



ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

'Do all that you do with Love'

Issue 2 17th April 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS EXLEY

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been absolutely lovely to see all the children returning from their Easter break, full of energy and ready to learn. As we move further into the summer term, we are all hoping to see a bit more sunshine on the playground!

To stay up to date with everything happening at school, please ensure you are regularly checking Parent Hub. It is vital to keep an eye on both your child's individual class page and the main school feed, as this is our primary way of communicating all important school matters with you.

We have a very special event coming up on Friday 1st May at 9:30am. We will be holding a whole school prayer service in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are delighted that Fr Damian will be joining us to bless our beautiful new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was kindly purchased using funds raised by the Friends of St Thomas More. We would love for as many parents and carers as possible to join us for this occasion; more details will follow shortly.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school office. We are always here to help.

Every Blessing
Julieann

Alleluia! Jesus is risen and lives in our hearts every
day.

Thank You for the joy and hope that stays with us, even
after Easter has passed.

Help us to remember Your love in all that we do
and to share kindness, peace, and forgiveness with
others.

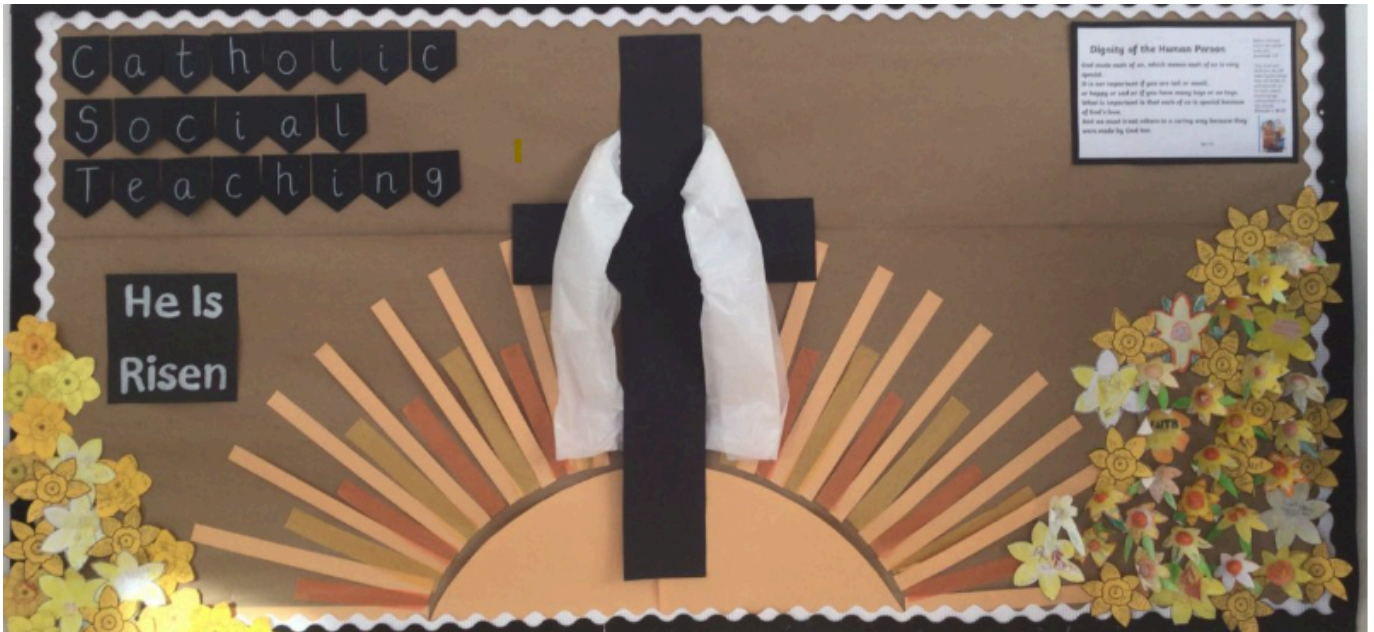
May we continue to walk in the light of Jesus,
carrying the happiness of Easter into each new
day.

Alleluia!
Amen.





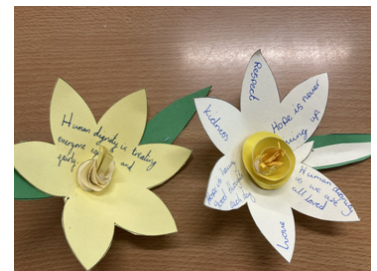
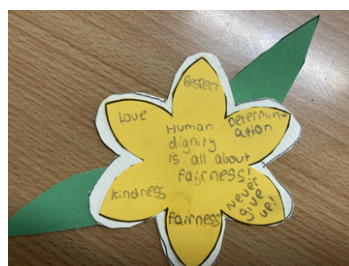
PEACE, HOPE AND HUMAN DIGNITY



During class worship, we reflected on an image of the risen Jesus and considered the meaning behind His words of greeting. This led to thoughtful discussion around our Catholic Social Teaching focus on the dignity of the human person.

The children made meaningful links between the message of the risen Jesus, our school motto *"Do all that you do with love,"* and our school rule *"Be kind, be ready, be safe."*

As part of their mission from whole-school worship, the class created Daffodils of Hope. Each flower represents their reflections and aspirations, and these will be added to a beautiful display in both the classroom and the school hall.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

We were delighted to hear about Mrs Naser, Mrs Ofosu and David's recent visit to Lourdes as part of their pilgrimage. Lourdes is a very special place of prayer, reflection and faith, and it was wonderful to see them take part in such a meaningful experience.

They were proud to join staff from PFMAC, alongside pupils from other PFMAC schools, sharing this special journey together.

During their time there, they joined pilgrims from around the world, taking part in services, processions and moments of quiet reflection. This opportunity allowed them to deepen their faith and create memories that will stay with them for years to come.

We are very proud of them for representing our community and sharing in such a special journey.



TIME TO CELEBRATE

WINNING HOUSE



As part of our wider curriculum, we are delighted to offer pupils the opportunity to take part in an exciting extracurricular trip during their time at St. Thomas More School.

We have arranged a theatre visit to see The Lion King in London at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday 30th September.

This trip is open to children currently in Years 2, 3, 4 only.

There are 41 tickets available, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once all tickets have been sold, bookings will close.

The cost of the trip is £43.65 per child. This includes both coach travel and the theatre ticket.

The trip will depart from school at lunchtime and return at approximately 6:30-7:30pm, depending on traffic conditions.

Further details, including confirmed timings, will be shared closer to the trip date.



MULTI-SKILLS CLUB

Sports clubs will restart from week commencing 20 April.

If you are keen for your child/children to join or continue on our sports clubs on a Monday or Wednesday, then bookings are now live on the site for the summer term at the following link below.



Monday - Y3-Y6 Football
Wednesday - Y1-Y6 Multisports

playanywherecoaching.co.uk/copy-of-after-school-clubs

ATTENDANCE AWARD :
Reception

CERTIFICATES

Reception

Beatrice and Ella

Year 1

Chinedum and Damien

Year 2

Pippa and Mustafa

Year 3

Luke and Nyaradzo

Year 4

David, Khanya & Olivia

Year 5

Gabriel and Gabriel

Year 6

Felicity, Mariah, Kalia-Jae



ST THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!

YEAR 2



Year 2 explored microhabitats around the school, including log piles, soil, and leaf litter, to find where minibeasts live and why. They discovered a range of creatures and enjoyed observing, discussing, and recording their findings. This hands-on activity helped them understand how living things depend on their habitats.

NURSERY



In Science the Nursery have been looking at plants we explored soil with buckets and spades and spoke about what plants need to grow



YEAR 3



In Year 3 PE, we started our new topic on core strength and stability. We practised balancing and holding a range of positions, focusing on controlling our bodies while maintaining steady breathing.



YEAR 5



THE ARK

We have enjoyed sponge painting daffodils, playing with sand and play dough and running around outside.



In maths, Year 5 have been exploring volume as the space an object takes up. Using playdough, they created different shapes with the same volume and began comparing mass and volume. They will continue this by measuring mass in upcoming lessons.





DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Monday 13th April	Summer Term starts
Tuesday 21st April	Parents' Evening 3:30pm -6:00pm
Wednesday 22nd April	Year 1 Prayer Service
Thursday 23rd April	Parents' Evening 3:30pm -6:00pm
Wednesday 29th April	Year 2 Prayer Service
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5th May	Ark and Nursery Closed (paediatric first aid)
Wednesday 6th May	Ark and Nursery Closed (paediatric first aid)
Monday 11th May	SATS week Year 6
Thursday 14th May	Whole School Ascension Day Mass 1:30pm
Monday 18th May	Art Week in school
Tuesday 19th May	Year 4 Class Trip
Wednesday 20th May	Reception Class Prayer Service
Wednesday 20th May	Year 2 Class Trip
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Class Trip Story Museum
Friday 22nd May	Year 6 SATS treat Harry Potter Studios
Friday 22nd May	Art Week Exhibition in school 2:30pm

HALF TERM

Monday 1st June	Back to school
Friday 5th June	School Nurse vision screening visit
Sunday 7th June	Holy Communion
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Check week
Wednesday 10th June	Year 6 Prayer Service
Monday 15th June	Refugee Week
Tuesday 16th June	Year 1 class trip
Thursday 18th June	Farm Visit Early Years
Thursday 18th June	St Thomas More Celebration Mass in school
Sunday 21st June	Year 6 Confirmation
Tuesday 23rd June	Wonder Dome Planetarium workshops
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Prayer Service
Wednesday 24th June	Year 3 Class trip
Wednesday 24th June	Gosford Hill Transfer day
Wednesday 24th June	DT Week in school
Tuesday 30th June	Year 5 to Gosford Hill production of Matilda
Friday 3rd July	Rocksteady concert
Friday 10th July	Sports Day (Year 1 – Y6)
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9:30am
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 17th July	School finishes 1:00pm (no after school club)
Monday 20th July	INSET day

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September - INSET day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 2nd September - INSET day – school closed to pupils
School starts on Thursday 3rd September