Kira's three daughters are at St Thomas More **Catholic Primary** School and Kira sees how each child is treated as an individual

Kira has Ophelia age 8 in Year 4, Rosalee (Roo) age 7 in Year 2 and Eala age 4 in Reception



## Life at school

Kira is a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 at St Thomas More and so gets to see her daughters every day at school. Kira says, "Eala loves school, she's been desperate to go ever since watching "Matilda". She's loving life at school. Roo is doing well with the team that are in Year 2. Ophelia loves to read so she's often in the playground with a book in her hand."

## Happy atmosphere

"There are always things going on, there's a lovely energy, a buzz to life at school. Just the other day I was walking through the playground, and I could see children enjoying being out in the garden area, they were playing a game of "making soup", collecting bits of grass and things and mixing it with water. In the hall children were enjoying a dance lesson and out on the field there were children playing rounders. There's always activity happening," says Kira.

## Support for children

Kira and her daughter Roo have been supported by school and the SEND team. "Roo is visually impaired and has Autism. Her diagnosis is recent and I understand how parents can feel when going through the process of a diagnosis. From what I've read online and heard, it can be a very slow journey and parents can often feel that people aren't listening. At St Thomas More that is not the case. Teachers and the whole school team are always ready to listen and will act quickly when a child needs extra support. At St Thomas More children are seen as a whole person, their life at home is just as important as their life in school and school is here to support them at every step," says Kira.

## **Children say:**

Ophelia says: "I love reading." Eala says: "School is fun."



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Roo says: "I like being outside."

