



Friday 5th June 2026

### Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back following the half term break, and we hope that all families were able to enjoy some valuable time together. This first week of the final half term has been extremely positive, with pupils returning with focus, purpose and a strong commitment to their learning. Classrooms have been calm and purposeful, and it has been encouraging to see such positive attitudes across the school.

End of year assessments have now commenced for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, and we have been extremely impressed with the level of preparation they have shown. Pupils have approached these assessments with confidence, focus and determination, demonstrating resilience and a strong commitment to doing their very best.

### Prayer Theme

'For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

**John 3:7**

**We have prayed together as a community:**

Dear Lord,

You sent Your Son not to condemn the world, but to bring hope, mercy and salvation to all. Help us to live in the light of this love each day, showing compassion, forgiveness and understanding to those around us.

Guide us to build one another up, to act with kindness in all we do, and to reflect Your grace in our thoughts, words and actions. May Your Spirit strengthen us to walk in faith, bringing encouragement and peace to our school community and beyond.

Amen.



### End-of-Year Assessments

- Years 7, 8 and 9 have now begun their end-of-year assessments, which will continue over the course of the next week. Year 10 and Year 12 assessments will then follow, commencing from 15th June.
- These assessments are an important part of our RAP process, giving pupils the opportunity to consolidate their learning, demonstrate what they know and identify areas for further development as they prepare for the next stage of their education. We would encourage families to continue supporting pupils with revision, organisation and preparation at home, helping to reinforce positive study habits and routines. It has been particularly pleasing to see the strong approach many pupils are already taking, with a clear sense of determination, independence and commitment to achieving their very best.



### Geography Field Work

- This week, our Year 12 Geography pupils have been out completing fieldwork as part of their studies. The experience provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to apply their classroom learning in a real-world context, developing their practical skills alongside their understanding of key geographical concepts. Pupils approached the fieldwork with enthusiasm and maturity, and we are pleased with the way they engaged with the activities and represented the school so positively. We are also looking forward to Year 10 pupils having the opportunity to undertake their own fieldwork shortly, with visits planned to Blaydon and Blyth beach.

### Business Pitches:

- Recently, six of our Year 10 GCSE Business Studies pupils had the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to members of the Senior Leadership Team. All students demonstrated impressive entrepreneurial skills, alongside a clear commitment to their studies and the course. Leaders were extremely impressed by both the quality of the ideas presented and the confidence, professionalism and thoughtfulness shown during each pitch.
- Well done to Emily B, Edith H, Erika B, Lucy C, Myles D-M and Panashe M for their excellent work!



**Potential Changes to School Day**

- Yesterday, I shared with you our proposal to change the timings of the school day from September 2026. Thank you to the families that have responded to our survey already.
- If you haven't already, please do so.
- A copy of the letter can be found here:  
<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Potential-Change-to-School-Day-Letter-to-families-1.pdf>

A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

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Yours sincerely,

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**Head Teacher**

