



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

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

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first autumn term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what a busy, exciting and successful start to the term it has been. The children have settled back well, shown great enthusiasm for their learning and embraced the challenges set by their new class teachers. They have all worked extremely hard this week completing end of term assessments and teachers look forward to discussing their progress with you at the parent meetings in November.

This term has been filled with memorable moments! From the amazing children that represented our school in the many sporting events that have taken place to the wonderful work that is going on within our classrooms – which you can now see on our Instagram page, please do follow us: @stthomasmorese9, it is the best way to see exactly what we are up to!

After the half term break we welcome back from maternity leave Miss Cleary, we're thrilled to have her back with us and know that the children are too. We would like to thank Miss Mohamed for her dedication and hard work in supporting the class since September and we are very pleased to inform you that she will be staying with us until Christmas to help support children across the school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please remember the day we return (3rd November) there will be school photos taking place. Children are to be in full winter uniform – NO PE KITS

Please do take a note of the important dates coming up, and read on for **an opportunity for you to help raise money for the school with no additional cost to you!**

We would like to wish you all a peaceful and well-rested half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Collins

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 3rd November:

Children return to school
School Photos

Tuesday 4th November:

Y3 Class Mass

Friday 7th November:

Remembrance Day Assembly

Wednesday 12th November:

Parent Meetings

Thursday 12th November:

Y2 visit to Christchurch Eltham

Friday 14th November:

Y4 Science trip to St Thomas More
Secondary

Thursday 20th November:

Y4 and Y5 Judo sessions at
Thomas Tallis

Friday 21st November:

Tombola own clothes day

Thursday 27th November:

Y4 Virtual Roman Workshop

Friday 28th November:

Reception & Y6 Weights and
Measures

Tuesday 9th December:

Infant Nativity afternoon
performance 2pm

Thursday 11th December:

Infant Nativity evening
performance 5.30pm

Friday 12th December:

PTA Christmas Fayre 3.45pm-
5.30pm

Tuesday 16th December:

KS2 Advent Service 2pm

Friday 19th December:

LAST DAY OF TERM 1.30pm finish

POPPY SALES

We will once again be taking part in the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal when we return. From 3/11-7/11, children will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy or related items during school time to show their support and remembrance for those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces. We suggest a minimum donation of £1 and for the pin badges £2. On the 7th November, we will be holding a short Remembrance assembly where children will learn about the significance of this day and the importance of reflection, gratitude and peace.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At St Thomas More, we believe that every school day counts. Good attendance is vital for children's learning, progress and overall wellbeing. When children attend school regularly they not only develop important academic skills but also build friendships, confidence and good habits that will benefit them for life. Missing school – even just a day or two here and there can easily add up. Attending 95% of the time means missing two weeks of learning over the year and children who are regularly absent often find it harder to keep up with their classmates.

We ask that all children aim for at least 96% attendance across the year. This gives them the very best chance to reach their full potential. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make sure every child at St Thomas More has the best opportunity to succeed.

Autumn 1 Attendance Figures

Class	% Attendance
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	97.1%
Whole school	97%

Autumn Term 2 PE Timetable

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

Extra Curricular Clubs

These will all be staying the same after half term **APART FROM** Dodgeball that, due to low numbers has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Help support our school with Easy Fundraising!

We are excited to let you know that St Thomas More is now part of the Easy Fundraising community – an easy free way for you to support our school every time you shop online! It won't cost you a penny extra. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-thomas-more-primary-school-eltham/> or scan the QR code and join for free.
2. Install the app and Donation Reminder extension.
3. Activate your donation before shopping online and the retailer will automatically donate to us for free!

These donations will make a real difference. Funds raised will help support vital resources to help ensure our children have access to everything needed to enhance and enrich what we already provide.

If every family joins and uses Easy Fundraising we could raise hundreds of pounds for the school each year – simply through the shopping you already do!

Thank you in advance and for making St Thomas More an even better place to learn and grow.



Scan me!

A gentle reminder...

As we continue to work together to keep our children safe and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of parking considerably around the school. Please ensure that when you are dropping off or collecting your child:

- You do not block driveways
- You avoid parking on pavements, corners or obstructing the road and consequently the flow of traffic

We fully understand that these are busy parts of the day but by taking a few extra moments to park safely and respectfully, we can help make the area around our school safe for everyone.

Safety First at Drop-Off



Term Dates 2025-2026

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 19 June 2026 AND Monday 20 July 2026 : No attendance for children****

***1.30pm end of day finish**