



## St Thomas More RC Primary School

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

### Upcoming dates

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Children return to school

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Easteride Mass at church  
9am

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Yr4 Class Saint's day Mass

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – school closed

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Yr 6 SATs week

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Yr 4 trip to the Golden Hind

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Choir perform at Blackheath  
Halls

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Crowning of Mary 10am

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May- HALF TERM

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Children return to school

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Yr 5 trip to Royal  
Observatory

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day at Sutcliffe park  
from 9am

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Yr 2 trip to Woodlands Farm

### Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been, as usual, a busy half term and we would like to thank you once again for your generosity and support for our Lent charity this year – The Catholic Children's Society. We are in the process of calculating the total amount our school community has raised and look forward to sharing that with you when we return.

Today our Year 6 class put on an incredible performance of the Stations of the Cross. Their portrayal of this significant story was both moving and deeply reflective, capturing the essence of Easter. Their heartfelt performances accompanied by prayer and song, created a truly special and spiritual atmosphere that touched everyone who attended. This performance served as a reminder of the love, sacrifice and hope this season brings.

When we return in April and our summer term begins, the children will be able to wear their summer uniform (a full list is given further on in this newsletter). Can we please remind you to **label all items of clothing** and a full uniform inspection will take place during the first week back at school.

We would like to end this spring term by sharing the wonderful news that Mrs Jarvis is expecting a baby in late summer, we are delighted for her and look forward to celebrating this joyful time with her over the coming months.

On behalf of the school and Governors, we wish you and your families a peaceful and blessed Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



Mrs Collins

**\*please read on for important summer term reminders including uniform, PE timetables and term dates**

### Half-Termly Attendance Figures

Thank you to everyone that has ensured their child has attended everyday this term, it was fantastic to award so many with attendance certificates!

Class	% Attendance
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	90.2%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	90.5%
Whole school	94.7%

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.

### Appointments/Pick-ups during school day

If there is a need to pick your child/ren up early for any reason, we ask that you email in to the office with a reason as to why you are requesting an early pick up. If collection is for a medical appointment, you would need to provide proof of the appointment and this should be provided to the school office at least 24 hours before the appointment. This is to help the attendance of the pupils and ensure they are getting the best out of the full school day. We thank you for your support and understanding.

### Congratulations to the Green House Team!

This spring our Green House collected the most points over the term, have enjoyed a film afternoon, and treats this Wednesday – well done!

This term's results:

Green	Red	Blue	Yellow
5623	5602	5030	4815





Congratulations to the outstanding attenders this term!



The choir proudly represented our school at this year's Greenwich Music festival



Our Year 6 class traditionally perform The Stations of the Cross at the end of the term but across the school the children have been learning about Holy Week, a special time when we remember the last days of Jesus' life. It was wonderful to see some beautiful artwork from our Year 2 and Reception class depicting these events.

### Summer Uniform

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. Please see below the summer uniform list. **Please note no jewellery is to be worn – this includes earrings – even clear spacers. If your child has earrings in you will be asked to come to school and remove them.**

#### Boy's Uniform

White collared shirt  
 Grey shorts  
 Navy blue jumper  
 Red tie  
 Grey socks  
 Black shoes

#### Summer PE Uniform

White polo shirt  
 Red shorts  
 Trainers or plimsolls  
 Plain Navy tracksuit  
 (if needed) No logos

#### Girl's Uniform

Red checked summer dress  
 Navy cardigan/Jumper  
 White socks  
 Black shoes – no open toes or sandals

### Summer Term 1 PE Timetable

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

### Extra-Curricular Clubs this term – start week beginning 28/04/25

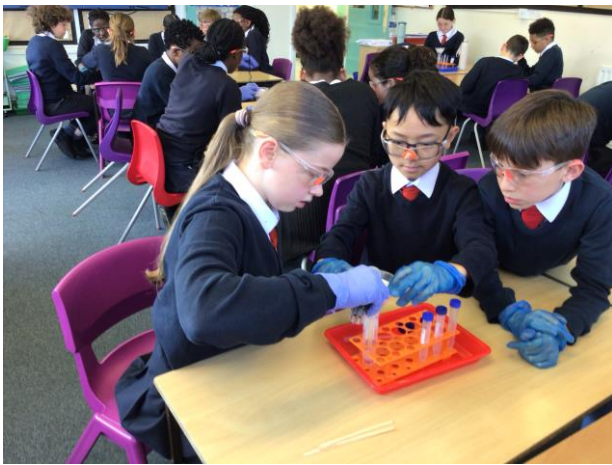
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Coding Club Ks1 and Ks2	Dodgeball Yrs 3-6	Art Club Yrs 2-6	Prokickers Yrs 3-6
Pro kickers Girls Football	Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill	Tag Rugby Yrs 3,4,5,6	Musical theatre club Yrs 3-6
Rec-Y2 Multi-skills			

**\*\*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.\*\***

This term has been full of many enriching experiences for our children both inside and outside of the school. We would like to say thank you to all the parents that have supported our school trips, without your help they would not be able to go ahead.

### Yr 5 and Yr 6 Science Day

Last Friday, David Hall from Cambridge Science Centre visited Years 5 and 6 and led a workshop about disease epidemics. The children took part in a range of activities, from sorting reliable and unreliable information to creating medication in test tubes, to finally interpreting test data in order to establish which medication to prescribe to different patients. The day was packed full of information and engaging activities that enabled the children to learn new knowledge and improve their teamwork, resilience and critical thinking skills.



### Yr 4 visit to Greenwich Park

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Greenwich Park. They stood on the Prime Meridian, the line that splits the world into East and West! It was cool to have one foot in each hemisphere while learning about time zones and navigation. They also become cartographers and had fun making their own maps!



### 2024-2025 Term Dates

#### 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\*

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

### 2025-2026 Term Dates

#### Autumn Term 1 2025

**\*\*INSET DAYS – Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September: No attendance for children\*\***

Term time: Wednesday 3 September to Thursday 23 October 2025

**\*\*INSET DAY – Friday 24 October: No attendance for children\*\***

**Half-term holiday: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025**

#### Autumn Term 2 2025

Term time: Monday 3 November to Friday 19 December 2025\*

**Christmas and New Year holiday: Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2026**

#### Spring Term 1 2026

Term time: Monday 5 January to Friday 14 February 2026

**Half-term holiday: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2026**

#### Spring Term 2 2026

Term time: Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March 2026\*

**Easter holiday: Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026**

#### Summer Term 1 2026

Term time: Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May 2026

**\*\*May Day bank holiday 4 May: school closed\*\***

**Half-term holiday: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026**

#### Summer Term 2 2026

Term time: Monday 1 June to Friday 17 July 2026\*

**\*\*\*INSET DAYS – Friday 26 June 2026 AND Monday 20 July 2026 : No attendance for children\*\***

**\*1.30pm end of day finish**