



St Thomas More
Catholic School
The King's good servant but God's first

PARENT NEWSLETTER

2.10.2026



Welcome from Mr Rosen, Head of School

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another wonderful example of our school community coming together to celebrate all that makes St Thomas More such a special place to learn, grow and flourish.

We were delighted to welcome prospective families to our Year 6 Transition Open Evening and Open Morning, with over 600 parents and children visiting our school. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many ways we support every child to Succeed, Thrive and Make a Difference throughout their seven-year journey with us.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the many pupils who volunteered their time to support these events. Our students acted as tour guides, ambassadors and representatives for their departments, speaking confidently and passionately about their experiences at St Thomas More. They demonstrated the very best of our CREST values of Courage, Respect, Effort, Service and Teamwork.

The feedback from visiting families was overwhelmingly positive. Parents repeatedly commented on the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the school, the high standards they observed, and, most importantly, the impressive interactions they had with our pupils. As always, our students were our greatest ambassadors, and they should be incredibly proud of the impression they made.

This week also marks the beginning of Black History Month. Over the coming weeks, pupils will have the chance to take part in a range of exciting, informative and thought-provoking activities designed to educate, inspire and broaden their understanding of the diverse world in which we live.

As we move through this half term, thank you once again for your continued support. Together, as a Catholic community rooted in faith and guided by our CREST values, we remain committed to ensuring that every child is known, valued and given every opportunity to succeed, thrive and make a difference.

Upcoming dates

5.10.2026

Year 11 career guidance interviews continue

6.10.2026

SEN parents' coffee morning

7.10.2026

Open morning tours for Year 6 and parents

Year 8 (selected pupils) Highgate Chrysalis

Axiom Maths Circles

Year 10 cohort 1 LVN workshop

Year 11 Historians BHM screening

Years 11 & 12 (selected pupils) to Imperial

Department of Bioengineering

8.10.2026

A level Drama trip to National Theatre

9.10.2026

Year 11 social

Attendance

In the case that your child cannot attend school, please call 020 8888 7122, and choose Option 1.

Safeguarding

Our school safeguarding team is Ms Warriner, Designated Safeguarding Lead; Ms Bona, Mrs Mouis, Mr Wood and Mr Rosen. Any concerns can be notified to parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk, marked FAO Safeguarding Team.

Instagram

You can follow us on Instagram [@st_thomas_more_n22](https://www.instagram.com/st_thomas_more_n22) to see what has been going on in and around the school each day and we now also have a dedicated Sixth Form Instagram page [@stmsixthform](https://www.instagram.com/stmsixthform), featuring daily posts on events, opportunities, and Sixth Form life.



Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to this week's winners of the Headteacher's Award, they are: Kylon Morrison (7BK1), for Service, for presenting to Year 6 prospective parents at our Open Evening and Jordan Mpembele (8BK2), also for Service, for supporting a member of the public who needed help on the bus.

Idiom of the week

Weather the storm

Meaning:

To survive a difficult period or situation.

Example:

Despite several setbacks, the team managed to **weather the storm**.

Words of the week

Monday – Triumphant (Adjective): Having achieved a great victory or success, or feeling very happy and proud because of such an achievement.

Tuesday – Unperturbed (Adjective): Not worried about something, especially when this is slightly surprising.

Wednesday – Delirious (Adjective): Unable to think or speak clearly because of fever or mental confusion. Or, extremely happy or excited.

Thursday – Homage (Noun): A great tribute to someone or something to show honour or respect.

Cultural Capital: Keats' poem "To Sleep" is a good example of a poem that pays homage to Shakespeare's famous "To be or not to be" soliloquy. Read these and see if you can spot the tribute.

Friday – Obscure (Adjective & Verb): Not known to many people. Or, to prevent something from being seen or heard.

Thought of the week

The only person
you should try to be
better than is the
person you were
yesterday, so your
greatest glory is not
in never falling – but
in rising every time
you fall.



Catalyst Programme Partnership with Oxford University

We are delighted that St Thomas More is continuing its partnership with St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, through the Catalyst Programme. Catalyst is a long-term outreach programme designed to provide pupils with tailored support at key stages of their education, including opportunities to visit Oxford and learn more about university life. This week, selected Year 8 students began their Catalyst journey, by taking part in workshops alongside pupils from other local schools. Through academic sessions, mentoring, university visits and opportunities to meet current undergraduates, the programme supports the development of confidence, broadens horizons and allows a greater understanding of higher education pathways.

The Play That Goes Wrong theatre visit

Last week Year 11 GCSE Drama students visited the Duchess Theatre in Covent Garden to see a performance of *The Play That Goes Wrong*. This was an important theatre visit, as students will be reviewing the production as part of their written GCSE Drama exam later this year. Seeing the production live gave students the opportunity to experience the performance, staging and technical elements first-hand, providing valuable insight that they can draw on in their exam. Meeti Tolera in 11KL2 said "I really enjoyed seeing the play live because it helped me understand how the actors used physical comedy, timing and the set to create the humour. It also gave me lots of ideas for what I could write about in my exam."



Defending our London Cup!

The Year 8 football team have been in action. Firstly winning 4-2 against Wren Academy in the Middlesex Cup last week and then an emphatic 5-2 first round victory over St Mary's in the London Cup. Ernest Amponsah-Boateng Jnr scored a hat-trick and was the stand out performer. The team are currently the London Cup champions and will be eager to retain their crown.



Free parent/carer information evenings

Law: Tuesday, 13 Oct; Business, Accounting & Finance: Wed 14 Oct
6:00pm–7:30pm, online.

Young Professionals are running two free online information evenings for parents/carers, led by hiring managers from firms including Slaughter and May, Freshfields, Linklaters, PwC and KPMG. Parents will learn how to support their child with applications, commercial awareness and degree apprenticeships — and they are welcome to join with their child.

Further details and booking can be found [here](#).



GOSPEL

Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year A
Week Beginning 4th October 2026
Listen to God's Message

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts in Christ Jesus'

The Season of Creation draws to a close today on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is fitting that throughout this Sunday's readings, the vineyard is used as a way of illustrating our relationship with God.

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7: Uses a song of love to describe how God cares and protects us, his precious vines. Although we remain rooted in that love, we may not always produce the fruit of God's love.

TO READ MRS HENRY'S FULL GOSPEL REFLECTION, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)

CATHOLIC CALENDAR

27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalm week 3	
5.10.2026	Monday of week 27 in Ordinary Time or Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious
6.10.2026	Tuesday of week 27 in Ordinary Time or Saint Bruno, Priest
7.10.2026	Our Lady of the Rosary
8.10.2026	Thursday of week 27 in Ordinary Time
9.10.2026	Friday of week 27 in Ordinary Time or Saints Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs or Saint John Leonardi, Priest or Saint John Henry Newman, Priest, Doctor
10.10.2026	Saturday of week 27 in Ordinary Time or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of this new month.

Through the prayers of Mary, our Mother, help us to grow closer to Jesus.

Teach us to recognise your image in every person and to celebrate the gifts, cultures and stories that enrich our community.

Give us the courage to challenge injustice, the compassion to stand alongside others, and the wisdom to build a community of love, dignity and peace.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.
Amen.

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.



Timetables

Year 11	SATURDAY 3.10.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Religious Education Mr Ruggiero (EG1), Mr Hadjisavva (EF6), Mr O'Brien (EG2), Ms Wameyo (EG4), Ms Henry (EG3), Mr Linton (EF5)

Year 13	SATURDAY 3.10.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Option D Geography – Ms Kisielewska (EF6) Drama – Mrs Rosen (NF2) Business – Mr Pappas (NF5) and Mr Benhadj (NG1) Biology – Dr Nourbakhsh (MG4) Art and Design - Ms Bona (MF3) Maths – Mr Fernando (SF2) French – Ms Muheim (SF3)
11:35 – 13:35	Option D Business – Mr Pappas (NF5) and Mr Benhadj (NG1)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTRANCE GATES WILL BE CLOSED AT 09:35;
THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY AFTER THIS TIME.



Sports Club Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 7:30 - 8:30	Year 11 Football Mr Omojudi Astroturf	Athletics All years Mr Omojudi Sports Hall KS4/KS5 Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Gi Mr Saunders Gymnasium 7:00-8:00am	Years 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball Mr Ameh Sports Hall Years 7 Boys' Football Mr Omojudi Astroturf	Athletics All years Mr Omojudi Sports Hall	Years 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball Mr Ameh Sports Hall Table Tennis All years Mr Turner Dance Studio
LUNCHTIME			Volleyball Mr Oteng & Ms Marinou Small Gym	Volleyball Mr Oteng & Ms Marinou Small Gym	
PM 15:15 - 16:15	Netball Mrs Carter & Ms Birch Netball Courts Years 8 Boys' Football Mr Turner Astroturf Year 10 Boys' Football Mr Nwokeji Astroturf	Trampolining All years Ms Marinou Small Gym Badminton Miss Clifford Sports Hall Year 9 Boys' Football Mr Hadjisavva Astroturf Rugby (all) Mr Baker Astroturf	Indoor Athletics All years Mrs Carter Sports Hall	Youth Club - Girls' Football Girls Years 7 & 8 Miss Clifford Astroturf Youth Club - Boys' Football Mr Nwokeji Astroturf Youth Club - Mixed Basketball All years Mr Oteng Courts Youth Club - Trampolining All years Ms Marinou Small Gym Youth Club - Fitness Mr Nwokeji Fitness Suite	Sixth Form Football Mr Omojudi Astroturf
16:15 - 17:15	Sixth Form Football Mr Omojudi Astroturf			KS4/KS5 Brazilian Jiu Jitsu No Gi Mr Saunders Gymnasium	



STM - Succeed, Thrive, Make a Difference

Black History Month

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER



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Clubs!

Business
Club -
Thursdays
at lunch

KS3 Drama Club - Thursdays
after school

Into Film Club -
Wednesdays at lunch

KS3
Book
Club

MFL Club -
Tuesdays at lunch

Moment for Jesus

Events!

Prefect Assembly Week	5 th - 9 th October
Year 11 Historians BHM Film Screening	Wednesday 7 th October
A Level Drama Trip to 'The Story' at the National Theatre	Thursday 8 th October
KS3 Black Panther Screening	Tuesday 13 th October
Black British Footballers Talk	Tuesday 13 th October
Year 7 African Drumming Workshop	Tuesday 13 th October
Year 7 Scavenger Hunt	Friday 16 th October
Sixth Form BHM Social	Friday 16 th October
Year 9 BHM Film Screening	Monday 19 th October
Year 8 BHM Trip to the National Archives	Wednesday 21 st October
Year 8 Steel Pan Workshop	Wednesday 21 st October
Year 10 BHM Trip to the National Archives	Thursday 22 nd October

In our departments!

Media - A Level and BTEC highlighting Black creatives and Black voices

R.E. - exploring gospel music and faith

Food Tech - KS3 cooking culturally significant dishes

History - Kingdom of Aksum and Black Tudors

Business and Economics - exploring African and Caribbean economies, Black owned businesses and the work of Levi Roots

Art - focus on Black artists Odili Donald Odita and Kehinde Wiley

P.E. - Black Sportspeople competition

Geography - KS3 Mapping Migration

I.T. - Black Women Inspirational Computer Scientists Competition

M.F.L. - highlighting contributions of Black writers and musicians in French and Spanish speaking cultures

Science - KS3 Black Scientists throughout history

English - KS3 Black History in poetry

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CREATIVE COMPETITION 2026

This year's theme, "Honouring Our Communities," invites us to recognise the individuals whose everyday contributions shape, support and sustain Black life across the United Kingdom.



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Please bring your competition entries to Ms Morrissey in EF2 by Monday 19th October. Lots of prizes available for best entries in each year group!

Your task is to respond to the theme creatively. You could:

- Write a poem
- Make a poster
- Make a collage
- Write a short story
- Make a model

You can interpret this theme however you wish! Get creative!

WYLDDELANDS

*From **Ancient Forest** to **URBAN JUNGLE**,
reimagining the stories of a lost landscape*



FREE October half term project for 9 - 15 yrs

Tues 27th October, 10am - 1pm

Wed 28th October, 10am - 4:30pm

Thurs 29th October, 10am - 1pm

Fri 30th October, 10am - 1pm

Sat 31st October, **Timings TBC** (optional)

Collage Arts, 4 Coburg Rd, London N22 6UJ

Visit Kenwood house and Highgate Woods to explore the mythology of ancient woodland stories.

Create original songs and stories and record in our professional onsite studios.

Have the chance to perform at the Haringey Youth Festival alongside Collage Voices, Haringey Shed, Jacksons Lane and Streetz Ahead.

Register to secure your place!



Get in touch on rocio@collage-arts.org
to sign up or find out more information