



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

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

Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the school gathered together to honour our Blessed Mother for our Crowning of Mary service, led by our Lighthouse team and Father Richard. It was a beautiful and prayerful celebration with wonderful singing from all the children adding to the special occasion. The crowning ceremony was a reminder of Mary's love, faithfulness and her constant guidance towards her son, Jesus. We would like to say thank you to everyone who kindly brought flowers to decorate our statue of Mary. Your generosity added so much colour and beauty to our celebration.



Book Fair Success!

Thank you to everyone who came and purchased books at our Book Fair last week. We raised £601.28, which means we will have just over £250 to spend on books for our class libraries – thank you for your generosity!

We would also like to remind you about a parent drop in session with the school nursing team. They will be running a workshop on Monday 15th June at 9am to discuss how best to support your child's behaviour and emotional regulation.

With the last term of the academic year just about to start please read on for information about changes to the PE timetable, the summer BBQ and our next academic year term dates.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 1st June**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Collins

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 1st June:

Children return to school

Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th June:

Year 4 Statutory Multiplication check

Monday 8th – Friday 12th June:

Year 1 Statutory Phonics screening check

Wednesday 10th June:

Ks2 Sports Day practice

Thursday 11th June:

Y6 trip to the Science Museum

Friday 12th June:

Y5/6 girls cricket tournament

Monday 15th June:

School nursing team Parent drop in session 9am

Monday 15th – Thursday 18th June:

Other Faiths week - Sikhism

Tuesday 16th June:

Y5/6 mixed cricket tournament
Y3 trip to Eltham Palace

Friday 19th June:

INSET day – No attendance for children

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June:

Y6 School Journey week

Tuesday 23rd June:

Whole school Mass 9am at St John Fisher and St Thomas More

Thursday 25th June:

Y4 trip to the Golden Hinde

Tuesday 30th June:

Y1 trip to Greenwich Park

Wednesday 1st July:

Sports Day

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.

Summer 1 Attendance Figures

Class	% Attendance
Reception	97.2%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	97.9%
Whole school	97.5%

Summer Term 2 PE timetable

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

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Primary Active Futures – Football Rec, 1 & 2	Inventors Yrs 3-6	Art Club Yrs 2-6	Primary Active Futures - Football Yrs 3-6
	Multi Skills Rec, 1 & 2		
	Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill	Tag Rugby Yrs 3,4,5,6	Drama club Yrs 3- 6
			Lunchtime Chess Club Yrs 3-6

Recent activities and trips...

Rugby Tournament

This week a select group of girls from years 3-6 took part in the Blackheath Rugby Club festival and we are pleased to announce the girls came back with the trophy! They showed outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship and are very deserving winners! Congratulations.



Singing Spectacular

Huge congratulations to our school choir and Miss McGill for an outstanding performance at Blackheath Halls this week. We are beyond proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by the children. Well done!



Y5 Bread Making

Lots of fun was had in Year 5 last week! As part of their DT topic, the children followed a list of instructions to make bread. They all said how tasty their finished rolls were!



Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to Maxwell for passing his level 5 Gymnastics exam. His routine included use of the rings, floor and parallel bars! Well done, we look forward to seeing you excel and become a professional gymnast one day maybe! 😊



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.**

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

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

Hot Weather

As we move further into the summer term and the weather begins to warm up, please ensure you apply sun cream to your child in the morning and they have a sun hat to wear at break times. Please no sunglasses.



Health Advisors parent workshop Behaviour & Emotional Regulation

Our service is open to all families of primary school-aged children across Greenwich. We advise and support in child health issues such as healthy weight, toileting, fussy eating, behaviour, sleep...


We are inviting St Thomas More families to come and meet with health advisors and learn how we can work together to support your child's emotional regulation.

Where	St Thomas More school
Date:	15.6.26
Time:	9 am

YOUNG GREENWICH

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Term Dates 2025-2026

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 DAYS – Wednesday 2 September and Friday 25 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

Spring Term 1 2027

****INSET DAY – Friday 15 January 2027: No attendance for children****

Term time: Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February 2027

Half-term holiday: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Spring Term 2 2027

****INSET DAY – Thursday 25 March 2027: No attendance for children****

Term time: Monday 22 February to Wednesday 24 March 2027*

Easter holiday: Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April 2027

Summer Term 1 2027

Term time: Monday 12 April to Friday 28 May 2027

****May Day bank holiday 3 May: school closed****

Half-term holiday: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027

Summer Term 2 2027

Term time: Monday 7 June to Wednesday 21 July 2027*

*****INSET DAY – Thursday 22 July 2027: 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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