



ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

'Do all that you do with Love'

22nd May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS EXLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully creative week it has been at St Thomas More. Every class has taken part in Art Week, and the school has been filled with colour, imagination, and pride. The children were so eager to share their creations, and it was a joy to see their artistic talents shine. They will be bringing home some truly lovely pieces to share with you.

This week also brought a very special moment for our parish community as we celebrated the Induction of Fr Damian. The service was beautiful, and it was heartwarming to see so many of our families join in this important occasion. Our altar servers did an exceptional job, calm, confident, and reverent under the watchful eyes of thirteen priests. Every one of them was a current or former pupil, which made us all incredibly proud. We are truly blessed to have such faithful young people in our church and school community.

Years 5, 4, and 2 also enjoyed their class trips this week, returning full of excitement and stories about what they had learned. These experiences enrich their learning in such meaningful ways, and there will be plenty more adventures to look forward to next term. As we head into the half-term break, I hope the sunshine allows you all to enjoy some well-deserved family time. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at 8.45am on Monday 1st June as we begin our final half term of this academic year.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful break.

Every Blessing

Julieann



**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
thank you for your love, grace, and gentle care.
Guide us closer to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and help us live with faith, kindness, and peace each
day.**

**Pray for us in times of joy and struggle,
and keep our hearts strong in God's love.
Amen.**



Reception Class: Honouring Mary During Our Termly Prayer Service

Our Reception class recently took part in our termly prayer gathering, and it was wonderful to see so many families joining us for this special occasion. Together, we reflected on the month of May, which is dedicated to Mary, and thought about her example of faith, love, and kindness.

We are very grateful for the continued support and involvement of our families in these meaningful moments, which help to strengthen the partnership between home, school, and our shared faith community.



Fr Damian's Induction Mass

We were delighted to be a part of Fr. Damian's induction Mass this week. Canon Mervyn was the Bishop's representative and led the beautiful service. It was lovely to see so many parishioners, St. Thomas More staff, both old and new, and it was wonderful to see former and current St. Thomas More students serve at the Mass.

We finished the evening with a joyful celebration at St. Thomas More, filled with laughter, shared memories, and a wonderful sense of community. It was a fitting end to such a special and memorable occasion.

We warmly welcome Fr Damian to our parish and look forward to the future with great joy and hope.



TIME TO CELEBRATE



WINNING HOUSE



ATTENDANCE AWARD : RECEPTION



Congratulations to Kiyan, Yanis, and Amir on your football awards what an amazing achievement! 🏆 Your hard work, talent, and dedication have truly paid off. Keep shining and making everyone proud!

CERTIFICATES

RECEPTION ELION AND ROSE

YEAR 1 SHALINA AND SEBBY

YEAR 2 MIRYAM AND DHAVID

YEAR 3 LARA AND DAMIAAN

YEAR 4 IMAN AND ENZO

YEAR 5 JOSHUA AND MATEI

YEAR 6 PEARL AND MATTHEW

REMINDER

Polite Reminders:

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Please make sure all your child's information on Arbor is up to date, including contact details, medical information, and consent forms.

If you have moved house or any details have changed, it is very important that we have the correct and up-to-date information on record, as we are required to keep this information current.



Summer Term

As we move into the summer term, all children are required to have a hat in school and should have sun cream applied before coming to school.

Children are also allowed to wear the summer uniform and please ensure they have a water bottle.





Learning Beyond the Classroom



The Storybook Museum



What a busy week at St Thomas More! The children have enjoyed a range of exciting trips, including visits to the Museum of Oxford, the Story Museum, Pizza Express, and Year 6 finished the term with a fantastic trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour. These have been amazing opportunities for the children and have greatly enhanced the curriculum.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and parent helpers who make these trips possible!



Pizza Express



The Oxford Museum



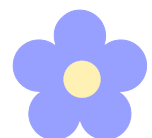
ST. THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!

Art Week Exhibition: Celebrating Our 3D Sculptures

It's Art Week this week, and we have all been working very hard to create a range of 3D sculptures. If you are able to, please join us for our exhibition in the classrooms today from 2:30pm. We would love for you to come and see the wonderful artwork created by your children.



The Nursery children enjoyed creating colourful 3D flowers using paper, paint, and craft materials to develop their creativity and fine motor skills.





May Half Term



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays



DATES FOR SUMMER 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
Sunday 21st June	Year 6 Confirmation
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

Summertime