



More News 4th April 2025

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



## LENT - The Parable of the Prodigal Son



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*In this week's Mission we reflected on God's merciful forgiveness and love for each and every one of us. Through the parable of the Prodigal son, Jesus gave us a glimpse of the infinite love, God our Father has for each of us. Our Mission was to say sorry when we have made a wrong choice and forgive others when they have upset us. I hope you have seen how sorry and forgiving your children have been.*

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## Stations of the Cross



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*There will be **Stations of the Cross on Thursday 10th April 2pm in St Thomas More Church** led by Y4. All are very welcome to attend and reflect on the Lord's Passion.*

*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

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### **Prayer- Lent Prayer Bags**

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*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.*

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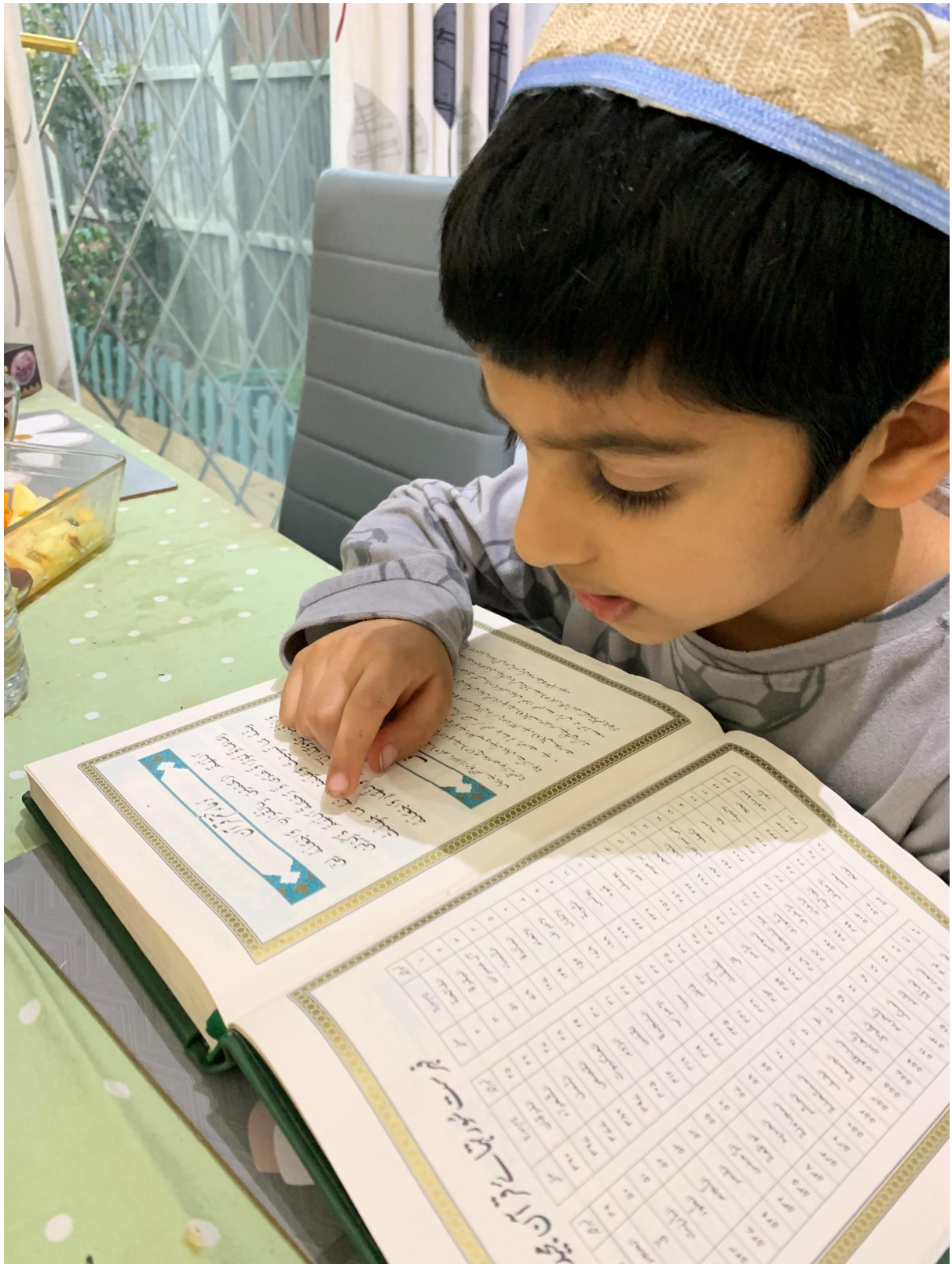
*Each day, the Lenten prayer bag is sent home with a different child. We ask that you take a few minutes away from your busy lives to support your child in leading the collective worship. Afterwards, we ask that each child draws or writes a reflection about their collective worship at home in the book 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.*

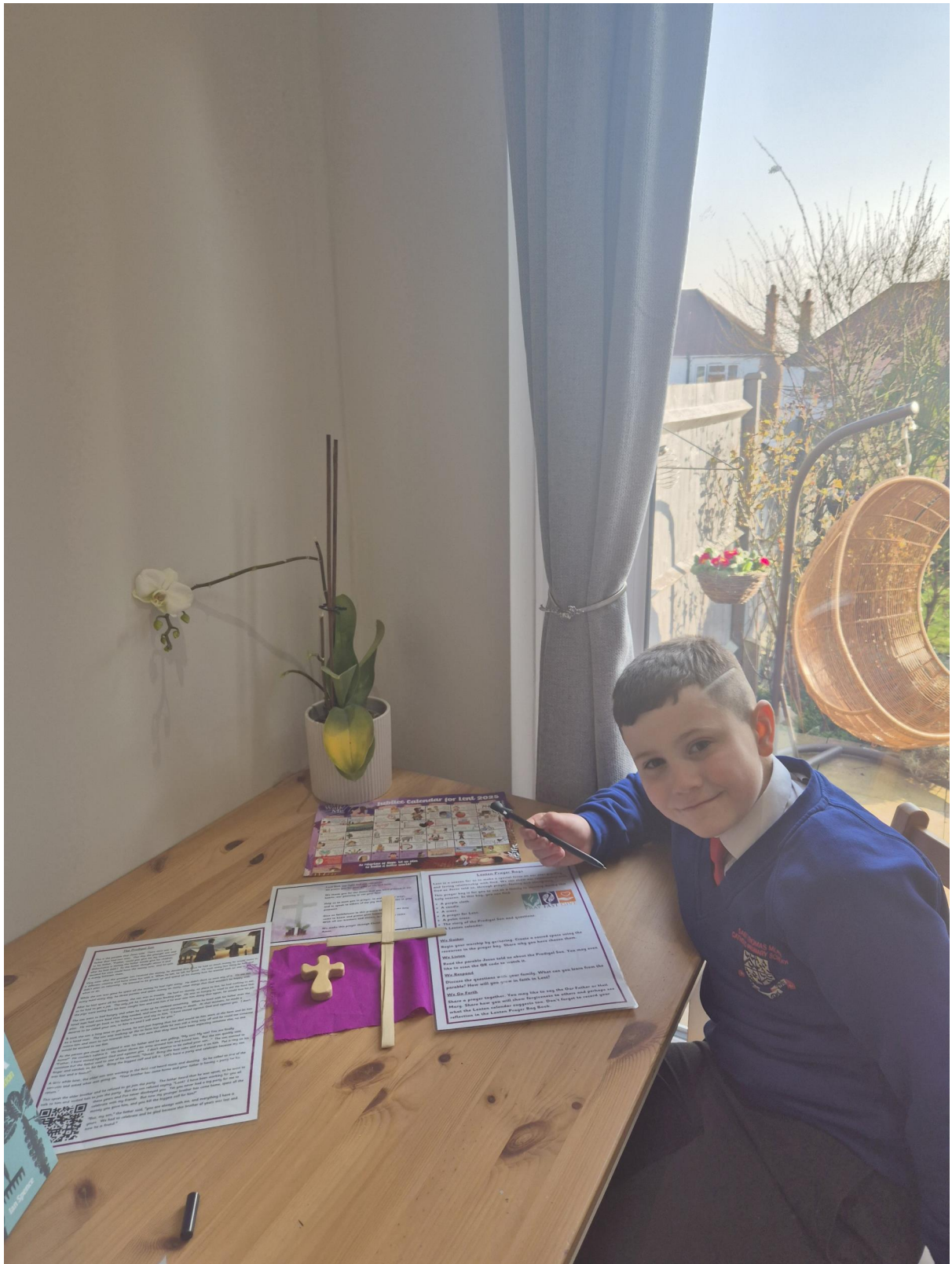
*If you do take any photos of your child's collective worship, please do send them to the office for Miss Allison's attention. We already have some superstars who have shared photos of their Lenten collective worship with us - take a look!*

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## Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope- Social Action - **Loom Band Sale**



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*This week we have had a group of Year 4 girls raising money for our Lenten charities. They have spent many weeks preparing for the sale of loom bands. So proud of their enterprise and team work and of course help from their parents. I am happily wearing my STM coloured loom band with pride! Thank you.*

*They managed to raise **£41.11** in their after school sale. They are hoping to sell some left over loom bands next week.*

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## Almsgiving- Food bank - Pilgrims of Hope



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*It was lovely to see our children enjoying non-uniform day whilst raising money for our Lenten charities. In return for wearing their own clothes to school and bringing £1 the children could receive a raffle ticket. The winning tickets were drawn in Wow assembly and the winners received their Coventry City Football.*

*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 **86 items so a grand total of 361** so far for our MAC foodbank.*

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

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## MOUSIKKE ENSEMBLE

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*Year 5 had a fantastic time on Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart School, where they took part in Mousikke Ensemble with other schools in Coventry. The children sang and performed some beautiful songs dedicated to celebrating Art and Design. We are so proud of how the children represented St. Thomas More and how they participated in their Morning of Music.*

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## The ECO Team



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### *ECO meeting at Christ the King School 3rd April 2025*

*The theme of the afternoon was Earth Day which this year is on 22nd April, and the focus is on "Our Planet - Our Power"*

*We discussed strategies that we are undertaking in our school to reduce food waste. Other groups talked about their ideas for sustainability, and it was agreed that we can give tips out in the newsletter for people to practise at home....so watch this space!*

*We then went out and planted sweet peas and sunflower seeds as well as runner beans, peas and pumpkin seeds. We have brought these back to school to nurture and repot as they grow.*

*The ECO team, with the Year 6 Outdoor Team and School Council are going to develop our outdoor areas so that we can continue with these projects.*

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our stars of the week !!!

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Reception | Emmie                  |
| Class 1   | Anna, Jax              |
| Class 2   | James                  |
| Class 3   | Nel                    |
| Class 4   | Yarik, JJ              |
| Class 5   | Scarlett, Ella         |
| Class 6   | Jack, Sienna, Joshitha |

## PTFA UPDATE

### 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.



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

*The April draw date is schedule on Friday 02 May*

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FRIDAY  
**6TH**  
JUNE

STM PTFA  
PRESENTS:

**£3**  
PER  
CHILD

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CASH & CARD  
PAYMENTS

**SCHOOL  
DISCO!**

POCKET MONEY  
TREATS

WITH A PRE-LOVED  
UNIFORM SALE

*Featuring  
DJ Steve*

**DROP  
OFF**  
COMMUNITY  
ROOM

**PICK  
UP**  
STUDIO  
DOORS

DISCO 1: 17:15-18:15 - NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

DISCO 2: 18:30-19:30 - YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

PLEASE NOTE: NO PHONES ALLOWED

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NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS MUST STAY  
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SIGNED IN & COLLECTED BY AN ADULT

## 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.*

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## **University of Warwick - Building Communities Schools Competition**

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*To celebrate Warwick University's 60 Anniversary, the Department of Classics and Ancient History is inviting schools to take part in an exciting competition focussed on ancient buildings and the communities that used them. Winning schools will receive a **Lego Pyramid!** The competition is open until **1st June 2025**, and entries will be judged by **Prof. Michael Scott, Prof. Alison Colley and Dr. Paul Grigsby.***

### **Competition Details:**

*Pupils are encouraged to create a piece of work based on the theme 'Building Communities', exploring ancient buildings or spaces and how they were used by communities in the past.*

*There are three entry categories:*

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- **Minecraft** - Recreate an ancient public space, temple or other public building in Minecraft.
  - **Creative Design** - Use drawing, painting, digital design, Lego, or other materials to create a representation of an ancient site.
  - **Creative Writing** - Bring the ancient world to life through storytelling, poetry, or drama.
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*Each entry should include a short explanation (about 200 words) describing the chosen building or space and how it was used by ancient communities.*

**How to enter**

For more details on how to take part, please [click here](#).

Entries must be submitted through a registered institution (or parents for home schooled pupils). For teacher, please [register your interest in taking part here](#). Following registration, they will receive additional resources, including PowerPoints and promotional materials.

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## 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](mailto:haf@coventry.gov.uk)
- Eligibility information: [Coventry Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Coventry City Council](#)



**Free activities and food this Easter**

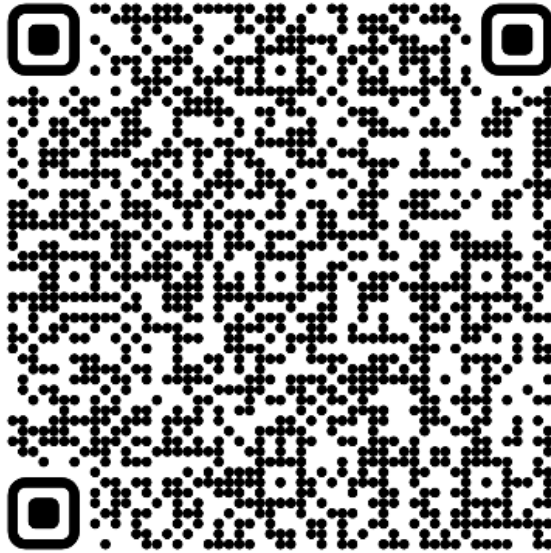
12 April - 27 April 2025



Coventry City Council

Funded by UK Government

COVENTRY HAF  
Holiday Activities & Food



## SPORTS NEWS

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### *Boys Football Match vs St Augustine's*

#### **CHAMPIONS!!!**

### *St Augustine's 2-3 St Thomas More*

*On Thursday 3rd April our boys football team travelled over to St Augustine's to face them in a double header. The final league game of the season as well as being the Quarter Final of the Catholic Cup.*

*The game started off very end to end with the majority of the play being around the St Augustine's box however the opening goal would not go in for St Thomas More. The deadlock was broken as St Augustine's hit a quick counter - attack to make it 1-0. A couple of substitutions were made an Aaron made an instant impact with a mazy run down the right wing cutting in and scoring top corner to level the game. Soon after, a perfect over the top through ball from Archie landed in the path of Jay's run who lobbed the onrushing goalkeeper to make it 2-1.*

#### **Half Time**

*The second half started the same as the first with the game being very open and end to end. A short St Thomas More goal kick didn't quite make it to it's intended destination due to the long grass and the loose ball was picked up by the St Augustine's captain who fired into the bottom corner to level the game once again. 2-2. With the game coming to the final few minutes a superb hit from Jay on the edge of the area flew passed the oppositions onlooking defenders and keeper to put us back into the lead at 3-2 and prevent the game from heading to a penalty shootout. The boys managed to hold onto their lead until the final whistle this time meaning the 3pts came back to STM and we were through to the Semi-Final of the Catholic Cup.*

Results elsewhere on Thursday involving a game between 2nd place Christ The King and 3rd place St Mary & Ben's (1-1 Full time score) meant that our Boys Football Team are crowned League Champions for the 2024-25 season!!!!



| 2024/25 |                            | Coventry West Football |   |   |   |    |    |     |     |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| #       |                            | P                      | W | D | L | F  | A  | +-  | PTS |
| 1       | St Thomas More             | 8                      | 7 | 0 | 1 | 52 | 11 | 41  | 21  |
| 2       | Christ the King            | 7                      | 5 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 5  | 19  | 16  |
| 3       | St Mary and St Benedict    | 6                      | 4 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 9  | 12  | 14  |
| 4       | St Augustine's             | 6                      | 3 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 7   | 10  |
| 5       | Holy Family                | 6                      | 3 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 16 | 7   | 9   |
| 6       | St John Vianney            | 5                      | 2 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 23 | -8  | 6   |
| 7       | All Souls                  | 7                      | 1 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 28 | -17 | 3   |
| 8       | Our Lady of the Assumption | 3                      | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2  | 29 | -27 | 0   |
| 9       | St Osburg's                | 6                      | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5  | 39 | -34 | 0   |

**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](mailto:INFO@SPORTDEVELOPMENTUKLTD.CO.UK)**





# **EASTER MULTI SPORT & ACTIVITY CAMP**

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GLOW IN THE DARK SPORT, AND SO MUCH MORE...**

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*GIRLS RUGBY SESSIONS*

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**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

Get involved at  
[findrugby.com](https://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.*

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**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](mailto: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



*'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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### How to join

Fill in the reply slip below and return to the school

To find out more [email aealifeskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aealifeskills@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 REMINDERS



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### **PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS**

*To help track personal items and reduce lost property, we kindly ask all parents to clearly label **ALL** of their child's belongings - all uniform items, cardigans, jumpers, PE kits, shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles and everything else!*

*Named items are much easier to return to their rightful owner.*

*Thank you for your support!*

### **Taking care of library and reading books**

*Please can you encourage your children to respect their **reading and library books**. We have had several damaged by leaking water bottles and several lost. Schools are struggling financially and we all need to take responsibility for items we borrow.*

*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:

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- *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

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### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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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](mailto:communications@espo.org)

[myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)

## UPCOMING PARENT SCHOOL TOUR

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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](mailto:stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk).

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## 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 - 95.33%
- **Year 1 - 98.33%**
- Year 2 - 94.84%
- Year 3 - 92.42%
- Year 4 - 96.72%
- Year 5 - 92%
- Year 6 - 93.22%

## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL

- 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**
- Wednesday 30th 9-9:30am Parent Tour

## **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- Whole School Easter Mass 10am
- Thursday 8th May- Bags to school- Last Day- Collected from school
- Monday 12th May- Friday 16th May Y6 SATs Week
- Monday 12th May PTFA Meeting
- Friday 16th May 3:20pm -PTFA Tuck Shop Sale
- Sunday 18th May 9am First Holy Communion
- Thursday 22nd May May Procession following 10am Mass
- Friday 23rd May- Non-Uniform Day- fundraising for Feast Day Celebration
- Monday 26th to Friday 30th - HALF TERM BREAK

## **JUNE**

- Friday 6th June PTFA Disco
- Friday 13th June Non-uniform day- bring in bottles for Summer Fayre
- Friday 13th June 3:20pm PTFA Tuck Shop Sale
- Friday 20th June 3:30-5:30pm Summer Fayre