



Friday 9th October 2026

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

Another fantastic week at St Thomas More has drawn to a close, and I continue to be incredibly proud of the commitment, enthusiasm and high standards demonstrated by our pupils. I have had many opportunities to visit lessons this week, and it has been particularly rewarding to see pupils so actively engaged in their learning, working hard and taking real pride in the quality of their work.

I have been especially impressed by our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for their first assessments of the academic year, which will take place after half term. There is a real sense of purpose and momentum building across both year groups. Pupils in Year 11 are making excellent use of the support available during our six-week assessment preparation period, from working through their Raising Achievement Plan (RAP) subject revision booklets, to taking part in bespoke revision-focused pastoral sessions, attending lunchtime Masterclasses and engaging with subject support interventions.

If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13, I would encourage you to talk to them about their revision and the support they are accessing. Establishing strong revision habits now, alongside making full use of the opportunities available in school, will help pupils approach their assessments with confidence and demonstrate the very best of what they can achieve.

Prayer Theme:

'Go ye therefore into the highways; and as many as you shall find, call to the marriage.'

Matthew 22:9

We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

You call each of us to share Your love and ensure that everyone knows they are welcome. Inspired by Jesus' invitation to "go into the highways", help us to reach out to others with kindness, generosity and compassion. May our school community be a place where everyone is welcomed, valued and included. Give us the courage to notice those who may feel left out and to invite them in, reflecting Your love through our words and actions.

Amen



Enrichment

- We are delighted with the number of pupils who have signed up for our optional enrichment opportunities.
- If your child has not yet signed up, we encourage them to do so and take advantage of these exciting activities. A copy of the schedule can be found below.

STM ENRICHMENT CLUBS 2026-27

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School	Hot Chocolate LS Drop In	Hot Chocolate LS Drop In	Hot Chocolate LS Drop In	Hot Chocolate LS Drop In	Hot Chocolate LS Drop In
	Reading Club	Reading Club	Reading Club	Reading Club	Reading Club
	Chamber Choir	Chess Club	Debate Club	Creative Space	Year 8 Book Club
	Chaplaincy Team	Faith In Action	History Club	Year 7 Netball	Year 7-9 Basketball
	Lego Club	Calm Club	History Film Club		Dance Club
	Year 7 & 8 Football	Year 9 Netball Club	History Homework Drop In		
	Scripture Art Club	KS3 Drama Club	Young Vincentians		
Lunch		Guitar Ensemble	Junior Choir		
		Forum	JP2 Award Club		
		Forum Gardening Club	Pokemon Club		
		Year 9 Football	Geography Club		
		Maths Homework Drop In	Wellbeing Champions		
			Crochet Club		
			6" Form Football		
After School	Homework Club	LS Supportive Study	Homework Club	LS Supportive Study	Year 7-9 Basketball
	LS Youth Club	Orchestra	Dungeons & Dragons	School Show - Grease	
		Faith & Football		Year 10-13 Fitness Suite	
				Girls Football	
				Badminton Club	
				Table Tennis Club	
	Arts & Culture	Sport & Physical Activities	Wider Life and Future Skills	Community, Faith & Wellbeing	Nature, Outdoors & Adventure

More information about each club can be found on the Pop Up TV and the school website.

Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy

- We have been extremely pleased with how positively pupils have responded to the introduction of **Yondr pouches** and our updated Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy. Instances of pupils accessing devices during the school day are now incredibly rare, allowing young people to disconnect from technology and focus fully on their learning and interactions with others. We thank families for their continued support in reinforcing these expectations. The full policy is available on our school website should you wish to review it.
- A reminder that where a device is confiscated in line with our policy, it can be collected by a family member from Reception between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Unfortunately, devices cannot be collected after 4:00pm.





Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 16th October

- On Friday 16 October, we will be joining the Show Racism the Red Card *Wear Red Day* campaign. This annual event raises awareness of racism and encourages everyone to stand together in promoting respect, equality and inclusion.
- To show their support, all pupils will be provided with a red sticker to wear on their blazer or place on their planner during the day.
- We look forward to coming together as a school community to support this important message and celebrate our shared commitment to kindness, respect and belonging for all.

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Virtual Parental Session: Talking to Your Child About the Importance of Being Always Respectful

- We invite families to join our upcoming Virtual Family Support Session, which will focus on helping young people understand the importance of respect, inclusion and positive relationships. The session will explore national and local concerns around derogatory and discriminatory behaviour, including the influence that online content and social media can have on young people. We will also consider protected characteristics and British Values, before sharing practical advice to help families have positive, constructive conversations at home about respecting others, challenging harmful attitudes and celebrating differences.
- The session will run from 5:00pm-5:30pm and a link will be shared on Wednesday to access the session.
- As always, all of our sessions are recorded and available on demand. Please email info@stm.bwcet.com if you would like to access any recordings.





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

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STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com

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Yours sincerely,

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