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[St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Newsletter](#)



Happy Half Term!

Don't forget we have half term next week, so school will be closed. We have a training day on Monday 3rd June, so school will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 4th June. The school photographer is booked on Tuesday 4th to take class/group photos. Full school uniform must be worn (no Y6 hoodies). If your child has PE on a Tuesday, please arrive in school uniform and bring a PE kit to change into. We are all looking forward to seeing you then.

May Procession

Thank you for all your lovely donations of flowers to lay at Our Lady's feet for our May Procession yesterday. While the unpredictability of the weather meant we didn't risk a procession, we were still able to honour our Lady with flowers and by saying a decade of the rosary.



The eldest and youngest child in our school crowned Our Mother at the end of Mass. Thank you to the GIFT Team for the excellent readings and to Emmanuel for processing with the banner.



The flowers have been donated to members of the parish, including the sick and the housebound, and to people in the wider community.

Year 2 - Warwick Castle

Year 2 have had a wonderful day at Warwick castle where they learnt more about a famous landmark in the UK. They enjoyed a fabulous falcon show and watched the legend of the trebuchet. The children were so well behaved and a credit to the school.





Sacramental Preparation - Year 3

Please keep Year 3 in your prayers as their First Holy Communion draws nearer. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the preparation meeting last night.

Spring Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped with, supported and attended the Spring Fayre last week. It was a wonderful success, with lots of fun and a great STM community spirit!

Raffle tickets for the Spring Fayre have been sent home with the children today. There are some fantastic prizes so please return counterfoils, payment and unsold tickets to the school office by Friday 10th June.

(Those children who soaked Mrs Collins can expect extra homework for the rest of their time at STM!!)



Cultural Diversity Day

Thank you for the support that was given to our Cultural Diversity Day on Tuesday.

The children came to school so beautifully representing their own cultural heritage through their clothing and with so much to share about what is important to them about their cultures. They had obviously spent a long time researching their culture and thinking about what they felt was important to share with their friends. All of the thoughtful extras that were also shared such as pictures, artefacts and even food to taste were such a wonderful addition! Thank you, parents and carers, for the thought and time you gave to your children to help them celebrate the differences in our school community that make our school (and world) such a rich place to live.

Thanks also go to the catering team for providing such an interesting and delicious representation of different cultures at lunchtime.

And lastly, huge thanks go to the parents, carers and friends of the school who so kindly gave of their time to come and talk to the children about their cultural heritage. Sharing your cultures helped to bring the day to life and gave the children another perspective when learning about our friends.

We all learned a lot - children and staff alike. It was a privilege to see the children listen so thoughtfully and share so proudly! Thank you.







Orienteering

A group of Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed orienteering on Tuesday with children from other schools in Coventry. We now have some expert map-readers!





Sports Day correct date!

Apologies - the date that was shared on last week's newsletter was incorrect.

We are planning on holding our Sports Day on Friday 5th July (times tbc), although this will, of course, depend on the weather! Fingers crossed it's warm and dry for us on that day. The date will be confirmed closer to the time (when the weather forecast is available).

PTFA News!

Join the St Thomas More Virtual Balloon Race

Virtual Balloon Race



Fantastic Prizes!!!

- 1st placed balloon - **£50 Amazon Gift Card.**
- 2nd placed balloon - **£25 Amazon Gift Card.**
- Last placed balloon - **£25 Amazon Gift Card.**

It's only £2 to enter a balloon, and you can enter more than one.

Have fun creating your own unique balloon design, so it stands out in flight.

You will be able track your balloon throughout race and see your final position.

All funds raised go directly to the STM PTFA.

It's easy to buy a balloon using the link below.

<https://www.balloonrace.net/stmrpsp>

Pre-loved Uniform

Thank you to the PTFA for running the pre-loved uniform sale at the parent/carer consultations. Good quality items of pre-loved uniform at extremely reasonable prices are a very popular way for parents to ensure children are smartly dressed in the correct uniform in an affordable way.

Please can any good-quality, washed uniform that you no longer need be donated to the pre-loved uniform stock - we are especially looking for ties, summer dresses, polo shirts and shorts at the moment.

If you missed the sale at the parent/carer consultations, you can still order any available pre-loved uniform using the click and collect order form available on the [PTFA page](#) of our website.

Active Events to Join In

The new Go Parks events calendar has been released. Please see the attached flyers for information about outdoor activities that can be accessed across the city.

go parks ACTIVITY 2024

WILD EARTH	INCLUSIVE TENNIS	CREED COMMUNITY	RISING STARS	SBITC
VENUE ALLESEY PARK LAKE VIEW	VENUE SPENCER PARK	VENUE EAGLE STREET	VENUE EDGEMOND MOAT HOUSE	VENUE BARRIS HILL FRESHFORD KENNEDY
ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT & YOGA	ACTIVITY INCLUSIVE TENNIS	ACTIVITY BOXING & FITNESS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS
DAY PLEASE CONTACT PROVIDER	DAY TUESDAY-TURSDAY MONDAY-SUMMER	DAY SATURDAY	DAY THURSDAY SUNDAY	DAY MONDAY TUESDAY
TIME DAYTIME EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME EVENINGS	TIME SATURDAY AFTERNOON	TIME THURSDAY EVENINGS	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT peeta.saeed@wild-earth.org.uk	CONTACT rhodan@earthstennis.co.uk	CONTACT contact@creedcommunity.co.uk	CONTACT khalid.ashique@hotmail.co.uk	CONTACT Alicia.jane@sbipc.org.uk

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CONNECT US ACADEMY	EMPOWERU	LONGFORD SHORT FOOTBALL	YMCA
VENUE TIGER TO TIGER CRUC FOLESHILL CANLEY	VENUE KERSELEY RECREATION CARADOC CLOSE	VENUE LONGFORD	VENUE WILLENHALL BROOKSTRAY
ACTIVITY BOXING	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS & SOCIAL ACTION
DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY	DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY	DAY SATURDAY	DAY FRIDAY
TIME DAYTIME & EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME & EVENING	TIME DAYTIME	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT connectusacademy.co@gmail.com	CONTACT Ella@empower-u.org	CONTACT shortfootball@gmail.com	CONTACT jake.regan@ymca-leicester.org.uk

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PROJECT 5	APTITUDE	ASCENSION PLACE	PVF
VENUE ST MARKETS MEMORIAL ALANHOUS	VENUE RED HOUSE ATT GOALS	VENUE HOLBROOKS MEMORIAL HARDY VILLAGE	VENUE SEVEN BRIDGES ACADEMY
ACTIVITY SKATE-BOARDING	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY PARKOUR	ACTIVITY FOOTBALL
DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	DAY TUESDAY	DAY MONDAY FRIDAY	DAY SATURDAY
TIME EVENINGS	TIME EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME	TIME MORNING
CONTACT info@project5team.leic@gmail.com	CONTACT andrew@aptitude.org.uk	CONTACT ben@ascensionplace.co.uk	CONTACT info@positiveyouthfoundation.org

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Attendance is important!

We monitor all pupils' attendance and will contact you (often by letter and text message) if their attendance is getting lower than we'd expect. Please don't be offended - we have a duty to keep you informed of things that can affect your child's progress and/or wellbeing.

Lastly, please remember that term-time holidays **will not be authorised** and, in many cases, will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) being issued.

Whole school attendance so far this year is 95.8%

Attendance this week is as follows:

Year R	95.7%
Year 01	91.9%
Year 02	89.1%
Year 03	95.7%
Year 04	92.3%
Year 05	93.6%
Year 06	92.1%

Parish facilities

Planning a party/event? Looking for a Venue?

The Margaret Roper Room at Church is available for hire for parties and events. It is in high demand, so enquire early about dates. Excellent kitchen facilities available. Holds approximately 80 guests. Hire charge £30.00 per hour. Please enquire to: admin.stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk



Important Dates

- Tuesday 4th June: School photographer, class/group photos
- Friday 5th July, times tbc: Sports Day