



# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

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

Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a short – but busy – spring term, we would like to thank you for your continued support. From fundraising to supporting school trips, attendance at sharing assemblies and making costumes – thank you!

We ended our term with Year 6 performing the Stations of the Cross – a reflective and prayerful occasion. We came together to reflect on Jesus' journey and the sacrifice he made for us. We are very proud of the respect and maturity shown during this performance, well done and thank you Year 6.



As we look now to the Easter break, we are reminded of the joy and hope of the Resurrection. May this holy season bring peace, renewal and much needed rest and relaxation with your loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Collins

### School Nurse Drop in for Parents

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a Health Advisors Parent Workshop focusing on Behaviour and Emotional Regulation. This session will provide practical advice and support on a range of health topics, including behaviour, sleep and emotional well-being. The workshop will take place in the school hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am. A letter will go out next term so an expression of interest can be made. It is a great opportunity to meet the health team and learn how we can work together

### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Children return to school

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Y3-Y6 Cricket sessions to start

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Eastertide Mass at Church 9am

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Y4 Class Mass 10am

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Y3 Rugby festival

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:**  
Holy Communions at St John Fisher & St Thomas More 1pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:**  
Y6 SATs week

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:**  
Crowning of Mary 10am

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:**  
Last day of term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May:**  
HALF TERM

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:**  
Ks2 Sports Day practice

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:**  
Y5/6 girls cricket tournament

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June:**  
School nursing team Parent drop in session 9am

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June:**  
Y5/6 mixed cricket tournament

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June:**  
INSET day – No attendance for children

## 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.

### Spring 2 Attendance Figures

Class	% Attendance
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	96.6%
Whole school	96.1%

Well done to the 80 pupils that received 100% attendance and thank you to those that are improving their attendance and punctuality!

### Summer Term 1 PE timetable

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

Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit, no branded or logo on tracksuits please

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

You will have had via email details of the Extra Curricular clubs available for the summer term. If you would like your child to join, please go on line to pay for these as soon as possible. This will avoid disappoint due to limited availability – please see the selection of clubs at the end of this newsletter. Thank you

## Recent activities and trips...

Congratulations to our red house team who won this terms house points with an amazing 1956! They, along with top raffle earners enjoyed a fun filled afternoon – an Easter egg hunt and cinema experience!

Position	House Team	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Red	1956
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blue	1826
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yellow	1822
4 <sup>th</sup>	Green	1784

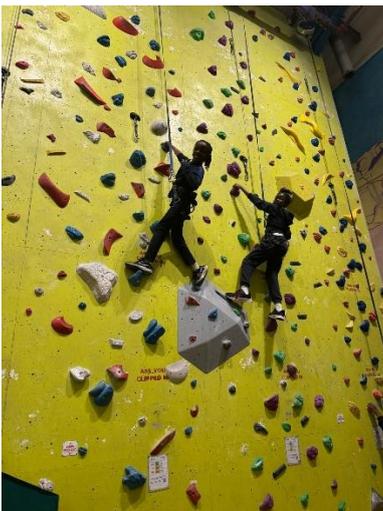


### Egyptian Day

Year 3 had a wonderful immersive day celebrating all things Egyptian. They performed an Egyptian dance to their families followed by Egyptian activities including being mummified! They tasted some food the Egyptians would have eaten and most importantly they looked absolutely stunning in their outfits!



Year 4 have enjoyed a couple of weeks of exciting trips, including a visit to the Tower of London to complete their History learning about the Tudors. They explored the historic site, met the Yeoman Warders, and even saw where Thomas More was imprisoned. They also enjoyed orienteering at Woodlands Farm. A big thank you to our parent helpers for supporting us.



Year 5 had an amazing time trying out their climbing skills at The Reach on Tuesday. They did so well, some were even brave enough to make it to the top! Thank you to the parents for coming along to support this trip.



### PTA Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our lucky 6 raffle winners who have received one of our wonderful Easter bundles. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. Thank you also to the PTA who delivered an Easter Egg for each individual child! They were very very happy to leave with it today 😊



## STM Primary Extra Curriculum after School Clubs – APRIL-JULY 2026

DAY	CLUB	TIME	YEAR
MONDAY	CODING CLUB (information sent to parents via separate email).	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Years. 2 & 3,4, 5 and 6 Maximum 20 children
MONDAY	FOOTBALL – PRIMARY ACTIVE FUTURES (FORMALLY PRO KICKERS)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years Reception, 1 & 2 Maximum 20 children
TUESDAY	CHOIR	3.30pm-4.30pm	Years 3,4,5 & 6 Selected children only
TUESDAY	INVENTORS (information sent to parents via separate email)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Maximum 20 children
TUESDAY	MULTI SKILLS	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Reception, 1 & 2 Maximum 20 children
WEDNESDAY	ARTCLUB	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Year. 3, 4, 5 & 6 Maximum 25 children
WEDNESDAY	RUGBY	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Maximum 20 children
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL – PRIMARY ACTIVE FUTURES (FORMALLY PRO KICKERS)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 Maximum 25 children
THURSDAY	DRAMA CLUB run by The Rehearsal Room (information sent to parents via separate email)	3.30pm-4.30pm	Boys and girls Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Maximum 20 children
THURSDAY Lunchtime	LUNCHTIME CHESS CLUB	12pm -12.55pm	Boys and girls Years 3,4,5 & 6 Maximum 18 children

### Term Dates 2025-2026

#### 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

### Term Dates 2026-2027

#### Autumn Term 1 2026

**\*\*INSET DAY – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: No attendance for children\*\***

Term time: Thursday 3 September to Friday 23 October 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

#### Autumn Term 2 2026

Term time: Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December 2026\*

Christmas and New Year holiday: Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January 2026

\*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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