



Newsletter

17/7/26



Overall winners for the Summer term

- 1st **St Peter** 23 points
 2nd **St Teresa** 22 points
 3rd **St Joseph** 18 points
 4th **St Bernadette** 17 points



Dear Parents,
 We believe that this year there have been huge successes across the whole school. We have had TTRockstars day to promote our times tables, World Book Day to support our reading, we wore pink or red for valentines, had safer internet day and lots of school trips such as the Imperial War Museum and Colchester Zoo. We have also had science week where we focused on being curious and mental health week. The children across the school have really enjoyed the wide range of activities and opportunities we have been part of.

Best wishes,
 Harry and Ava
 (Head Boy
 and Head Girl)



Congratulations to the children who were awarded certificates for persistent effort in their learning throughout the Summer Term.

RF - Michael	RS - Zuhair	Blossom - Chichi
1T - Edward	1VC - Vlad	1G - Danee
2B - Diana	2G - Autumn	Hive - Zian
3B - Emma	3T - Tasha	3F - Sophia
4S - Eliora	4DS - Robin	4L - Xoli
5N - Uzair	5H - Joshua D	5A - Alesha
6E - Gabriella	6FM - Kamsi N	6M - Alea Ahad

All children
 are due to
 return to
 school on
 Wednesday
 2nd
 September



Follow us!

Goodbye, Mrs Castellette



♥ It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to our remarkable Finance Officer, Mrs Castellette, who has dedicated 15 wonderful years to our school ✨

Her unwavering commitment and genuine love for our school community have made a lasting impact on all of us.

Ann's heartwarming presence will be greatly missed, and we are all grateful for the time and effort she has devoted to ensuring our financial wellbeing. Her dedication to our success and the care with which she handled her role have made our school a better place. Please join us in wishing Ann all the best in her future endeavours.

We will certainly miss her and her contribution to our school.



Free School Meals

We are encouraging all parents/carers to check their eligibility as the criteria has recently changed!

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO BEGIN:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> - enter your postcode

1.

Apply for free school meals

We've matched the postcode to **Thurrock Council**

You can get information on their website

[Go to Thurrock Council website](#)

[Search for a different postcode](#)

2. Scroll down to...

How to apply

To make a new application, you must use the online account* if you don't already have a Thurrock Council childcare or school admissions.

[Free school meals applications](#)

3. Education and learning – apply online

You can apply for **school admissions**, **free school meals** and **free childcare for 2 year-olds** ('early years funding'). Your login account for these services is separate to the login accounts you may use for other Thurrock Council services, such as council tax, benefits or housing. Part-completed applications can be saved and returned at a later date.

[School Admissions Applications](#)

[Free School Meals Applications](#)

[Early Years Funding](#)

4. Enter your information:

Your Details

(1 of 3)

Please fill in your National Insurance (NI) or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number:

NI or NASS Number * ☒ NI ☐ NASS

NI Number:

The format of this NI Number is not valid (enter it without separating or trailing spaces)

Parent/Carer

Date of

Birth *

Please enter a date of birth

5.

Select Children

(2 of 3)

Please be aware that only children between the age of 3 Year(s) 0 Month(s) and 19 Year(s) 0 Month(s) will be displayed.

Select the child(ren) you wish to include in the free school meals application.

[New Child](#)

Name

Child's Date of Birth

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Please select the child you wish to apply for

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[Submit Application](#)



Letter from our Friends of St Thomas PTA members



As we come to the end of another academic year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers, staff and volunteers for your incredible support throughout the year.

With your help, we have raised **£6,000** this academic year. We have been able to organise a wide range of activities and events, including non-uniform days, pre-loved uniform sales, Christmas Nativity bake and cake sales, personalised Christmas cards and gift designs, Mother's Day and Father's Day gift sales, Freezy Friday ice pops and our wonderful Summer Community Celebration on Cultural Diversity Day.

Funds raised will be donated to the school in September and an update with how this has contributed to providing resources for our children will be in the newsletter. Please take the time to complete the feedback survey that will be sent out soon from the PTA.

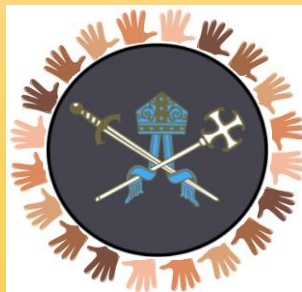
None of this would have been possible without your generosity, time, donations and continued support. Whether you purchased an item, donated cakes/raffle prizes/uniform, lent or put up gazebos or volunteered at an event or helped to spread the word, every contribution has made a difference.

Thank you for being such an important part of the St Thomas community.

We wish all our pupils, families and staff a happy, peaceful and enjoyable summer break.

With heartfelt thanks,

The Friends of St Thomas



Mrs Poulteney would like to thank all of the Friends of St Thomas PTA members for their hard work in raising much needed funds for our school.

We look forward to them supporting us to build our school community even further next year.





🎵 The Junior Choir have been busy singing for the local community this week! The children entertained the residents at the Coach House, a local care home and represented our school brilliantly! The children also sang at the Thurrock Music Festival, performing lyrics and actions for our parents. Well done to all those who took part!

Buying an e-scooter for the summer holidays? Watch this first.

Many people don't realise that privately-owned e-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

If you're caught riding one illegally:

- * It will be seized by police
- * You could be subjected to a fine
- * You could receive points on your driving licence (even if you don't own one yet!)

Think before you ride. Find out more on our website: [Advice on e-scooter usage | Essex Police](#)

Social post for press release – aimed at parents/carers

Thinking about buying an e-scooter for your child this summer?

Before you do, make sure you know the law.

Many people don't realise that privately-owned e-scooters can't be ridden on roads, pavements or cycle paths. They can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

So far this year, we have seized more than **180 e-scooters** being used illegally. Riders can face penalties, and parents, grandparents or guardians who allow illegal use could also be committing an offence.

Let's keep everyone safe this summer by knowing the rules before you ride.

Think before you ride. Find out more on our website: [Advice on e-scooter usage | Essex Police](#)



With the summer holidays fast approaching, please see a link to our **Summer Holiday Activities in Thurrock** brochure. We would be grateful if you could share the below link to the brochure with your parents and carers:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/bea9ee3242.html>

The brochure brings together a wide range of activities, events, clubs, and opportunities taking place across the borough throughout the summer break. Whether families are looking for sports activities, creative sessions, outdoor adventures, community events, or low-cost and free things to do, the brochure provides information to help keep children and young people engaged and active over the holidays.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and support families across Thurrock this summer.

Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership



More information:
<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/taking-part/school-games-mark/>

Sports at St Thomas'



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all of the staff at St Thomas', all of the parents/adults that have helped transport children to and from events, to the Thurrock School Sport Partnership for all of their support, and to Mr Roche (our Sports Coach), who has worked tirelessly to support me and the school in raising the profile of sports at St Thomas.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!

Mr Boulden



HM Government

