



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

PARENT NEWSLETTER

25.9.2026



Welcome from Mr Rosen, Head of School

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a particularly difficult week for our school community following the tragic passing of one of our pupils.

As a Catholic school, we are reminded of the importance of faith, hope and love during times of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the pupil's family and loved ones as they navigate this unimaginable loss. We have extended our deepest condolences to the family and will continue to support them in every way we can during this extremely difficult time.

I would also like to acknowledge the strength, compassion and kindness shown by our pupils, staff and families throughout the week. At St Thomas More, we pride ourselves on being a close-knit community, and it has been heartening to see so many people come together to support one another with care and respect. We are also receiving support from the Local Authority and other external services to ensure that appropriate help is available for those who need it.

As we move forward, we do so together as a community of faith, continuing to keep the family in our prayers while supporting one another.

Looking ahead, next week is an important and exciting one for the school as we welcome prospective families to our Open Evening and Open Mornings. These events provide an excellent opportunity to showcase our wonderful school and celebrate all that our pupils achieve. They allow us to demonstrate how, through our Catholic ethos and our commitment to excellence, every pupil is encouraged to Succeed, Thrive and Make a Difference.

We look forward to welcoming many families and sharing the vibrant learning, strong relationships and rich opportunities that make St Thomas More such a special place.

Important Timetable Changes Next Week

Please note the following changes to the school day. Full details can be found on our website.

Date	Arrangement
Monday 28 September 2026	No Period 6
Tuesday 29 September 2026	Open Evening. No Period 6 and no PREP
Wednesday 30 September 2026	10:00am registration and start to the school day. No breakfast provision

Please ensure that your child is aware of these temporary changes and arrives at school at the appropriate time.

Upcoming dates

28.9.2026

Years 7 & 8: performance by Wesley College (Australia) music group
Year 10 GCSE Art trip to the Barbican
Year 11 career guidance interviews continue

29.9.2026

Open morning for Year 6 pupils and parents
Open evening for Year 6 pupils and parents

30.9.2026

Late start for all students: 10am registration
Year 7 IntoUniversity workshop
Year 10 cohort 1 LVN workshop
Year 10 (select students) Catalyst Project
Year 11 GCSE Art trip to National Portrait Gallery

1.10.2026

Year 10 IntoUniversity workshop

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.



'A God Who Speaks'

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those, living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9: 2).

Truly, I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20).

Idiom of the week

Throw down the gauntlet

Meaning:

To issue a challenge to someone.

Example:

The opposition leader **threw down the gauntlet** by demanding a public debate.

Words of the week

Monday – Guileless (Adjective): Honest, not able to deceive.

Tuesday – Surmise (Verb): To guess something, without having much or any proof.

Wednesday – Perceptive (Adjective): Very good at noticing and understanding things that many people do not notice.

Thursday – Svengali (Noun): A guru or mentor, usually a pushy and controlling one.

Cultural Capital: The character Svengali came from an 1894 novel, "Trilby". He was a manipulative character who exploited the novel's protagonist as she fell under his spell. The word "Svengali" became a noun used to describe pushy and manipulative people.

Friday – Disintegrate (Verb): To become weaker or be destroyed by breaking into small pieces.

Thought of the week

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit?"
"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' (John 6:35).



Choir

There will be no choir today due to the TAD day. However Choir will be running again on **Friday 2nd October, 3:15pm - 4:15pm** in the Glendale Hall!

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.

All year levels are welcome to join. We would love to see you there!

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. 😊

Rock Band

Rock Band is on again for the year - **Thursday lunchtimes**, with Mr Collard. If you love rock music, and play guitar, bass, drums, or piano or sing, this band is for you!

Come down to room NG3 Thursday lunch and bring your instrument!! :)

Celebrating Our Wild Wonders Poets!

Last term, talented students from across KS3 and KS4 showcased their incredible creativity by entering the Wild Wonders Poetry Competition, a national creative writing contest run by Young Writers.

The competition invited young people to explore the natural world through verse, crafting powerful poems inspired by animals, nature, and the environment.

We are absolutely thrilled to share that our students' hard work has been recognized and their work published in the Wild Wonders - The Great Outdoors anthology.

If you would like to read their published poems, the anthology is now available to view - please see Mrs Bayat to take a look!

A massive congratulations to all of our published poets for this fantastic achievement: Adam Pelling (11BK1); Ourania Vasou (11BK1); Lucy Adeluwoye (11MC1); Patrick-Gabriel Anitei (11MC1); Tianna- Mari Darko (11KL2); Jasmina-Sarah-Miliyon Yohanes (8MC2); Lea-Julie Lima Simao (8DX1); Maudlyn Menyah (8MC1); Dylan Zambrano Menendez (8DX2); Tahlia-Lael Boakye (8MC1) and Victoria Negrei (8BK2).



Middlesex County reps

Congratulations to Kyren Bonsu-Labeja & Barima Andoh for not only representing the school and Haringey, but now being selected for the Middlesex County rep team; these are the top players across the 7 boroughs (Enfield, Barnet, Brent, Hillingdon, Ealing, Hounslow and Haringey). Their first game will be at home to Berkshire County, in the National Cup.





GOSPEL

Week Beginning: 27th September 2026 Year A:
Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year:
Making Choices

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-9
A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 (shorter form
Philippians 2:1-5)

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was
exalted by God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and
elders on the meaning of obedience.

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

CATHOLIC CALENDAR

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalm week 2

28.9.2026	Monday of week 26 in Ordinary Time or Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr or Saints Laurence Ruiz and his Companions, Martyrs
29.9.2026	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels <i>Feast</i>
30.9.2026	Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor
1.10.2026	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor
2.10.2026	The Holy Guardian Angels
3.10.2026	Saturday of week 26 in Ordinary Time or Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER

Lord, when I choose
the way to go, help me
choose the good way.
When I choose the
things to say, help me
say what you'd say. Help
me always to do what is
right; keep me always in
your sight. Amen.

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

Trust in the LORD with all
your heart, and do not lean
on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge
him, and he will make straight
your paths. Be not wise
in your own eyes; fear the
LORD, and turn away from
evil. It will be healing to your
flesh and refreshment to your
bones (Prov. 3:5-8).



Timetables

Year 11	SATURDAY 26.9.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Option A Computer Studies – Mr Ahmed (NG7) Geography – Ms Gregory (EF6) and Ms Phillips (EF4) Health and Social Care – Ms Hanson (MF5) and Ms Pitfield (MS7) History – Ms Morrissey (EF2), Ms Amey (EF5), Mr Baker (EG2) and Mr Thorborn (EF1)

Year 13	SATURDAY 26.9.2026
09:30 – 11:30	Option B Chemistry – Ms Hoare (MG7) Further Maths – Mr Calibasi (SF2) History – Ms De Silva (EF3) Philosophy – Mr Ruggiero (SG2) Spanish – Ms Silva (SF1)

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	



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