friday 10 th May	Year 5
Friday 17 th May	Year 1
Friday 24 th May	Year 3
Friday 14 th June	Year 4
Friday 5 th July	Year 2
Friday 12 th July	Reception
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leaver's production (

PE Timetable – Summer Term 1

Reception	Monday and Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

Spring/Summer Menu

When the children return we will be moving onto our new spring/summer menu and have some exciting new dishes created by our school chef Toni after discussions with school council! If you would like your child to have school dinners, please inform the office when we return in April.

Breakfast club bookings

We want to take this opportunity to remind parents they need to book their places in advance for breakfast club, via School Money. We have noticed a higher uptake in breakfast club places over the past few weeks and we want to ensure parents are not turned away on any mornings due to all the places already being allocated.

Ideally, we would like parents to book all their slots for the whole week, in advance, to avoid disappointment. If you do not have your log in details or are having issues with the app, please contact the school office.

Extra-Curricular Clubs this term

In addition to the letters sent out this week, please see below a list of our clubs for this half term. If you would like to request a place for your child, please contact the school office.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Taekwondo Yrs Rec – Yr 3	Dodgeball Yrs 3-6	Art Club Yrs 2-6	Prokickers Yrs 3-6	Gymnastics Rec-Yr 2
	Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill	Cricket Yrs 3-6	Musical Theatre Yr 3-6	Girls Tennis Yr 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.****

Summer Uniform and PE Kit

When the children return they can begin to wear their summer uniform – weather permitting! This remains primarily the same but with the option of **red checked dresses for the girls and grey shorts for the boys**:

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

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

Term Dates 23-24

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****

Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 1 2024

****INSET DAYS – Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September: No attendance for children****

Term time: Wednesday 4 September to Thursday 24 October 2024

****INSET DAY – Friday 25 October: No attendance for children****

Half-term holiday: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Autumn Term 2 2024

Term time: Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December 2024 (**1.30pm finish**)

Christmas and New Year holiday: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2025

Spring Term 1 2025

Term time: Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February 2025

Half-term holiday: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Spring Term 2 2025

Term time: Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April 2025 (**1.30pm finish**)

Easter holiday: Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April 2025

Summer Term 1 2025

Term time: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May 2025

****May Day bank holiday 5 May: school closed****

Half-term holiday: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Summer Term 2 2025

Term time: Monday 2 June to Friday 18 July 2025 (**1.30pm finish**)

*****INSET DAYS – Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 July: No attendance for children****

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE PTA

This week we have welcomed 3 new members to the pta to help organise and plan events for the children to enjoy throughout the year and raise money for the school and the supplies we need.

Last week the pta held a meeting alongside Mrs Collins where we discussed all the future ideas we have for the school and children.

In due course we will be sending out questionnaires for the children and parents to fill out to see what ideas you would all like to see happening within the school.



EVENTS

Friday 17th May school disco - £2 per ticket. reception, yr 1 and yr 2 (4pm-4:45pm)
yr 3, yr 4, yr 5 and yr 6 (5pm-5:45pm)

Friday 12th July - School bbq (more details to follow)



INFORMATION

After the Easter break more details on events will follow & when tickets will be on sale.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.



Congratulations Yellow Team!

Well done to the yellow house whom were our spring term winning team, scoring an amazing 1527 points! The lucky children were invited to the cinema (school hall!) to watch a film and munch on popcorn and sweets for the afternoon. A lovely treat enjoyed by all!

