



More News 21st March 2025

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



St Patrick's Celebration

In Mission Assembly on Monday the children celebrated and learned more about St Patrick. We learned that despite being the patron saint of Ireland, St Patrick was actually born in Wales!

The children have reflected on how we can be more like St Patrick in spreading God's message. We also were treated to some Irish dancing from Elite dancing school.

Please enjoy some snippets from that day.







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



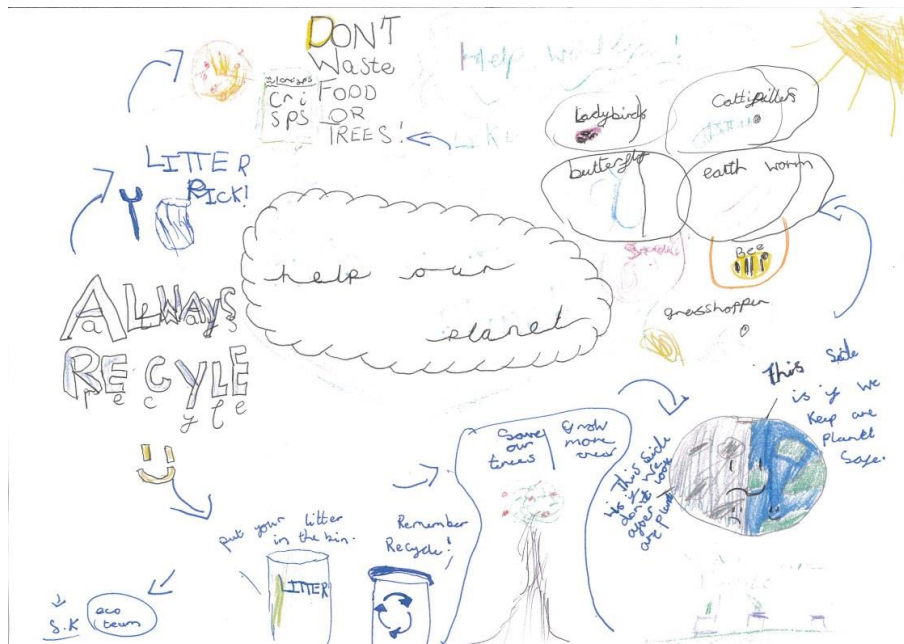
Following last week's ECO Team meeting, please find below a poster drawn by one of our ECO Team member - Sophia.

The team is continuing to explore ways to cut down on food waste during lunchtime.

*The National campaign called '**The Great Big School Clean**' (from Keep Britain Tidy) will run from **21st March to 6th April**. The Eco team are continuing to work on their litter-picking rota which is scheduled to be out 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 87 items so a grand total of **243 so far** for our MAC foodbank. Well done to Nursery for collecting 28 items this week.

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

School Lent Mass

*On Thursday 27th March Year 6 will be celebrating mass together in the side chapel at 10am.
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



STARS OF THE WEEK



PTFA UPDATE

*We invite all parents and carers to attend the upcoming **PTFA meeting on Monday, 24th March at 18:30**. You can join the meeting in person at school or virtually via Microsoft Teams. To join please scan the PTFA WhatsApp group where the link to this meeting will be shared.*

We look forward to seeing you there!



PLEASE SCAN



TO JOIN

Book Fair - Friday 11 April

We are pleased to announce that the book fair is now scheduled to take place on Friday, 11 April 2025. Kenilworth Books will set up a pop-up book shop in the Community Room. Come along and explore the pop-up shop and buy a new book.

SPORTS NEWS



Swimming Gala 2025

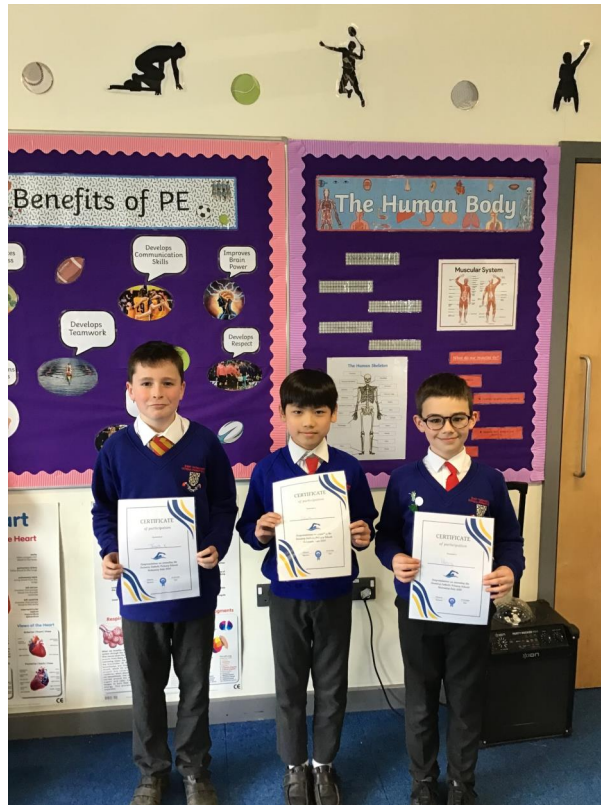
Congratulations to all 18 pupils who represented St Thomas More Catholic Primary School at the Swimming Gala 2025, including the Boys 3x25m relay team who won the final.

6th place finish out of 16 🏊

Very proud of you all!!

Do check out the news on [The Coventry Observer](#) too!!





Great Athlete's Sponsorship Event

A BIG WELL DONE to everyone who took part in the exercise challenges with GB Athlete Joel Fearon and a BIG Thank You to anyone who sponsored our pupils. We are pleased to announce that we raised a total amount of £2803.11.

We hope all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity. Prizes will be handed out this week to pupils eligible.

TOP 5 Fund raisers

- 1. Reece B £240*
- 2. Neveah £226*
- 3. Emmie £150*

4. Poppy £100

5. Paisley £75

Biggest Ever Football Session 2025

Take a look at our PE last week as we took part in The Biggest Ever Football Session to promote and encourage participation in girls football!







TERM BREAK - ACTIVITY CAMP



EASTER FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

MONDAY 14TH - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

TUESDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

@ ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,

KNOLL DRIVE, CV3 5DE

9.30AM - 15.00PM

***WRAPAROUND AVAILABLE**



OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGE 5 - 11

**BALL MASTERY, PENALTY SHOOTOUTS, GLOW IN THE
DARK FOOTBALL, MATCHES AND SO MUCH MORE...**

LINK TO BOOK PLACES OR SCAN THE QR CODE:

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/KMAFADYNXH](https://forms.office.com/R/KMAFADYNXH)

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GIRLS RUGBY SESSIONS

Launching! Year 3, 4
& 5 Girls Only
Rugby Sessions



Weekly from Wednesday 26th March
6pm - 7pm

- Free*
- Fitness
- Qualified Coaches
- Fun
- Friendship
- All abilities



Barkers Butts RFC
Pickford Grange Lane
Coventry, CV5 9AR



For more details, message Matt on
07976 519949

*Membership payable from September 2025



♥ your team
♥ rugby

Get involved at
findrugby.com

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



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

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>



*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 Reminders

NO HARD SWEETS IN SCHOOL

For the safety of all our children, we kindly ask that students do not bring hard sweets, mentos, or similar sweets to school. These can pose a choking hazard, and we want to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

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!

MY SCHOOL FUND



In association with



Boost your budget with My School Fund

Thousands of schools and nurseries are boosting their budget through My School Fund. By activating your free account, families and staff connected to your school or nursery can earn cashback on your behalf, as well as pocketing some for themselves when they spend with participating retailers including Sainsbury's and Argos.



With My School Fund, both the school/nursery and the individual benefit! When an individual shops in participating stores, they receive 2% back on their spend and 1% of their spend goes straight to their chosen school or nursery in the form of eGift rewards! Add that up against your network of families and you can soon make a big difference!

Scan me to find out more!



myschoolfund.org

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

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 - 92.33%
- Year 1 - 96%
- Year 2 - 95.81%
- Year 3 - 94.85%
- **Year 4 - 97.93%**
- Year 5 - 96.33%
- Year 6 - 92.03%

Important Dates

March

- Tuesday 25th March Y1 Mousike Ensemble

- **Wednesday 26th March - Class Photos (Smartly dressed with School Uniforms. PE kits to carried along with them).**

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 Lenten Charities. £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