



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

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

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this Autumn term and prepare ourselves for Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a joy to welcome so many of you into school and at our church over the recent weeks to share in our Advent service and Nativity performances. It has helped to make these experiences truly special and reminded our children that Christmas is a time for coming together in faith, love and joy.

Throughout Advent, the children have been encouraged to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and how they can live out the Gospel message in their daily lives. We encourage all our children to continue to show kindness, generosity and compassion to others, especially during this Christmas season.

PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone that attended our popular Christmas Fair. You have all helped raise £1600 - a phenomenal amount! Thank you to the Year 6 children and parents as well as the PTA who helped organise this event and the proceeds will go towards helping fund the school journey coach to keep costs down for parents.

SENDCO Drop-ins

As you will have seen in the letter sent yesterday, our Deputy Head and SENDCO Mrs Barnes has made the decision to retire. We wish her well as she starts this new chapter.

Moving forward next year our SEND and Inclusion team – Mrs List and Mrs McEnroe would like to invite you to some Special Educational Needs drop in appointments. These will take place on 15th January and a letter will be going out in the new year to book a time so please do look out for this.

As we look ahead to the holidays, we hope this will be a time of rest and family togetherness. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you a joyful Christmas and may the New Year be blessed with health and happiness.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th January 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Collins

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 5th January:
Children return to school

Friday 9th January:
New Year Mass 9am at church

Wednesday 14th January:
Y4 Platform Cricket sessions start

Thursday 15th January:
SENDCO drop in meetings

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February:
Assessment week

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February:
HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February:
Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd March:
Y6 class Mass at 10am

Wednesday 11th March
Parent meetings

Tuesday 17th March:
Y5 class Mass at 10am

Thursday 19th March:
French culture day

Friday 20th March:
Y4 Orienteering trip

Tuesday 24th March:
Y5 trip to The Reach

Thursday 26th March:
Y4 trip to The Tower of London

Friday 27th March:
Y6 perform Stations of the Cross at 9.30am
LAST DAY OF TERM 1.30pm finish

Monday 13th April
Children return to school

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

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 2 Attendance Figures

Class	% Attendance
Reception	95.5%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6	96.1%
Whole school	96.1%

Congratulations to the pupils that received attendance awards this term. Year 2 had the highest percentage of pupils with 100% - well done!



Autumn House Points

Congratulations to the Yellow house team who have achieved the highest house points this term (2161) and who have enjoyed a Christmas disco this week along with the top earners from the other 3 houses.

Position	House Team	Points
1 st	Yellow	2161
2 nd	Red	2091
3 rd	Blue	2067
4 th	Green	2030

Festive Fun...



This week our choir had the wonderful chance to sing at Rectory Court Care Home. They received a lovely welcome, the room was filled with smiles and we are very proud of the children and their beautiful singing.

The Christmas disco for our house team winners was lots of fun! They enjoyed dancing and enjoying squash and crisps with friends. The party continued on Thursday with Christmas dress up day and yummy Christmas dinner. Thank you to our wonderful helpers that made the lunch run so smoothly, especially our dancing divas helping with the trays!





Spring Sharing Assemblies



We are pleased to announce the dates for our spring sharing assemblies. This is an opportunity for parents to come and see a short class assembly that will showcase what the children have been learning. Afterwards you are invited to have a look around your child's classroom and see some of the work they have been doing.

All assemblies will start at **9.15am**

Date	Year group
30 th January	Year 2
6 th February	Reception
13 th February	Year 4
27 th February	Year 3
6 th March	Year 5
13 th March	Year 1
27 th March (9.30am start)	Year 6 Stations of the Cross

Spring Term 1 PE timetable

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

Spring Extra Curricular Clubs: January to March 2026

Please see below the range of activities that are being offered for the spring term. In order to ensure that our clubs best meet the needs and interests of our pupils, we regularly consult both children and families. The clubs currently on offer reflect the outcomes based on these findings with some new additions that were popular when we asked the children.

Our priority is to provide clubs that engage the children but also ensure the clubs are sustainable and well attended. While we understand that not every child's individual interest can be catered for at all times, we continually review and make adjustments where possible.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Coding Club (information sent direct to parents)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 2-6 Maximum 20 children
Monday	Football – Primary Active Futures (formally pro kickers)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 1&2 Maximum 20 children
Tuesday	Choir	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3-6 Selected children only
Tuesday	Inventors (information sent direct to parents)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3-6 Maximum 20 children
Tuesday	Multi Skills	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years Rec – 2 Maximum 20 children
Wednesday	Art Club	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3-6 Maximum 25 children
Wednesday	Cooking club	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 4-6 Maximum 12 children
Wednesday	Rugby	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3-6 Maximum 20 children
Thursday	Football – Primary Active Futures (formally pro kickers)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3-6 Maximum 25 children
Thursday	Drama Club run by The Rehearsal Room (information sent direct to parents)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3-6 Maximum 20 children
Thursday	LUNCHTIME Chess Club	12pm- 12.55pm	Years 3-6 Maximum 18 children

*******Can we please remind you to clear all overdue payments on school money – failure to do this may affect your child's place in a club*******

Term Dates 2025-2026

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**

Help support our school with Easy Fundraising!

We would like to remind you that St Thomas More is part of the Easy Fundraising community – an easy free way for you to support our school every time you shop online! We would be grateful if you could please sign up. 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.



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