St Thomas More Catholic School

The King's good servant but God's first

PARENT NEWSLETTER

13.11.2026



Welcome from Mr Rosen, Head of School

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

This week, our school community came together to mark Remembrance Day. On Wednesday, the whole school gathered to remember and pray for all those who have lost their lives through war and conflict. It was a moving occasion which demonstrated the respect, compassion and sense of community that are so important to us at St Thomas More.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 mock examinations have now come to an end. We congratulate all of our pupils for the hard work, maturity and dedication they have shown throughout the examination period. We are very proud of the commitment they have shown to performing at their very best.

Our vision to Succeed, Thrive and Make a Difference was brought to life today as every one of our Year 7 pupils visited the Royal Albert Hall to see Sylvia, the musical which tells the story of Sylvia Pankhurst and the campaign for women's suffrage. This was an incredible enrichment opportunity, allowing our pupils to experience live theatre in one of London's most iconic venues.

Please continue to encourage your child to complete all homework on time and to the best of their ability. Where homework has not been completed, pupils will attend a homework catch-up session that day. Good homework habits are an important part of developing independence, responsibility and academic success.

We also ask parents and carers to check their child's journal regularly and ensure that they arrive at school every day with the correct equipment. Every pupil should have their 8 required equipment items. If anything is missing, replacement equipment can be purchased through the ePraise shop.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Upcoming dates

16.11.2026
Old Bailey trip (select students)
Year 11 Career Guidance interviews continue

17.11.2026
Old Bailey trip (select students)
Year 12 (select students) trip to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
GCSE/A level trip to Ilford Boy, Donmar Warehouse

18.11.2026
Year 8 survey day
Year 8 (select pupils) Highgate Chrysalis Axiom Maths Circle
Year 10 cohort 1 LVN online mentoring
Sixth Form Drama students to see Lung

19.11.2026
Year 12 IntoUniversity
Year 13 Media Studies trip to BFI
Parent Teacher Association meeting (see right)

20.11.2026
Red Wednesday (see below)

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 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, featuring daily posts on events, opportunities, and Sixth Form life.

PTA

JOIN OUR TEAM!
All parents are warmly invited to meet our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and find out how you can get involved in raising funds to support pupils through school clubs, trips and other opportunities.

Every little help makes a difference!

Thursday 19th November | 5:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

✉ Contact: parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

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'A God who Speaks'

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **(Isaiah 41:10)**

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. **(Isaiah 40:31)**

Idiom of the week

Once in a blue moon

Meaning:

Very rarely.

Example:

I usually bring a packed lunch, but **once in a blue moon** I buy lunch at school.

Words of the week

Monday – Baleful (Adjective): Threatening to do something bad or hurt someone.

Tuesday – Adamant (Adjective): Refusing to be persuaded or unwilling to change an opinion or decision.

Wednesday – Credible (Adjective): Able to be believed or trusted.

Thursday – Apricity (Noun): The warmth of the sun in winter.

Cultural Capital: This is considered a very niche word used more in creative than everyday contexts. It derives from the Latin apricus, meaning "exposed to sunlight ".

Friday – Alight (Adjective and Verb): Burning. Or as a verb, to get out of a vehicle, especially a train or bus.

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.

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Remembrance Day

This Remembrance Day, our students demonstrated remarkable empathy, maturity, and creativity through their poetry writing. It has been wonderful to watch them express such genuine care and appreciation for those who have served, honouring their memory with thoughtful words and quiet respect.

Remember Them
By Nikolay Vasilev

We stand strong,
Among this night,
We know it's been long,
But we know about their fight,
We hope they lay,
Peaceful and blessed,
On this day,
They rest!

We thank them,
They stay in our hearts,
The sadness never parts.

We stand round the grave,
'WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM',
We chant again and again,
'WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM'.

We stand strong,
Among this night,
We know it's been long,
But we know about their fight,
We hope they lay,
Peaceful and blessed,
On this day,
They rest!

Remembrance Day by Cattleya Fahmi

It's that time of the year again
When we are silent all over the UK
For two whole minutes
But what does it mean
It's to honor and reflect
To those who died in the world wars
Since they died for us
And protected us
They were the ones that stood up for us
Even though it would risk their lives
They died for us
So, we must respect them
And acknowledge their victory for us
On the eleventh month
On the eleventh day
On the eleventh hour
One minute to honor those who died
And the other minute to those who survived
So, this Remembrance Day
We will remember you

Red Wednesday

On **Friday 20th November**, St Thomas More Catholic School will join schools, parishes and communities across the country in marking Red Wednesday, an initiative supported by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN encourages schools to stand in solidarity with Christians and other faith communities who face persecution and discrimination because of their beliefs.

As a Catholic school, we believe it is important to raise awareness of the challenges faced by many people around the world who are denied the basic human right of religious freedom. Red Wednesday gives us an opportunity to reflect on their experiences, pray for those who suffer because of their faith, and show our support as a school community.

To mark the occasion, we invite all students to wear something red with their school uniform on **Friday 20th November.** This is not a non-uniform day. Students should attend school in their usual uniform but may wear suitable red accessories such as:

- Red socks
- Red shoelaces
- Red ribbons
- Red scarf
- Red badges
- Other appropriate red accessories

We kindly invite students and families to support this important cause through a voluntary donation of £1, or whatever you can afford. By contributing to Aid to the Church in Need, we can help bring hope to Christians around the world who face persecution simply because of their faith. Our donations will help provide practical assistance, spiritual support and humanitarian aid to individuals and communities living in some of the most challenging situations. In making a donation, we not only raise funds but also demonstrate our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who ask for our prayers and support.

We hope that this day will be an opportunity for our young people to deepen their understanding of solidarity, compassion and religious freedom, values which are central to our Catholic faith.

London Verbal Maths Challenge | King's College London | we solve problems

London Verbal Maths Challenge

We Solve Problems is a charity that runs free weekly Maths Circles for pupils in Years 7–10. The sessions are held at weekends on the King's College London and UCL campuses, and are led by mathematicians and university students.

Pupils can win a place through the London Verbal Maths Challenge at King's College London on Sunday, 7 February 2027. Selection begins online in January. No particular grades are needed: if your child enjoys solving puzzles, they'll enjoy this.

How to apply: https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/london-verbal-maths-challenge/

About Maths Circles: https://wesolveproblems.org.uk/maths-circles/

Christmas appeal



As we prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas, we are once again inviting our school community to support local families and charities through our annual Christmas Appeal.

From now until Friday 11th December, we ask students to begin bringing in dry goods and non-perishable food items that will help us create Christmas hampers and support those in need within our local community.

Suggested donations include:

- Tinned vegetables, soup and fruit
- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Tea, coffee and hot chocolate
- Breakfast cereals and porridge
- Biscuits and crackers
- Jam, honey and spreads
- Long-life milk and fruit juice
- Christmas treats such as chocolates, mince pies and Christmas puddings
- Toiletries and essential household items

Donations can be brought into school and given to Form Tutors or taken to the designated collection points.

For those who would prefer to contribute financially, donations can also be made through Arbor, where funds will be used to purchase additional items for hampers and charitable distributions.

Last year, the generosity of our students, families and staff made a real difference to many people experiencing hardship at Christmas. We hope that, through this year's appeal, we can continue to live out our school mission and the Gospel's call to serve others with compassion, generosity and love.

Thank you in advance for your support and kindness.

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GOSPEL

Week Beginning 15th November 2026:
Thirty-third Sunday of the Year A:

Introduction: Gifts from God:
When we love someone, sometimes we give them a gift, something special for them to use and enjoy. God has given talents to each one of us as a sign of his love, these are gifts from God.

Sign of the Cross:
(Revelation 22:5): One day there will be no more darkness, no more night. No one will need lamps or the light from the sun. God will light up the darkness with glory and they will see clearly forever.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

TO READ MRS HENRY'S FULL GOSPEL REFLECTION, PLEASE CLICK HERE

CATHOLIC CALENDAR

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Psalm week 1
16.11.2026	Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
17.11.2026	Tuesday of week 33 in Ordinary Time or Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious or Saint Hilda of Whitby, Abbess or Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
18.11.2026	Wednesday of week 33 in Ordinary Time or Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
19.11.2026	Thursday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
20.11.2026	Friday of week 33 in Ordinary Time
21.11.2026	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER

Loving God, open our ears, eyes, and hearts to hear, see, and meet you in the cry, lives, and faces of those living in poverty, the oppressed, and others with mercy and compassion. Pour out your grace upon us to grow as your faithful people seeking your kingdom of Truth, Justice, and Peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12-2)

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ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

Clubs 2026–27

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 7:30 – 8:30	**Year 11 Football** · Mr Omojudi · *Astroturf*	**Athletics** · Mr Omojudi · *Sports Hall*	**Y7/8 Boys Basketball** · Mr Ameh · *Sports Hall* **Y7 Boys Football** · Mr Omojudi, Mr Melrose · *Astroturf*	**Athletics** · Mr Omojudi · *Sports Hall*	**Y7/8 Boys Basketball** · Mr Ameh · *Sports Hall* **Table Tennis (All years)** · Mr Turner · *Dance Studio* **Year 11 Football** · Mr Omojudi · *Astroturf* **GCSE Music Ensemble** · 08:00 – 08:40 · Mrs Green · *NG3* **Sixth Form Croissants and Conversations** · 08:15 – 08:45 · Ms Marques · *NF4*
Lunchtime	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Dr Enu, Mr Asante · *GF7* **Fashion Club** · Mrs Alban · *MS4* **Art Club (All years)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4* **Year 7 & 8 Band** · Mrs Green · *NG3* **Chess Club (All years)** · Ms Binfield-Gonzales · *EF6*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mr Ssemakula, Mr Gaete · *GF7* **Cultural Explorers** · Ms Carrillo-Figueroa · *MS4* **Translation Bee** · Ms Muheim · *MS2* **Art Club (All years)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Volleyball** · Mr Oteng & Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **IntoFilm** · Ms Patseva · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mr Powell, Mr Calibasi · *GF7* **Art Club (Years 10–13)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4* **Health and Sociology in the News** · Ms Hanson · *MS7*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Volleyball** · Mr Oteng & Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Business Club (Years 7–9)** · Ms Malaj · *SG3* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mr Bevan · *GF7* **Gifted & Talented Maths (Years 7 & 8)** · Mrs Sowa, Mr Fernando · *GF11* **Rock Band** · Mr Collard · *NG3* **Art Club (All years)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4* **Language Leaders** · Ms Muheim · *MS2* **Sixth Form Bible Study** · Mrs Henry · *EG3*	**A Moment for Jesus** · 13:50 start · *School Chapel* **Digital Club** · Ms Marques · *NF4* **Games Club (Years 7–11)** · Curriculum Support Dept · *NG7* **Prime Time** · Mrs Sowa · *GF7* **Dance Club (Years 9–10 girls)** · Haringey Competition · Mr Omojudi · *Dance Studio* **KS3 Book Club** · Ms Birch · *MG3* **Art Club (Years 10–13)** · Ms Sorrentino · *MF4*
After school 15:15 – 16:15	**Netball** · Mrs Carter & Ms Birch · *Netball courts* **Y8 Boys Football** · Mr Turner · *Astroturf* **Y10 Boys Football** · Mr Nwokeji · *Astroturf* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **Sign Language Club (Year 12)** · Ms Pitfield · *MS7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**Trampolining (All years)** · Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **Badminton** · Miss Clifford · *Sports Hall* **Y9 Boys Football** · Mr Hadjisavva · *Astroturf* **Rugby (All years)** · Mr Baker · *Astroturf* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**Indoor Athletics (All years)** · Mrs Carter · *Sports Hall* **Debate Mate (Years 7–9)** · Mr Frederick, Ms Isaacs · *MS4/MS5* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms* **Latin American Dance (Years 7–9)** · Ms Carrillo-Figueroa, Mrs Alban · *Dance Studio* **Science Club (Years 7–8)** · Ms Healy · *MG8*	**KS3 Drama Club (Years 7–9)** YOUTH CLUB · Mrs Stretton & Mrs Rosen · *NF1/2* **Debate Mate (Year 10)** · Mr Frederick, Ms Isaacs · *MS1/MS5* **Y7/8 Girls Football** YOUTH CLUB · Miss Clifford · *Astroturf* **Trampolining (All years)** YOUTH CLUB · Ms Marinou · *Small Gym* **Boys Football** YOUTH CLUB · Mr Nwokeji · *Astroturf* **Mixed Basketball (All years)** YOUTH CLUB · Mr Oteng · *Courts* **Fitness** YOUTH CLUB · Mr Nwokeji · *Fitness Suite* **Juggling** YOUTH CLUB · Ms Phillips · *Dance Studio* **Curriculum Support Homework Club** · until 16:30 · *NG7* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**Sixth Form Football** · Mr Omojudi, Mr Barnes · *Astroturf* **School Choir** · *Glendale Hall* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · *See library board for rooms*
Late session 16:15 – 17:15	**Sixth Form Football** · Mr Omojudi · *Astroturf* **PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**PREP (Years 7–13)** · until 19:00 · *See library board for rooms*	**KS4 Book Club** · Dr Jones · *GF5*

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St Thomas More School PTA

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

You're Invited!

Join Our Team!

Parents
Teachers
Families
All Welcome!







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Every little help makes a difference!

- Celebrate our successes!
- Share new ideas!
- Plan exciting events!

Together we've already achieved so much!

- **Over £1,000** in profit last term!
- **£700** in ice cream sales!
- Fantastic support from **M&S, Tesco, Snappy Shops** and local restaurants!

Thursday 19th November

5:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

Come along, get involved and help shape what's next!

Contact:

parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk

Be Part of a Friendly, Welcoming and Vibrant School Community!

SENDIASS *online* information sessions for parents and carers

Our SENDIASS team runs a programme of online and in-person information sessions on various aspects of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) procedures. These sessions are FREE for parents/ carers of children and young people with additional needs living in Haringey.

SEN Support in schools
Tuesday 17th November 12 to 1pm
Online

An explanation of the law covering the duties of schools to identify and meet the special educational needs of children who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Plus, an overview of Haringey guidance to schools on what they are expected to provide from the school's resources.

How to review an EHC Plan
Tuesday 8th December 1 to 2pm
Online

Guidance on how to review the different sections of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to check that your child's needs are accurately described, and the provision in the Plan is clear, specific and quantified.

Online information sessions are delivered via the **Zoom** application.
If you need support with setting up zoom please let us know when booking.

To book a place:

Online training courses can be booked via Markfield Eventbrite page.
You will receive an email with a link to the zoom meeting after booking.
If the event is **sold out** on **Eventbrite** please contact the **SENDIASS team** and they will send you a link to the meeting - sendiass@markfield.org.uk.

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Webinars hosted by SENDIASS and the Haringey Educational Psychology Team

This term's topics:

- ADHD and executive functioning
- Building connections with your child and managing behaviour challenges at home

Please check Eventbrite for more details and dates

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https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adhd-workshop-parental-self-care-emotional-wellbeing-crisis-management-tickets-1999366035634?aff=oddtdtcreator

Markfield
Together for Inclusion

Address: Markfield Park, Markfield Road, N15 4RB

What's on at Markfield — September to December 2026

Markfield is an inclusive community hub where people can play, socialise and get information and support.

Our vision is a world where disabled, Deaf and autistic people are treated as equals, have a voice and can live the life they want.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Free advice surgeries for parents & carers and young people **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Helpline** Monday to Friday 9.30 to 5, extended hours Wednesdays (7pm) and Thursdays (6pm)					**Drop-in** **Adventure Playground play session 11am to 3pm** for children under 16 years and their parents & carers **Monthly Family Club** On the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 11.30am to 2.30pm. £5 donation including lunch. All welcome, especially families with disabled children and young people. **Monthly autism group** For young people on the waiting list or who has been recently diagnosed. booking required.
Art Engine Daytime arts session 11am to 3pm for adults with learning disabilities and autism.	**Free training for parents / carers on SEN & disability** See our training schedule on the website for dates.	**Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities** Free parenting course for parents & carers.	**Drop in** **SENDIASS Advice drop in** Advice on education issues 10am to 12pm.	**Drop-in** **Parents support group & Information Hub** 10am to 12pm in term-time. Free advice drop-in for parents / carers of disabled children.	
	Cosmos Club Daytime session 10.30am to 3pm for adults with learning disabilities and autism.	**Haringey Educational Psychology Team** Free phone consultation appointments for parents/ carers at various days/times. Please contact us to book an appointment – see details below.	**Disability Living Allowance** Help with claims & appeals. Contact us for appointment times.		
Autism advice surgeries, parents groups and training For parents of children and young people on the waiting list or who has been has been recently diagnosed. Please contact us for details.					
		Fire Club 4pm to 6.30pm For disabled young people aged 14 to 19.	**Mighty M Club** 4pm to 6.30pm For disabled children aged 5 to 14.	**CJ Club** 4pm to 6.30pm After school club for disabled young people aged 14 to 19.	On Saturday and Sunday afternoons the Markfield community centre can be hired for private parties and events. Please contact us for more details on prices and to make a booking.
All for One club Evening session for autistic young adults. Socialise make friends and go out on trips.		**The sessions above run in school term times only. In the school holidays we run children and young people's playschemes. Please contact us to book a place.**		**Markfield @ Nite** Club night for adults with learning disabilities / autism.	

To find out more about our services, to book an advice surgery appointment or training place or to enquire about joining one of our clubs, please contact us:

Phone: **020 8800 4134** (to book appointments and training call: 020 3667 5233)

Email: **enquiries@markfield.org.uk** Website: **www.markfield.org.uk**

Dates for parent/carer groups: Mon 14th September to Fri 18th December (Half term 26th to 30th Oct)

Dates for Children & Youth clubs: Wed 16th Sep to Friday 27th Nov (Half term 26th to 30th Oct)

Dates for Adults: Fri 11th September to Fri 18th December (Half term 26th to 30th Oct)