



More News 7th June 2024

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



First Holy Communions

Please keep our Year 3 children and their parish friends who do not attend STM in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time at Sunday's Mass. The children have been busy preparing for this wonderful moment, with lots of learning and praying to help them feel ready. Fr Simon heard confessions this week and the children enjoyed a very special retreat yesterday.

Report from Year 3:

We started the day with Mass, followed by the children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After that we gathered in the hall and were joined by Dan and Emily from One Life Music. Together we thought about the laying of the table and who would have helped us in our journey of faith. We learned some beautiful songs of praise. We finished our day by joining Father Simon in the Chapel for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a moment of quiet reflection after a busy day.

Our thanks go to the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the children.





We are very much looking forward to sharing in this special moment in their journey of faith.

STM Feast Day and 10 Year Celebrations

The St Thomas More Feast Day is on Saturday 22nd June. This year we will be holding our feast day celebrations the day before on Friday 21st June. As our school building will be 10 years old in September, we will combine our feast day celebrations with marking a decade in our new building.

The school will worship together at Mass on Friday 21st at 10.30am and will then, weather permitting, process to the playground to a statue of St Thomas More where we will say prayers of thanksgiving.

Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us at Mass and for our procession and prayer. There will then be tea and cake offered in the Community Room.

OCS, our catering company, have kindly offered to have a BBQ for those children who have a hot dinner that day. Please let the office know by Monday 17th June (only if your child does not usually have a school dinner on a Friday) if your child would like a hot dinner (BBQ lunch) as part of our celebrations.

In the afternoon, children will be offered an ice cream as an extra treat!

Non-uniform Day - Friday 14th June

On Friday 14th June we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own (suitable) clothes. Children are asked to bring in a donation of £1 to join in the non-uniform. This time we are trying something new - when a child gives their £1 donation, they will receive a raffle ticket (this will happen on the gate as they arrive). The raffle ticket will then go into a draw to win a Stanley Cup which will take place in assembly. If children donate more than £1, they will receive a raffle ticket for each £1 they donate.

All money raised will go towards funding ice creams/lollies for children to enjoy on our Feast Day celebrations.

PTFA News!

St Thomas More Virtual Balloon Race

We are delighted to share with you that the PTFA Virtual Balloon race raised over £400. The prize winners have been notified and received their prizes.

Thank you to the PTFA for working so hard to set up and promote the balloon race.



Pop-Up MMR Clinics

The Local Authority is running two MMR pop-up clinics (tomorrow and on Saturday 13th July). Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure their child has had both doses of the MMR vaccine to help protect them from measles, mumps and rubella, all of which can have serious consequences if your child is unlucky enough to become infected. You do not need to book and for those families who do not touch any pork products there are alternative vaccines available.

SYMPTOMS
High temperature

Runny nose

Cough

Sore red eyes

Rash

NHS

Protect yourself and your family

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) pop-up vaccination clinic

**Coventry Central Library
City Centre, CV1 1FY**

**Saturday 8 June 2024
Saturday 13 July 2024
10.00AM – 2.30PM**

We encourage anyone who has not had their 1st or 2nd dose of the MMR vaccine to pop in. For those who do not touch any pork products, there is an alternative vaccine available.

It's FREE. No appointment needed. We welcome walk-ins.

If you have any queries regarding your child's immunisation status, speak to your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) on **02476 961422**.

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PCSO Online Safety Courses (free)

It is so important that parents understand the risks that children and what they can do to help keep them safe. Earlier this year we and our PCSO ran a course for parents that gave key information about how best to keep your child safe online. Feedback from parents was very positive, with one parent commenting that 'every parent should have this information!' The PCSOs are running a similar course online for parents to view on 10th and 13th June. Please use the QR code on the attached flyer to book your place.

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

On June 10th and June 13th, West Midlands Police will be delivering a **FREE ONLINE SAFETY** workshop for parents and carers living in Coventry.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

A number of different topics will be explored, including:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above

Coventry Prevent | West Midlands POLICE

STM Brownies - Can You Help?

Sadly the time has come for the current leaders earth to stand down from Girl guiding. We are looking for volunteers to take over the Unit here at STM. The Unit meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. If you feel you'd like to volunteer to take over, please contact Amanda Kelly by email amandastmparish@outlook.com. Unfortunately, if nobody comes forward the Unit will close on 2nd July 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

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 | RIISING STARS | SBTC |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| VENUE ALLESEY PARK LAKE VIEW | VENUE SPENCER PARK | VENUE EAGLE STREET | VENUE EDDOWICK MOAT HOUSE | VENUE BARRIS HILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY |
| ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT & YOGA | ACTIVITY INCLUSIVE TENNIS | ACTIVITY BOXING & FITNESS | ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS | ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS |
| DAY PLEASE CONTACT PROVIDER | DAY TUESDAY - TERM TIME MONDAY - SUMMER | DAY SATURDAY | DAY THURSDAY SUNDAY | DAY THURSDAY TUESDAY |
| TIME DAYTIME EVENINGS | TIME DAYTIME EVENINGS | TIME SATURDAY AFTERNOON | TIME EVENINGS | TIME EVENINGS |
| CONTACT george@earth.org.uk | CONTACT stuford@seats.com dan@coventry.sch.uk | CONTACT contact@creedcommunity.co.uk | CONTACT trish@risingstars@hotmail.co.uk | CONTACT Alisa@sbtc.org.uk |

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go parks ACTIVITY 2024

| CONNECT US ACADEMY | EMPOWRU | LONGFORD SHORT FOOTBALL | YMCA |
|--|--|--|--|
| VENUE TOE TO TOE CRUC FOLESHILL CANLEY | VENUE ALLESEY RECREATION CAMPSITE CLORE | VENUE LONGFORD | VENUE WILLENHALL BOOKERSLEY |
| 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 |
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go parks ACTIVITY 2024

| PROJECT S | APTITUDE | ASCENSION DANCE | PYF |
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| VENUE ST MARGRETS MEMORIAL ALAN HOGGS | VENUE RED HOUSE ATT GOALS | VENUE HILBROOKS MEMORIAL FARGO HILBROOKS | VENUE SONEY STRONGER ACADEMY |
| ACTIVITY SKATEBOARDING | ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS | ACTIVITY PARKOUR | ACTIVITY FOOTBALL |
| DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY | DAY TUESDAY | DAY FRIDAY | DAY SATURDAY |
| TIME EVENINGS | TIME EVENINGS | TIME DAYTIME | TIME MORNING |
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Go Parks Active Schools Challenge

Our Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge returns from 9 June - 7 July.

This year the challenge will be a 'Paris 2024' special, celebrating the Olympics and Paralympics.

The challenge is free, and this year will involve 37 parks and greenspaces around the city where participants can win virtual medals by scanning QR codes at each park. This challenge edition features an exciting point and scoring system with a virtual medal table and family competition features via the Go CV system. As always, every QR code scanned in the parks means more points to your chosen school. The school with the most points wins the challenge. There will also be a range of pop-up activities in parks, exciting challenges and opportunities to win spot prizes along the way.

Follow Coventry Sport on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date on all things Go Parks.

Don't forget to tag yourself in your posts on X @STMschCoventry and @CovSport when taking part.



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:

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| Year R | 94.0% |
| Year 01 | 100.0% |
| Year 02 | 99.2% |
| Year 03 | 97.4% |
| Year 04 | 96.3% |
| Year 05 | 97.0% |
| Year 06 | 94.1% |

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

- Sunday 9th June, 9am: Y3 First Holy Communion
- Wednesday 12th June, Nursery/Reception Trip to Hatton Adventure World
- Wednesday 19th June, Year 3 Trip to Think Tank Museum
- Friday 5th July, times tbc: Sports Day (weather dependent!)