



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

PARENT NEWSLETTER

18.9.2026



Welcome from Mr Rosen, Head of School

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the new academic year, I have been reflecting on the importance of our school CREST values and the role they play in helping every pupil to Succeed, Thrive and Make a Difference. These values provide a clear framework for how we learn, treat one another and contribute positively to our community. They encourage our pupils to strive for excellence, show compassion, act with integrity and develop into the young people God is calling them to be.

This week, we are particularly proud to celebrate the achievement of Lucy in Year 11, who has been awarded all five CREST badges as well as the much-coveted Platinum Award. This is an incredible accomplishment and a testament to Lucy's commitment, character and dedication to living out our school values each day. She is an inspiration to all of our pupils and will be sharing her journey and experiences during assemblies next week. Congratulations, Lucy, on this fantastic achievement.

Over the past week, we have also held a number of information sessions for parents and carers, providing key updates, important dates and guidance to support your child's success throughout the year. We firmly believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential in helping young people thrive.

We are also looking forward to our Open Evening for prospective Year 6 families on Tuesday 29th September. This is always one of the highlights of our school calendar and an occasion we are incredibly proud of. It gives us the opportunity to showcase the wonderful achievements of our pupils.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. By working together and remaining rooted in our shared values, we can continue to ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed, thrive and make a difference.

- Friday 25th September: Staff INSET Day - School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 29th September: Open Evening for prospective Year 6 families

Following a resignation, we currently have one vacancy for the position of Parent Governor and invite interested parents to apply. The Parent Governor's role is to provide the governing board with insights on how decisions affect the school from a parent's perspective. It is important to note that this position is not intended for raising individual parents' concerns.

The full governing body meets four times a year—twice in the Autumn term, and once in both the Spring and Summer terms. Based on your skills and experience, you will also be invited to join one of our three committees, which meet once each term.

Please apply by way of a letter to the Chair of Governors which sets out why you would like to become a governor, why St Thomas More School, what skills/attributes/experience you can bring to the governing body.

Applications should be sent to the Clerk c/o Ms Skinner: admin@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

Please submit your application by 5pm, 25th September 2026. If more than one parent applies, an election will be held.

Upcoming dates

21.9.2026

Year 9 start of year mass
Year 11 career guidance interviews continue
Year 12 start of year mass

22.9.2026

Highgate Chrysalis Maths challenge for girls
(select students)

23.9.2026

School council meeting
Year 10 cohort 1 LVN workshop

24.9.2026

Year 10 work experience workshops
Geography A level seminar
Year 11 Drama trip to 'The Play that Goes Wrong'

25.9.2026

Inset day - school closed to pupils

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 winner of the Headteacher's Award, Lucy Adeluwoye (11MC1), for outstanding dedication to achieving all five CREST badges and fulfilling the school's vision and values.

Idiom of the week

Burn the midnight oil

Meaning:

To work or study late into the night.

Example:

He burned the midnight oil to finish his coursework.

Words of the week

Monday – Visceral (Adjective): Based on deep feeling and emotional reactions rather than on reason or thought.

Tuesday – Ominous (Adjective): Suggesting that something unpleasant is likely to happen.

Wednesday – Parity (Noun): Equality, especially of pay or position.

Thursday – Jeopardy (Noun): Exposure to danger, harm or serious risk.

Cultural Capital: Originally this word - from the old French "jeu parti" (even split) - described a situation in chess or other medieval games where there was an even chance of winning or losing.

Friday – Furtive (Adjective): (Of people) behaving secretly and often dishonestly, or (of actions) done secretly and often dishonestly.

Thought of the week

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (1 James 1:5).

- How awesome it is that we can ask God for wisdom and guidance.
- We do not always know what the best option to choose is - but He knows.
- When you feel unsure you can ask Him to help you to do the right thing.
- He will direct your path and He will make your paths straight.



Music

Choir is back on for this year! Can you sing? Are you keen to gain ensemble experience and learn to harmonise? If so, this group is for you!

A parent signature in your journal is all you need for permission to join. Come along this Friday 18th September, 3:15pm - 4:15pm in Glendale Hall!

All year levels are welcome to join.

KS3 Band

Do you sing, play piano, guitar or bass or drums and want to be in an ensemble? Come along and JAM with Mrs Green in NG3... Mondays 3:15pm - 4:15pm!

Bring your instrument! Requirement: you must have at least 1 years' experience playing your instrument.

Haringey Shed

On Thursday, pupils from our Key Stage 3 Drama Club and our Year 12 A Level Drama students took part in an exciting workshop led by facilitators from Haringey Shed, a local inclusive theatre and performing arts company for children and young people. The workshop explored the theme "Branching Out", with pupils working creatively to devise short performances inspired by the idea. It was fantastic to see students collaborating, experimenting with ideas and developing their performance skills.

We are delighted to continue our partnership with Haringey Shed this term and look forward to more opportunities for our pupils to get involved.

Key Stage Three Drama Club takes place every Thursday after school in NF1 from 3:15–4:15pm during Youth Club. We would love to see more pupils joining us!

Pupils can also sign up to become a member of Haringey Shed and get involved in their wider programme of inclusive theatre and performing arts: <https://www.haringeyshed.org/>



Year 12 & 13 Students Enjoy Reward Trip to Chaka Khan: The Musical

As a reward for their commitment and support of this year's school production, a group of Year 12 and 13 students were treated to a trip to see Chaka Khan: The Musical. The students played a vital role in the success of the production, giving up their time to support rehearsals, performances, and backstage activities. Reflecting on the experience, Britney Akhidenor (13DX2) said, "It was an amazing opportunity to see a professional production and celebrate all the hard work that went into our school show."





GOSPEL

Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year
Week beginning 20th September 2026 Year A
Workers in the Vineyard
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-15

Gospel Reflection:

This week, the readings focus on God's generosity, even if it is sometimes difficult for us to accept that God's ways are not our ways.

In the **First Reading**, Isaiah encourages the people of Israel to seek the Lord and turn to him, so that they can experience his forgiveness and compassion.

The **Psalm** promises kindness and mercy to all who call on the Lord.

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

CATHOLIC CALENDAR

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalm week 1

21.9.2026	Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist Feast
22.9.2026	Tuesday of week 25 in Ordinary Time
23.9.2026	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
24.9.2026	Thursday of week 25 in Ordinary Time
25.9.2026	Friday of week 25 in Ordinary Time
26.9.2026	Saturday of week 25 in Ordinary Time or Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER

"O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."
Amen.

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

"People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing."
So, remember,
"Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude."



Timetables

Year 11	SATURDAY 19.9.2026
09:30 – 11:30	ENGLISH: Dr. Jones (EF6), Ms. Secgin (EF1), Mr. Andrews (EF2), Mr. Toller /Mrs. Clifford (EG4), Ms. Birch (EF4), Mr. Boniface (EG3), Mrs. Bayat (MG3), Ms. Haghighi (EF3)

Year 13	SATURDAY 19.9.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Business – Mr Pappas (NF5) IT BTEC – Mr Ghoudelbourk (MF1) Maths – Mr Ssemakula (Mr Enu) (MS3) Media Studies – Ms Patseva (Ms Dag) (NF3) Music BTEC – Mrs Green (NG3) Physics – Mr Barnes (MG6) Sociology – Ms Pitfield (SG4)
11:35 – 13:35	Business BTEC – Mr Pappas (NF5) (priority) IT BTEC – Mr Ghoudelbourk (MF1)

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	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 Boys' Rugby Mr Baker Astroturf Years 7 & 8 Football Mr Turner Astroturf Year 10 Boys' Football Mr Nwokeji Astroturf	Trampolining All years Ms Marinou Small Gym Badminton Ms Clifford Sports Hall Year 9 Boys' Football Mr Hadjisavva Astroturf	Indoor Athletics All years Mrs Carter Sports Hall Girls' Rugby Mr Baker Astroturf	Youth Club - Girls' Football Girls Years 7 & 8 Ms 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	



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SEPTEMBER 2026 – 27
Saturday – 10am – 2pm

Classes are available for children from
Reception to A Level.

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