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



Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



A message from Father Simon.

On Thursday we gathered as a School and Parish Community to celebrate our first Mass of Jubilee. The Year of Jubilee began in December 2024 and will continue until January 2026. Its theme is '**Pilgrims of Hope**' and in the Mass, the children considered three things: Thanksgiving, Reconciliation and Hope.

Thanksgiving is very easy to do when our lives are going well, but do we forget to say thank you for the simple things which God has blessed us with?

Reconciliation is always difficult because it means we are having to put something right where a wrong has been done. We considered thinking of those areas in our lives where we perhaps need to be more aware of the practice of reconciliation. We considered those areas where we may truly need to say for the words and actions that we have used.

Hope comes from the Lord and reminds us of the importance of having Jesus Christ at the centre of all we say, see and do. What do we hope for in the future? Where do we place our hope?

We concluded by referring to our own school motto: 'learn and grow as God's Holy people.' If we **learn** to place those three areas of thanksgiving, hopefulness and reconciliation at the centre of all we say and do, then we truly will **grow** as God's Holy people.

This Year of Jubilee is a pilgrimage for us all. Pope Benedict XVI said, 'to go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures of nature, art or history. To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God.'

The Mass is the ultimate place to encounter God, so I encourage you all, in this Year of Jubilee, to come along to our Masses, either the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil or 9.00am Sunday morning. Come along in **thanksgiving** for the blessing you have received from God; come along and have your **hope** restored and come along to be **reconciled** with the Lord.

Growing In Faith Together- GIFT Chaplaincy Team

*During the mass our **Growing In Faith Together GIFT** chaplaincy team were commissioned and promised to help as role models lead the rest of the school community as we 'Learn and Grow as God's Holy People'.*

*Their first meeting with Debs will be **Wednesday 12th February**.*

Arrive at 8:25am for an 8:30am start in the library.



Year 6 Confirmandi



Following the **5pm vigil mass on Saturday 8th February** there will be a rehearsal for Confirmation.

Please keep all those making their Confirmation on **Thursday 13th February at 7pm** in your prayers as they carry out final preparations.

Class Mass

This week **Year 3** will be celebrating a class mass in the side chapel on **Thursday 13th February at 10am**. All are very welcome to join them.

A reminder weekend Mass times are:

Saturday

5pm Vigil Saint Thomas More

Sunday

9am Saint Thomas More- includes Children's liturgy

11am Saint Joseph the Worker



Children's Mental Health Week



**KNOW YOURSELF,
GROW YOURSELF**

**WE'RE TAKING PART IN
CHILDREN'S MENTAL
HEALTH WEEK**

*This week your children have been exploring their own individuality as part of **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme this year is '**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**'. Today children have come dressed as they wanted. WOW assembly was a very happy, colourful place today!*

Thank you for your contributions to school fund. We raised a fantastic £258!!

Congratulations go to our winners of the raffle who each received a soft ball and brush pen set.

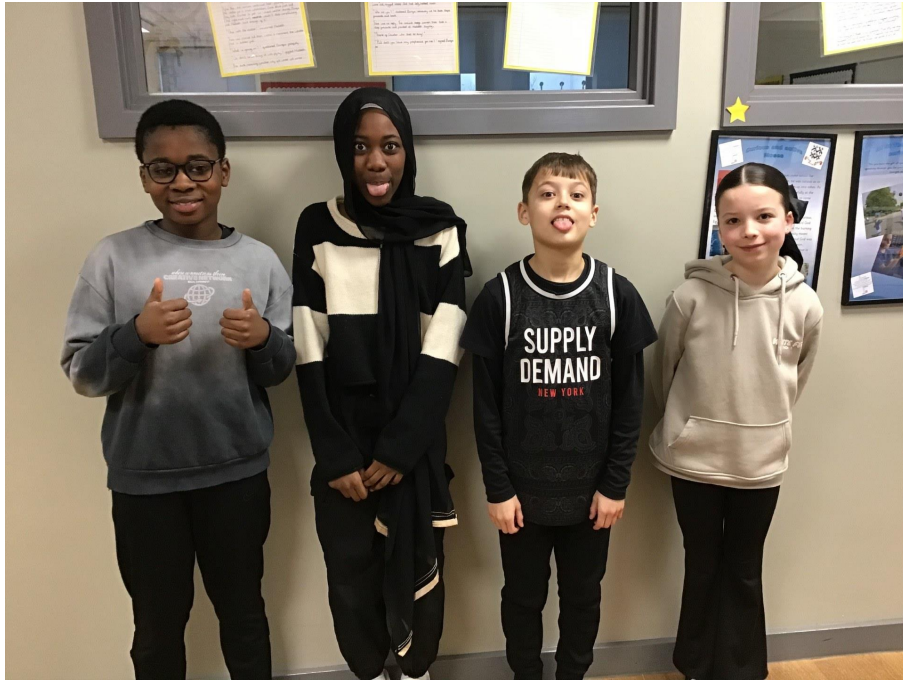
For more information [About Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week](#)



Enjoy the gallery celebrating our uniqueness!









Times Tables Rock Stars MAC Competition





Begins 31.1.25 at 9am. Ends 14.2.25 at 9am. KS2 only.

How are you doing?

This is a Holy Cross Catholic MAC competition between schools for Years 3,4,5 and 6. Children can log onto TTRS from 7:30am to 8pm from today 31st January through to 9am on 14th February. They should all have log ins to TTRS but if your child does not have one can you contact admin/ class teacher. Try and have a go 'little and often' to gain as many points as possible. There are prizes for top scoring individuals and classes.

Currently, we are in the lead but St Augustine's is close behind. Don't get complacent!

*Our personal STM superstars are **Kuruvilla, Ian, Ignacy, Emanuel, Vinayak, Joseph D** - they are all in the Top 10. Keep going! It would be great to see some girls rising into the top 20. Extra break and prizes are up for grabs.*

HCCMAC FEBRUARY COMPETITION		Finishes in 7 days ^
Holy Cross MAC		
Info	Class Enrollment	School Results
	Class Results	Pupil Results
	Certificates	
School Average Correct	School Total Correct	
Position (Out of 5 schools taking part)		School Average Correct
1	Saint Thomas More Primary School, Coventry	2,114
2	St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Coventry	1,843

SPORTS NEWS

Boys Football Match Vs Holy Family

STM 4-2 Holy Family

*The Boys Football team secured a very important win on Thursday evening against a strong Holy Family team. A very positive start to both halves by the away side was more than matched by the boys in blue as they dug in deep and worked hard for each other. The scoring was opened by Holy Family with an unstoppable finish but the lead was short lived after **Nehemiah** calmly slotted in a rebound to level the scores. A quick fire second and third from **Fife** and **Jack** gave St Thomas More a 3-1 lead going into half time.*

Similar to the first half, the second half began with high tempo and end to end chances and Holy Family quickly pulled one goal back. 3-2. St Thomas More replied yet again with a great through ball threaded into Jack, which he slotted beyond the onrushing goalkeeper. 4-2

*Oppositions player of the match went to **Fife**, once again showing his skill and speed to beat defenders and being a constant threat when attacking. Big shout out to **Aaron** who was immense at the back winning almost every tackle and putting his body on the line to see out the victory.*

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP

We are pleased to announce that St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is hosting Sport Development (UK) Ltd's popular Holiday Camps once again for the upcoming break.

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Spaces are now available, please use the links below for booking and more info!

Multisports Camp   

<https://forms.office.com/r/Z324xM0tQy>

[\(https://forms.office.com/r/Z324xM0tQy\)](https://forms.office.com/r/Z324xM0tQy)

Football Camp 

[\(https://forms.office.com/r/Gu4VzDCVkd\)](https://forms.office.com/r/Gu4VzDCVkd)

Please find or contact Mr Brown for any questions or queries.

After School Clubs

There are still a few spaces remaining on a couple of the after school clubs on offer at St Thomas More.

Tuesdays:

KS1 Football

KS2 Football

Wednesday:

KS2 Multisport

Visit from GB Athlete Joel Fearon!

Friday, 14th February, we will be welcoming GB bobsleigh and sprinting star, Joel Fearon, to St Thomas More! Joel, a GB medallist, will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit for all pupils, followed by an inspiring assembly and Q&A session. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to meet an elite athlete, hear his story, and be motivated to stay active and pursue their own sporting dreams.

Not only will this event encourage a love for fitness, but it will also help us raise funds for new sports equipment for our school. Let's get involved and make the most of this incredible experience!

A gentle reminder to all to complete and handover the sponsorship forms by Friday, 14 February 2025.



Photo: PyeongChang Organizing Committee for the 2018 Olympic (POGOC)

EYFS Baptism

EYFS have all been to visit St Thomas More Church where they role played a baptism complete with Priest, parents, God parents, baby and lots of guests. Thank you Father Simon. I would love to know what name you gave the baby!



Online Safety

Workshop Poster Feb 2025

Please can parents and carers be extra vigilant with how your children are using devices and social media. The Police are really keen for parents to attend this course. We have had a few incidents this week of inappropriate use and exposure to unsuitable material.



INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

West Midlands Police will be delivering **FREE ONLINE SAFETY** workshops for parents and carers living in Coventry, on **Thursday February 13th 2025**

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



CIRV Family Event - 19 February 2025



Family Hub & CIRV Youth Takeover Event


Dive into Coventry's Youth Scene with a FREE fun day of workshops and activities at The Moat Family Hub

19.02.2025 11:00AM - 14:00PM
The Moat Family Hub, Coventry, CV2 1EQ

A FREE event for Coventry families with activities including

Music | Multi-Sports | Virtual Reality |
Arts & Crafts | Food | Youth Partners |
And Much More

In partnership with



There is a free family event running at the Moat Family Hub (North East) during the school holidays on Wednesday, 19th February. It is aimed at 8 - 18 year olds from across the city.

Narnia Casting Call

Netflix is looking for two exceptionally talented children, a boy and a girl aged 10-11, to play key roles in an upcoming Narnia film, directed by Oscar-nominated Greta Gerwig (Barbie, Little Women). Casting director Nina Gold (Paddington, Star Wars, The Crown) is seeking young actors of all experience levels. Filming will take place in the UK from June to Christmas 2025. Parents or guardians can submit applications via email, including a short video introduction. For full details, see the official casting call attached.

NARNIA KIDS CASTING CALL

Nina Gold (PADDINGTON, STAR WARS, THE CROWN, GAME OF THRONES) is looking for two exceptionally talented kids, a boy and a girl, to play important roles in a new NARNIA film that Oscar nominated Greta Gerwig (BARBIE, LITTLE WOMEN, LADY BIRD) has written and will direct.

We want to hear from all interested young actors, regardless of experience.

We are looking for a boy and a girl to play characters that are 10/11 years old.

The film will rehearse and shoot from June – Christmas 2025 in the UK.

Parents and guardians are asked to apply by email to casting@ninagold.co.uk with name, age, location, height, along with a short piece to camera (on a phone is fine, approx. 30 seconds) about their happiest memory.

Parents and Guardians must state their relationship to the applicant and that they have their permission to be considered for a role in this production.

Please only use this email address to apply.

casting@ninagold.co.uk

Netflix is committed to inclusive, diverse casting. For every role, please submit qualified performers, without regard to age, sex, ethnicity, disability, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity or any other basis prohibited by law unless otherwise specifically indicated.

Stars of the week



Upcoming Parent School Tour

We warmly invite prospective parents to join our next Parent Tour scheduled on **Tuesday, 11 March at 9am**. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and see our learning environment in action. The tour will provide insight into our values, curriculum, and the supportive community we offer.

To book your place, please contact the school office on 0247 684 9910 or email stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk.

PTFA

Thank you to all who attended our first virtual PTFA meeting.

Next big event is the February school disco. Save the date...Friday 28th February.



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 94.79%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 91.33%
- Year 1 - 95.67%

- Year 2 - 95.48%
- Year 3 - 94.85%
- **Year 4 - 97.41%**
- Year 5 - 93.31%
- Year 6 - 83.5%

Important Dates

February

- Saturday 8 February - 5pm mass and Y6 Confirmation Rehearsal
- Tuesday 11 February - Netball Match Vs St John Vianney (Home)
- Thursday 13 February - Y6 Confirmation at 7pm (STM Church)
- Friday 14 February - GB Athlete Sponsorship Event
- Friday 14 February - Half Term Break
- **Monday 24 February - Back to school**
- Thursday 27 February - Football match Vs Our Lady (TBC)
- Friday 28 February - PTFA Lotto Monthly Draw (Feb)
- Friday 28 February - School Disco (5 - 9pm)

March

- Wednesday, 5 March - Ash Wednesday Prayer service in school
- Saturday, 8 March - Mass followed by Y3 Reconciliation (Time TBC)
- Thursday 13 March - School Mass (Led by Y6)