



More News 14th March 2025

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



LENT - Temptation of Christ



*In Mission Assembly on Monday the Gospel of Christ's temptation in the desert was shared.
Children considered how they were going to get closer to God this week through:*

- ***Prayer** - Strengthening and deepening our relationship with God*
 - ***Fasting** - putting others before their own needs and*
 - ***Almsgiving** - sharing what we have with others.*
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We Go Forth

- What are you going to do to grow your friendship with God this week?
- Pray
- Fast and care for others instead
- Share- food bank and CAFOD family fast day/ Charity Roadshow- Friday

Prayer- Lent Prayer Bags

During Lent, the children have the opportunity to take the class's Lenten prayer bag home. This is a collective worship resource for you to use with your child at home, to grow in faith as a family. There are various resources inside the bag, as well as guidance and suggestions.



*Each day, the Lenten prayer bag is sent home with a different child. We ask that you take a few minutes away from your busy lives to support your child in leading the collective worship. Afterwards, we ask that each child draws or writes a reflection about their collective worship at home in the book provided. **Please ensure your child returns the Lenten prayer bag the next day, so that another family may use it.** Prayer bags will be sent home with the eldest sibling in the school, so that as many families as possible are included.*

If you do take any photos of your child's collective worship, please do send them to the office for Miss Allison's attention. We already have some superstars who have shared photos of their Lenten collective worship with us - take a look!



The ECO Team



The ECO Team met this morning to discuss ways to improve our school environment, focussing on school grounds, waste reduction and litter management. Exciting initiatives are on the horizon including including bulb and seed planting, bird feeding and building bug and bee hotels.

The team is also exploring ways to cut down on food waste during lunchtime - more details will be shared soon.

*With regard to dealing with litter, there is a national campaign called 'The Great Big School Clean' (from Keep Britain Tidy) which will run from **21st March to 6th April**. The ECO Team will get a head start by introducing a litter-picking rota next week.*

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we kindly ask that single-use plastic bottles be avoided whenever possible.

Together, we can make a positive impact on our school and the wider community!

Almsgiving- Food bank - Pilgrims of Hope



One of the challenges that was set for us all in the year of hope was social action. Making a difference to others in our community and global family.

*A huge thank you as this week, as a school we have collected **54 items so a grand total of 184 so far** for our MAC foodbank.*

Thanks to our GIFT team leaders who are counting items and giving practical assistance.

School Lent Mass

On Thursday 20th March Year 3 will be celebrating mass together in the side chapel. All are very welcome to attend.

A reminder weekend Mass times are:

Saturday

5:00pm - Vigil Saint Thomas More

Sunday

9:00am - Saint Thomas More (includes Little Church)

11:00am - Saint Joseph the Worker



SPORTS NEWS



Bobby and Ava visited CBS Arena on Saturday as Coventry city beat stoke city 3-2 with a last minute winner by Bobby Thomas. The pair met goalkeeper Oliver Dovin after the game

Boys Football Match

Last Thursday, St Thomas More showcased their dominance with an impressive 12-0 away victory against Our Lady of Assumption. From the first whistle, the team controlled

possession, demonstrated sharp finishing, and maintained a solid defence that prevented the opposition from creating any clear chances. It was a complete team effort, highlighting the boys' attacking flair and defensive discipline — a statement victory that keeps us firmly at the top of the league!

Maths Program Information

Find out more about supporting your child with primary school maths

Join our free 8-week course **'Maths in the Primary School'**

This course is for
All parents and carers with children at St Thomas More

What we do

- give you more maths confidence
- explain the maths methods used at St Thomas More
- learn and understand maths words used in school
- give you fun games to take home and play with your children

Where it is
Come to the main school office

When it is
1-3pm every Monday from 12th May 2025

How to join
Fill in the reply slip below and return to the school

To find out more [email aealifskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aealifskills@coventry.gov.uk) or speak to Ms Hoare in school

See all Family Learning courses at <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>



'I felt really comfortable – they made the maths easy to understand. The great games didn't feel like homework at all'

*Assume you have a place unless you hear from us *

I would like a place on the St Thomas More / Family Learning 'Maths in the primary School' course

Your name.....Contact number.....

Child's name.....Class.....



Important Safety Reminder: UK Car Seat Belt Laws for Children

Ensuring your child's safety while traveling is not only essential — **it's the law**. Please take a moment to review the current UK regulations for child car seats and seat belts by visiting the official UK Government website: [Child car seats: the law: Using a child car seat or booster seat - GOV.UK](#)

Key Points:

- *Age & Height Requirements: Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.*
 - *Seat Belt Use*
 - *Car Seat Types*
 - *Front Seat Rules*
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Following these guidelines not only ensures compliance with UK law but, most importantly, helps protect children from injury in the event of an accident.

Let's work together to keep our children safe on the road!

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Getting started is simple:

1. Visit myschoolfund.org to register your school/nursery for free*.
2. Use the free promotional materials provided to advertise your involvement in the scheme and encourage families, staff and your wider community to sign up and link to your school/nursery.
3. Start receiving cashback in the form of eGift rewards from their collective spend.
4. Spend your eGift rewards with participating retailers including Sainsbury's or Argos.
5. Keep advertising the scheme to get more people involved.

“It's a win-win situation. I get a gift card every month and the school also benefits from the funding”

Happy My School Fund User

If you're not yet signed up, you definitely should. It is a great scheme to raise money for the school and the parents/staff, with very little effort involved

St Luke's CE Primary School

*To register your school/nursery, you'll need a unique reference number from ESPO. Request this from communications@espo.org

myschoolfund.org

PTFA Update

The PTFA will be setting up a **tuck shop** at the end of the school day, **today Friday 14 March**, selling treats that are just past their best-before dates at a discounted price. And who knows? There might even be a few **Wonka bars** left to discover!

Thank you for continuing to support our school community — every contribution counts!



Upcoming Parent School Tour

We warmly invite prospective parents to join our next Parent Tour scheduled on **Wednesday, 30th April 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.

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 95.02%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 93.54%
- **Year 1 - 99%**
- Year 2 - 98.71%
- Year 3 - 93.03%
- Year 4 - 98.28%
- Year 5 - 96.33%
- Year 6 - 92.54%

Important Dates

March

- **Friday 14th March after school PTFA Tuck Shop**
- Monday 17th March 9am- St Patrick's Day assembly, parents are invited to attend.
- Tuesday 25th March Y1 Mousike Ensemble
- Wednesday 26th March - Class Photos

April

- Tuesday 1st April Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm for parents and carers
- Tuesday 1st April Y5 Mousike Ensemble at Sacred Heart School
- Tuesday, 01 April - Boys Football Away Vs St Augustine's
- Wednesday 2nd April Y4 Mousike Ensemble at Holy Family School
- Friday 4th April- Non-Uniform Day -fundraising for Father Hudson's Caritas Charity. £1 a raffle ticket
- Monday 7th April - Wednesday 9th April Y5 residential to Alton Castle
- Thursday 10th April Y4 leading Stations of the Cross in church at 2:30pm

- Friday 11th April- break up for Easter holiday
- Monday 28th April- return after Easter holiday