



# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

'Do all that you do with Love'

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS EXLEY

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week, bringing a real lift to the playground and classrooms. However, please continue to send your children with coats and jumpers. The temperature can drop quickly, especially when it's windy, and we want all children to stay warm and comfortable throughout the day.

It was fantastic to see such an amazing turnout at Parents' Evening. The positive comments shared as families left were wonderful to hear, and I want to thank you all for your encouragement and partnership. We are exceptionally lucky to have such supportive parents and carers in our school community.

It is with sadness that I share that Alison Templer, our Chair of Governors, has resigned from her post due to personal reasons. Alison has been a dedicated governor for several years, and we are deeply grateful for her commitment, service, and support of St Thomas More. We wish Alison well and will keep her in our prayers.

A new Chair of Governors will be elected in due course, and we will keep you updated.

This week, many children filled their merit cards and received their Gold Star. This is a significant achievement, and I encourage you to praise the children at home, they have worked incredibly hard, and as always, we are proud of each and every one of them.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Julieann Exley



What Today May Bring  
Loving Father,

If I awakened today wondering what will be, May I look for the guidance of Your Spirit in me. If today I experience loneliness, May Your Son's compassion fill the emptiness. If in body, mind, or spirit is pain, May I turn to You for hope sustained.

Amen





## Grateful for your generosity

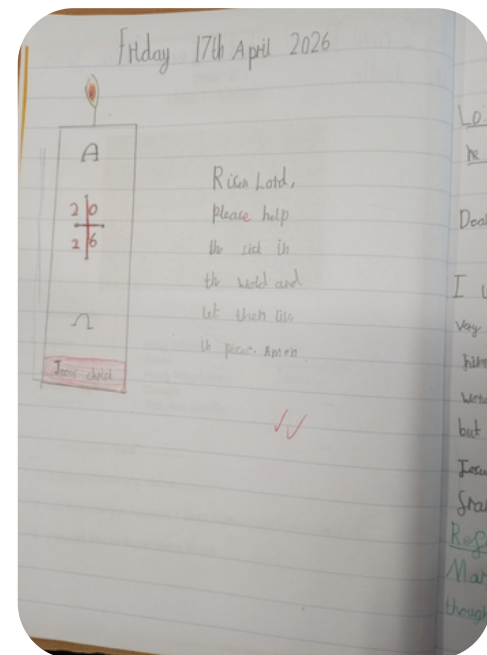
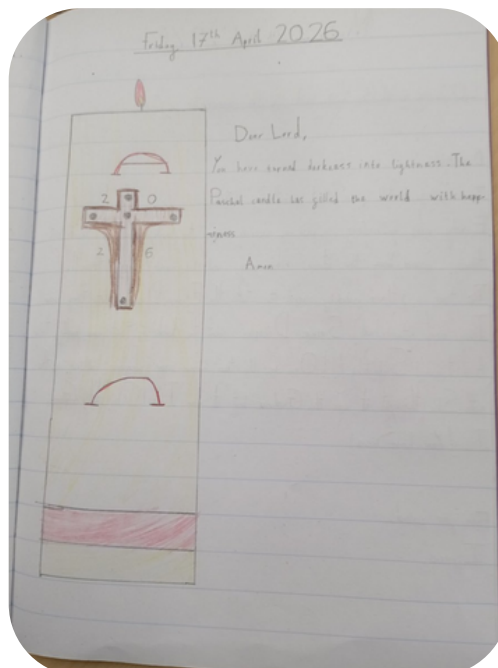
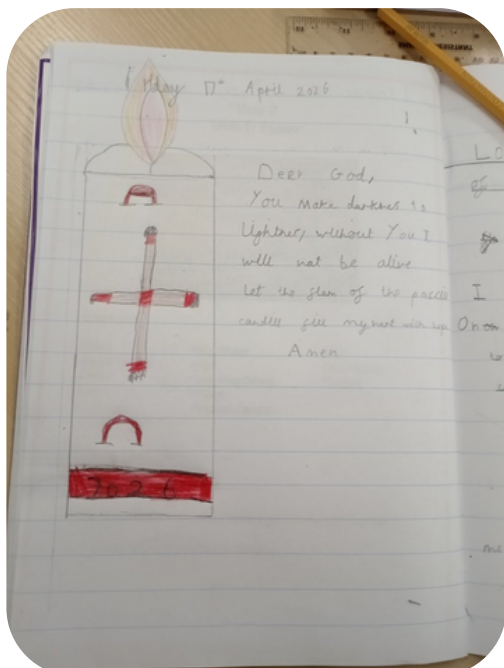
This term, our Virtues focus is 'Grateful and Generous. We are truly grateful for your kind generosity which has enabled us to invest in brand new Bibles for our children.

These resources will help us deliver the new RE curriculum and allow the children to hear and read the Word of God during prayer and liturgy.

Thank you!

## Exploring the Paschal Candle and Writing Prayers

Year 2 visited the church and spent time exploring the Paschal candle, discussing its meaning and the symbols on it. We learned how each symbol represents important aspects of faith and the story of Easter. The children then wrote their own prayers, giving thanks for the light of the Paschal candle and reflecting on how its flame brings light into our lives.



# TIME TO CELEBRATE

## WINNING HOUSE



**ATTENDANCE AWARD:  
YEAR 6!**

## CERTIFICATES

Reception

Anaya & Jordan

Year 1

Maria and Jonathan

Year 2

Francisco and Alizah Fatima

Year 3

Isaac and Levent

Year 4

Eric and Keigo

Year 5

Sosuke & Nathan

Year 6

Jeffery & Iga

**The Lion King -A Fantastic Opportunity!**  
We still have a few tickets left for The Lion King! Please book via Arbor if you would like your child to attend. This is an amazing opportunity for children to experience a West End show and enjoy this unforgettable production.



## Netball Success at St Thomas More

Well done to all the children who took part in the Netball Tournament. They were praised for their hard work, determination and excellent teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement in finishing second in their group!



# ST THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!

## RECEPTION

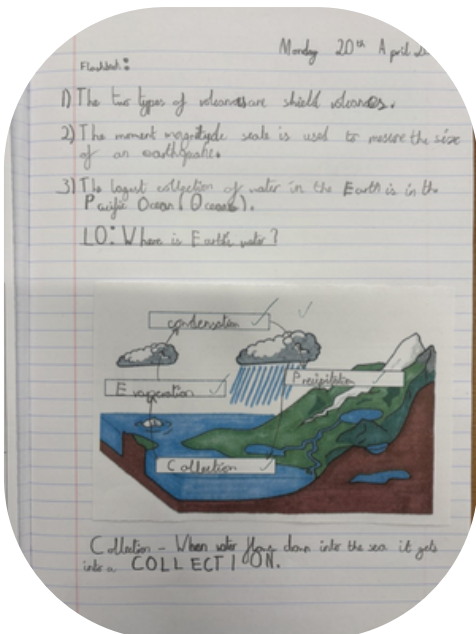


During Maths in Reception we identified things that were longer than other things. We completed our work neatly into our books.



## YEAR 3

Year 3 began their exciting new geography topic, Water and Weather. We explored where water on Earth is stored and delved into the water cycle, discussing the different processes involved. The children then labelled a diagram of the water cycle and successfully explained one of the processes in detail, showing great understanding and enthusiasm for their learning.

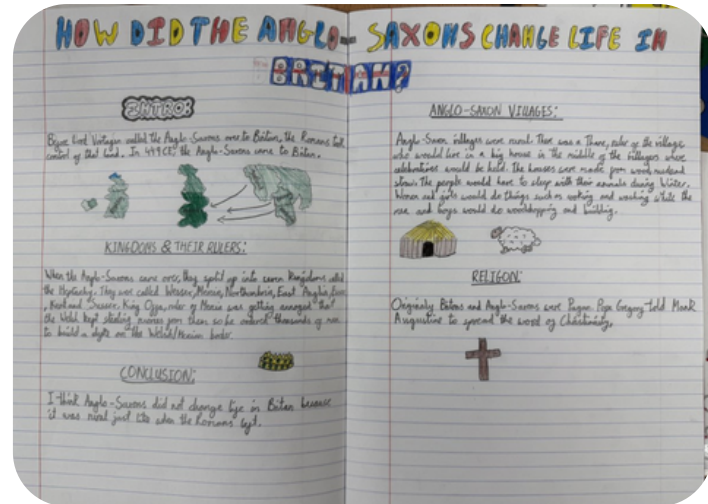


Our Nursery children have been busy exploring creativity through butterfly printing. Using paint and a range of colours, the children created beautiful symmetrical butterfly patterns, learning how folding and pressing can make matching wings.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 concluded our History unit on the Anglo-Saxons this past week, and the children demonstrated a strong understanding of this period. They answered their Big Question in a thoughtful and informative way, which was wonderful to see.



## NURSERY



## YEAR 6

The Year 6 children have been investigating 3d nets. They spent time carefully creating nets out of paper before drawing them into their books. They then had a challenge to draw 11 different ways of making a cube net.





# DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 29th April	Year 2 Prayer Service
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5th May	Ark and Nursery Closed
Wednesday 6th May	Ark and Nursery Closed
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 25<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



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**