



More News 28th March 2025

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



LENT - The Parable of the Fig Tree



In Mission Assembly we thought about the Parable of the Fig Tree. Jesus likened us to the fig tree and whether we were going to blossom and bear fruit. We listed all the fruits/qualities that we could grow and share with others.

Have you noticed some of these qualities at home?



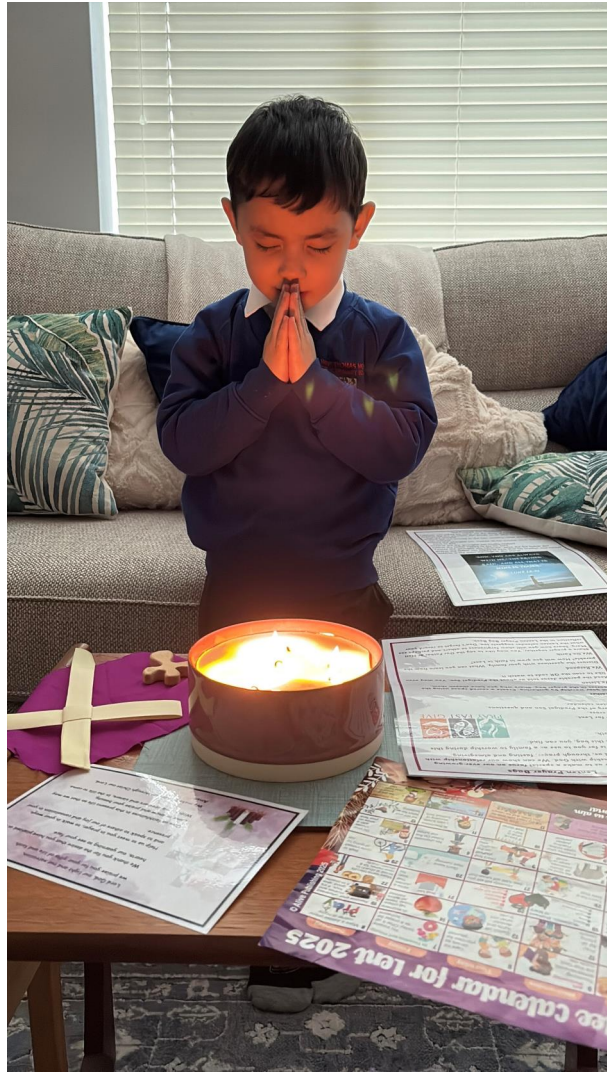
Prayer- Lent Prayer Bags

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 you 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!





Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope- Social Action



One of our pupils has really reflected and thought about how he can respond to the calling of social action in this our Jubilee Year of Hope. He came up with the idea of baking and selling biscuits for Charity after 9am Mass on Sunday raising just over £40.00. Not only did he spend his Saturday making and bagging up the biscuits, but then took time to sell them after mass too along with his younger brother.

We are so proud of how you are truly living out the Gospel values and being such a wonderful role model. Thank you!



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 **32 items so a grand total of 275** so far for our MAC foodbank.*

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Wishing all mothers and carers a very Happy Mothering Sunday. We hope your children spoil you this weekend. Thank you for all you do.

At WOW assembly we said the following prayer for all those who are like mothers to us.

A Prayer for Mothers

Thank you, Lord, for all who care,

Bless them with your love.

Thank you for mothers everywhere,

Bless them with your love.

For those who brighten up our day

Bless them with your love.

Who always have the right words to say,

Bless them with your love.

Thank you for hugs, and love and smiles

Bless them with your love.

Thank you for all those extra miles

Bless them with your love.

Help them when times get tough,

Bless them with your love.

And when they feel they're not enough

Bless them with your love.

For those who always wanted children,

Bless them with your love.

For those who have lost children,

Bless them with your love.

For those who have lost their mothers,

Bless them with your love.

Help us always think first of others,

Bless them with your love. Amen



Eid al-Fitr

Wishing all our Muslim Community a very Happy Eid al-Fitr. We have been so inspired by many of our Muslim children who have been fasting during Ramadan. We hope you all have a wonderful celebration and look forward to hearing all about it.



CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD



As an extra mother's day treat - one less hour in bed!! Don't forget the clocks go forward this weekend!!

On the bright side - quite literally - you will get to enjoy longer daylight hours!!

MOUSIKKE ENSEMBLE

On Tuesday morning, the children in Year one welcomed children from Christ the King, St Peter's and St Paul's, St John Vianney and Our Lady of the Assumption for a morning of music and colour. The theme of the morning was Brushstrokes- focusing on art and design. Each school presented their party piece and joined in with beautiful songs.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Cooke from St John Vianney who led the morning brilliantly.

Year one shared their party piece, The Doodling Song and revealed the giant doodle they had created as a team.





The ECO Team



As part of the Great Big School Clean campaign, we have been very mindful of keeping the school grounds clear of litter. It is wonderful to see that even though the Outdoor/ ECO team have been on the case, there has been very little litter to actually collect, so their message is being heeded!

Three members of the ECO team will attending the MAC ECO Committee Meeting at Christ the King School next Thursday.

Great Big School Clean | Keep Britain Tidy





School Lent Mass

There will be *Stations of the Cross on Thursday 10th April 2pm* led by Y4.

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



MARCH LOTTO WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize - No. 41 - Donna Fulton

2nd Prize - No. 3 - Ciara McMillan

3rd Prize - No.45 - Mrs Wilkinson

First Holy Communion and suits are available for hire or purchase. Please contact the school office via email stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk or telephone 0247 684 9910 for more information.

ST Thomas More Preloved First Holy Communion dresses and suits



Please donate your preloved
First Holy Communion dresses, suits, accessories, smart shoes, etc

So they can be worn again by other families in our School and Parish family when celebrating the Sacrament.
Please drop off at the School Office or any School disco.

The PTFA will make them available to buy or loan at preloved uniform sales and discos.



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 be setting up a **pop-up bookshop** in the **Community Room**, offering a wonderful selection of books.*

We invite you to come along, explore the collection, and purchase a new book!

*Children can also use their **£1 World Book Day token** at the fair.*

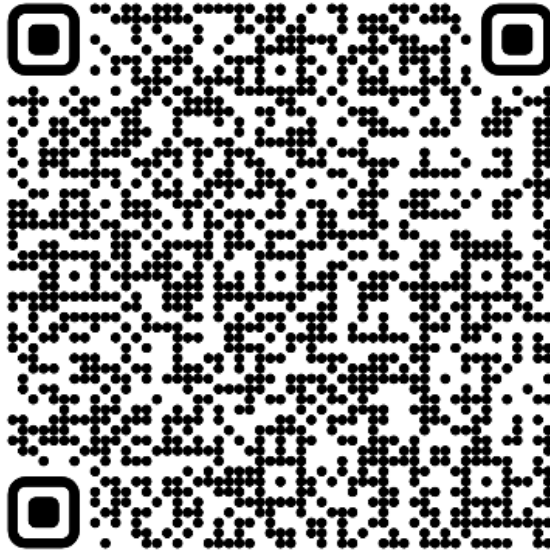
We look forward to seeing you there.

Coventry Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Google “Coventry HAF” or go to <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/haf>
- Email: haf@coventry.gov.uk
- Eligibility information: [Coventry Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Coventry City Council](#)





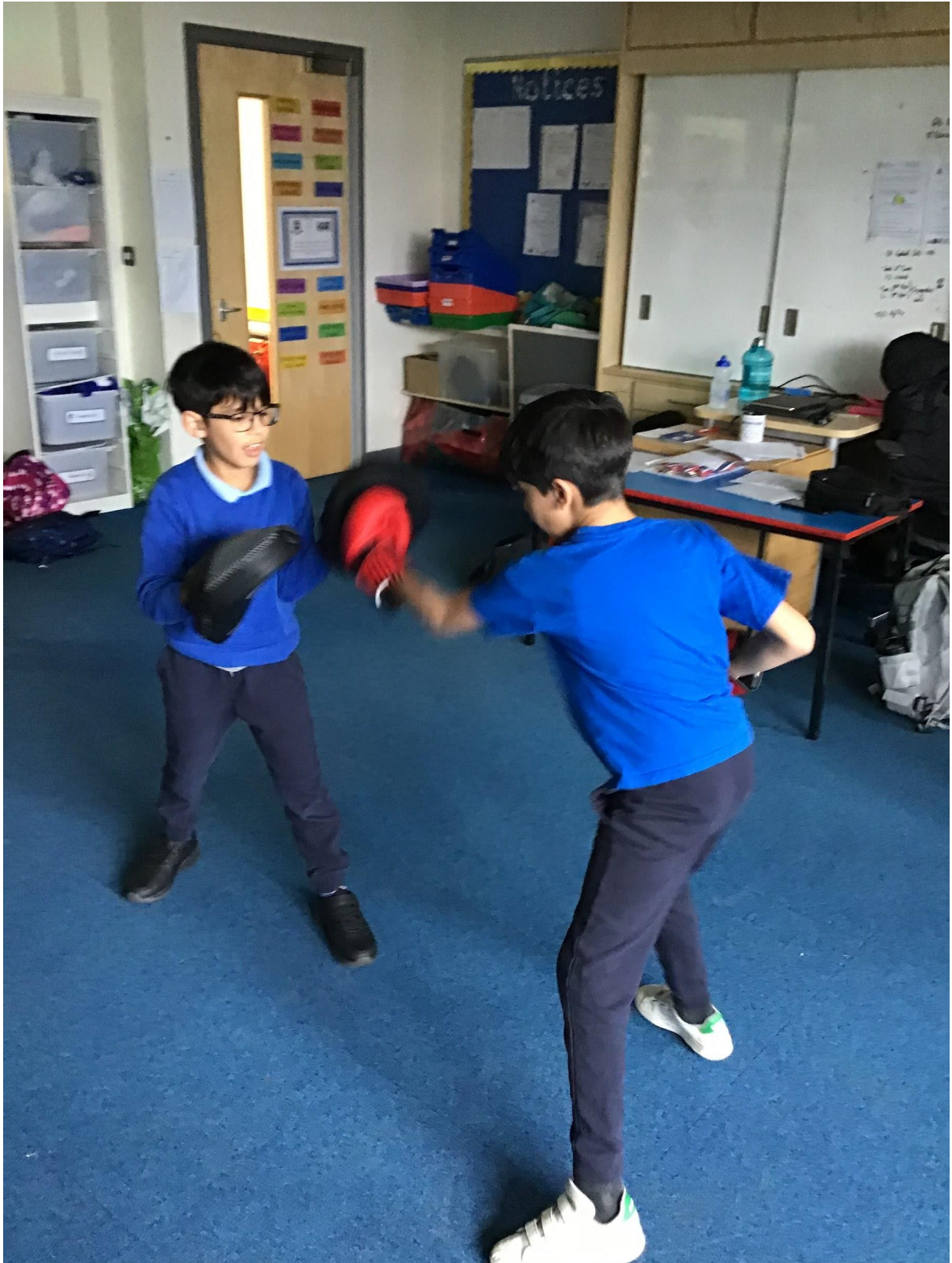
SPORTS NEWS

Take a look at some of our children who participate in Fitness after school club. They are discovering the fun and benefits of High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and circuit training! These energetic workouts, designed specifically for young participants, combine short bursts of activity with brief rest periods, keeping kids engaged while building strength, endurance, and confidence.

Parents love seeing their children having fun while staying fit, and kids are excited to jump, sprint, and move their way to better health.

Want to get your child involved? Speak to the school office about enrolling onto to Fitness Afterschool Club.











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)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
INFO@SPORTDEVELOPMENTUKLTD.CO.UK**





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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



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Rugby

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♥ rugby

Get involved at
findrugby.com

PARENT WORKSHOP

If you are a parent who is struggling to support your child in their reading, come along to my parental Reading Skills workshop. I will be unlocking the mystery of phonics, offering strategies to help improve your child's fluency and comprehension.

There will also be the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice on any reading problems that may be causing concern

Spaces will be limited. I am offering 2 repeated sessions in the morning and evening on the 21st and 23rd of April.

To secure your space, book your ticket now. Tickets can be secured by phone or through email. I've included the full details below.

EARLY READING SKILLS

PARENTAL WORKSHOP PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING- looking at phonics, fluency and comprehension

COUNDON BASED SESSIONS. VENUE TBC
21ST AND 23RD APRIL 10 AM OR 7PM

TICKETS £25
FURTHER DETAILS:
☎ 07813809213
🌐 maeve@thereadingdoctors.com

The Reading Doctor™
COVENTRY

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 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!

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP



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 April 3rd 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



West Midlands **POLICE**



MY SCHOOL FUND



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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

myschoolfund.org

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

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 93.33%
- Year 1 - 94%
- Year 2 - 96.77%
- Year 3 - 93.33%
- **Year 4 - 93.79%**
- Year 5 - 94.33%
- Year 6 - 94.07%

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

- Tuesday 1st April Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm for parents and carers
- Tuesday 1st April Y5 Mousike Ensemble at Sacred Heart School
- Wednesday 2nd April Y4 Mousike Ensemble at Holy Family School
- Thursday, 03 April - Boys Football Away Vs St Augustine's League Game
- **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 2:00pm
- Friday 11th April- break up for Easter holiday
- Monday 28th April- return after Easter holiday
- Monday 28th April - Stay and Play session for Rising 3's (3:45 - 4:15)
- **Tuesday 29th April 3:30-6pm Parent Consultations**

MAY

- **Thursday 1st May 3:30-5:30pm Parent Consultations**
- Friday 2nd May- Bags To School- Hand in to school office First Day
- Monday, 5th May - Bank Holiday

- Thursday 8th May- Bags to school- Last Day- Collected from school
- Monday 12th May- Friday 16th May Y6 SATs Week
- Friday 16th May 3:20pm -PTFA Tuck Shop Sale
- Monday 26th to Friday 30th - HALF TERM BREAK

JUNE

- Friday 6th June PTFA Disco
- Friday 13th June 3:20pm PTFA Tuck Shop Sale