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



Birmingham Diocese launch of the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



“PILGRIMS OF HOPE”

To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year, visit:



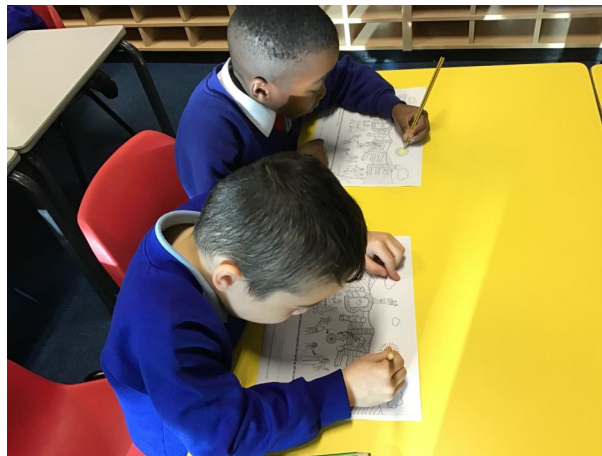
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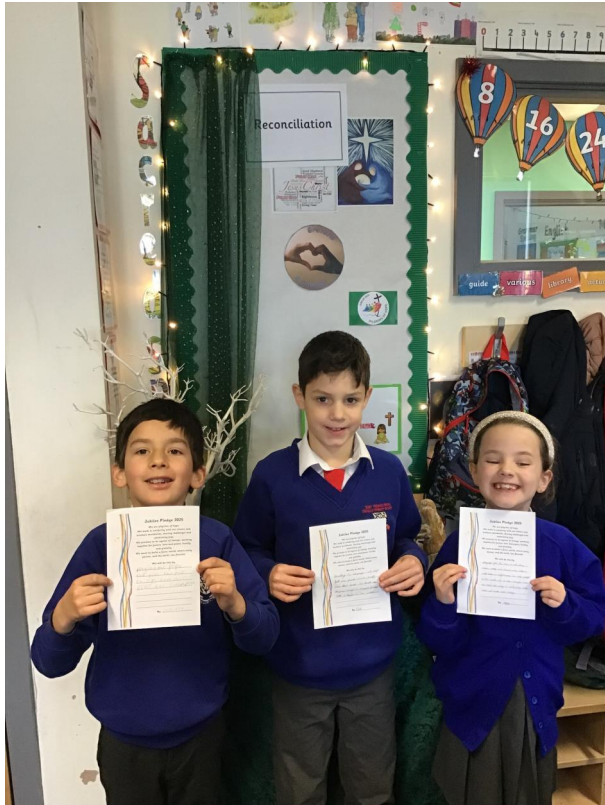
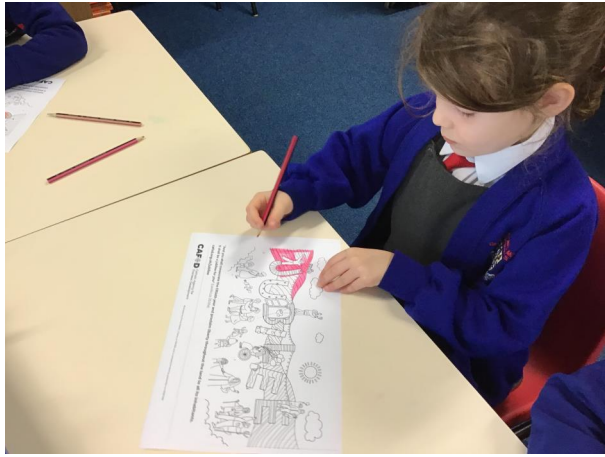
Today, as a school family we watched an assembly led by the Archbishop of Birmingham officially launching the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. This was live streamed across the whole Birmingham diocese uniting all Catholic school together in unity. This was a beautiful occasion where it felt great to be part of our bigger diocesan family. The children have been challenged to do three things this year:

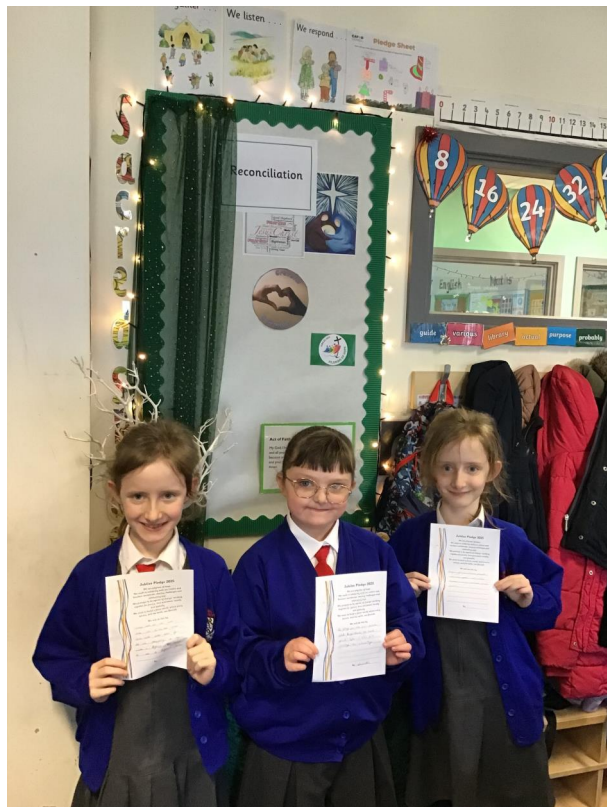
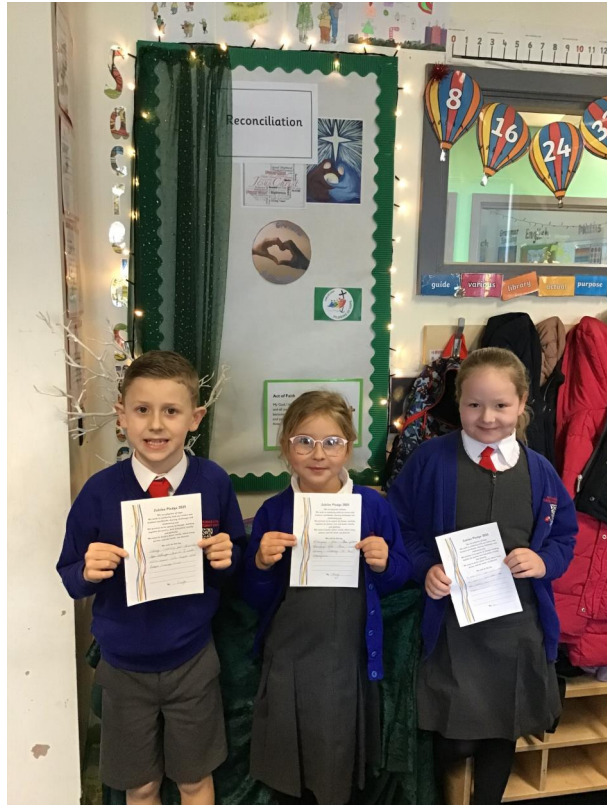
1. Pray
2. Social Action - how we can help others and the world and give them and us hope
3. Fundraise

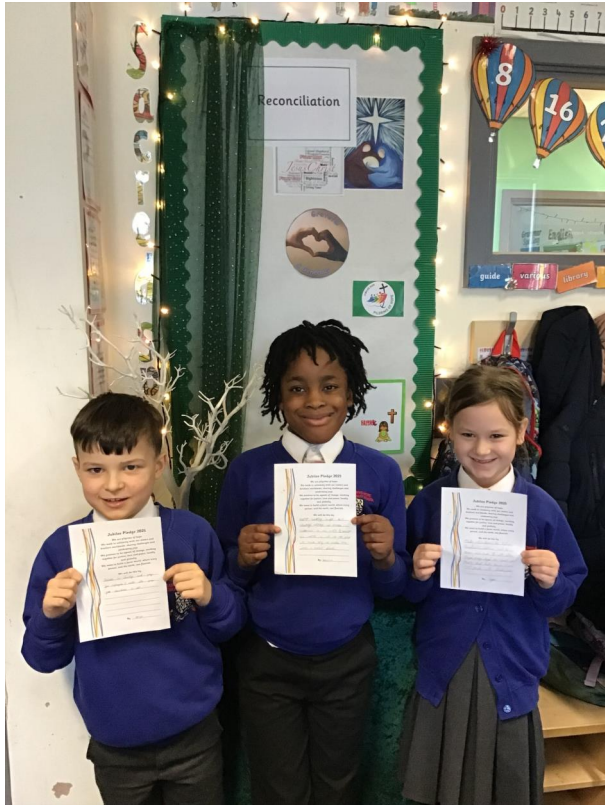
Following the launch all children then completed activities one of which was creating a pledge of hope for the year and writing it on the sail of the boat. It was lovely going round and seeing how children and staff were inspired and ready to be a flame of hope for others.

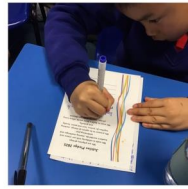
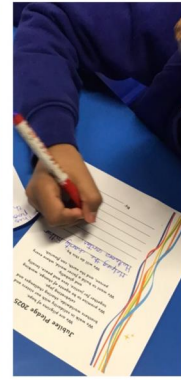
You could also visit the [website](#) for more information.











The meaning of the logo



The logo shows four figures, representing the whole of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other and together they form a united body of a boat. The figure at the front is holding onto a cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope. This hope can never be abandoned as we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the events of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

Mission- Year of Hope- 5 Facts



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- *Fact 1 - In jubilee years, the people were to follow God more closely by repairing broken relationships and caring for creation.*
 - *Fact 2 - Pilgrimages are an important jubilee tradition. A pilgrimage is a special journey to a sacred place. On the journey the pilgrim devotes time to their faith and their relationship with God.*
 - *Fact 3 -The Holy Door in St Peter's basilica is only opened during a jubilee year. If you travel to Rome this year you can walk through the door as a sign of commitment to following Jesus.*
 - *Fact 4- The theme of this Jubilee is hope. Hope helps us not to give up and is important if we are struggling or anxious about things. Having faith in God, who loves us no matter what and is always there for us gives us hope.*
 - *Fact 5- There are lots of signs of hope in the world and we can provide more of them. Pope Francis asks us to look out for signs of hope.*
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Class Mass

This week **Year 4** will be attending the Class Mass on Thursday 30th January 10am in the side chapel. All are very welcome to join.

A reminder weekend Mass times are

Sat 5pm Vigil Saint Thomas More

Sun 9am Saint Thomas More- includes Children's liturgy

11am Saint Joseph the Worker



SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football

St John Vianney 7-0 St Thomas More

The girls school football team faced a tough challenge on the afternoon of Thursday, 23 January away to St John Vianney who were very clinical in front of goal.

Even as the scoreline was increasing our girls showed resilience and great character, keeping their heads high and continuing to support one another.

***Goalkeeper Ava received Player of the Match** from the opposition having made some impressive and crucial saves.*

We'll learn from this and come back stronger next time.

Boys Football

All Souls 4-9 St Thomas More

The boys' football team delivered an impressive 9-4 victory against All Souls in a thrilling match on the afternoon of Tuesday, 21 January that saw them dominate from start to finish.

A commanding 6-0 lead at half-time set the tone, and despite a spirited second-half comeback from the home side, we held firm to secure the win.

From minute one, Joseph was in electric form, netting four goals throughout the match. His clinical finishing was a key factor in our dominance. Dale also got on the scoresheet twice, showing great composure skipping past defenders to add to the tally. Nehemiah, who was a constant presence in the attack, registered an impressive three assists, Jay chipped in with a well-taken goal, further extending the lead.

Fife was a standout performer, not only scoring twice but also being involved in the build-up of several goals, earning him the oppositions Player of the Match award.

Year 6 off to Plas Dol y Moch



We wish Year 6 and staff a safe journey on Sunday as they head off to beautiful North Wales to have 4 days of wonderful activities learning about the 3 Rs Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. We look forward to some photos documenting their fun next week.

Bags 2 Schools



A massive thank you to all of you who brought bags to school in ready for the collection on Tuesday. We were overwhelmed by the number. It raised £97.20 towards PTFA funds and hopefully you are enjoying a little more space in your wardrobes.

PTFA Lotto

STM PTFA PRESENTS



FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP
SCAN / PRESS THE QR CODE

£1 month
11 draws a year
Sept-July
Allocated number
No number limit
Must be aged 16+



WINNER
1st prize £50
2nd prize £10
3rd prize £5
Amazon e-Gift Voucher

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Join our PTFA Lotto for a chance to win exciting prizes! Each month, we hold a draw during our assembly. All you need to do is sign up to be in with a shot at winning. Not only will you

have the thrill of the draw, but you'll also be supporting our PTFA and the school's fundraising efforts. Don't miss out—get involved today!"

Our next draw is Friday, 31 January 2025 - You've got to be in it to win it !!

The next PTFA meeting is schedule on 3 February 2025. Please scan the below QR code to join the PTFA Whatsapp Group.



Mental Health Support Survey

The Local Authority wants to know your thoughts and experiences in receiving mental health support to help them improve mental health service for young people.

Please see below for more information.

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership
Coventry and Warwickshire
Warwickshire
Coventry City Council

Understanding young people and their mental health

MENTAL HEALTH Matters



What is Mental Health?
Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act.

Importance of Mental Health
Good mental health is essential for overall well-being, enabling us to handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices.

Visit our website or scan the QR code to complete the survey: END of survey 15th January 2025
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp9YY3ZOLNcJ6_vVx1BjtRbf9MPBU7R16tgPmuIBIDSzg/viewform



SCAN ME

CAN YOU HELP US?

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED! 🧠💡
Hello there! 🌟 In Coventry and Warwickshire, we are aiming to improve mental health services for young people like YOU. 🌟

Your thoughts and experiences can assist us in developing services that will genuinely benefit you and your friends.

What Can You Do to Help?
We want to hear your opinions on what matters in mental health care!

We are working hard to make our services more "trauma-informed," which means recognising the best ways to support young people who may be experiencing anxiety, stress, or sadness due to difficult situations. 🌟

Your voice matters, and by working together, we can create services that benefit everyone.

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 or your child has had low attendance in the past. 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 95.14%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 91.85%
- Year 1 - 92%
- Year 2 - 84.79%
- Year 3 - 93.94%
- **Year 4 - 94.83%**
- Year 5 - 92.33%

- Year 6 - 92.98%

Important Dates

- Friday 24 January - BDES Launch Assembly of Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'
- Sunday 26 January - Thursday 30 January - Y6 Plas Doly-Moch Residential
- Wednesday 29 January - GB Athlete Launch
- Friday 31 January - PTFA Lotto Monthly Draw
- Monday 3 February - PTFA Meeting - 6.30pm (Online TBC).
- Thursday 6 February - Football Match - STM vs Holy Family
- Tuesday 11 February - Netball Match Vs St John Vianney
- Thursday 13 February - Y6 Confirmation at 7pm (STM Church)
- Friday 14 February - GB Athlete Sponsorship Event
- Friday 14 February - Half Term Break