



MORE NEWS 9TH MAY 2025

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## VIVA IL PAPA - LONG LIVE THE POPE

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*On May 8, 2025, the Catholic Church marked a historic moment with the election of **Pope Leo XIV**, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost.*

*Born in Chicago and having served extensively in Peru, Pope Leo XIV becomes the first American to ascend to the papacy. His deep commitment to social justice and pastoral care reflects the inclusive vision of his predecessor, Pope Francis.*

*More information about him can be found [here](#).*

*As a school community, we offer our prayers for Pope Leo XIV:*

Faithful God, You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion. Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church. Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence, and the compassion of Christ. May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world. Amen.

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## MAY - MONTH OF MARY - ROSARY BAGS

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*In the month of May, we celebrate and honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, who followed the will of God all her life. She said "yes" to what God asked of her. Mary is a model of faith for us all.*

*During this month, the children will have the opportunity to take the class's Month of May prayer bag home. This is a prayer and liturgy 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. The children have learnt about how to use the prayer bag in classes, and how they can lead their own families in prayer.*

*Each day, the Month of May 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 prayer and liturgy. Afterwards, we ask that each child draws or writes a reflection about their prayer and liturgy at home in the book provided. **Please ensure you child returns the 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.*

*Some families may not feel it is appropriate to use the Mary bag. You may wish to explore the bag with your child to learn about Catholicism, and your child may wish to share how they worship in their faith with the class instead. Please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.*

*If you do take any photos of your child's prayer time, please do send them to the office email address.*

*Thank you for your support and wishing you all a most blessed month of Mary.*

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## Year 6 SATs WEEK

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*We keep our Year 6 children in prayer as SATs start on Monday 12th May. The children have worked so hard and we have been super impressed with how many have been attending boosters. All children are invited to attend a very informal **pre SATs breakfast** at school from **8am Monday- Thursday.***

Lord, You are the source of all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. We ask you to lift up all our Year 6 children who have been preparing for their SATs. May the Holy Spirit help and guide them to be able to do their best and remember what they have learnt.

Holy Cross of Jesus, be our hope. Amen.

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## SCHOOL MASS

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*On **Thursday 8th May at 10am** the whole school celebrated our Easter Mass together in church.*

*We also remembered VE 80th year anniversary where we prayed for peace in our world.*

*It is **Year 2's class mass** on **Thursday 15th May at 10am** in the side chapel. All are 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

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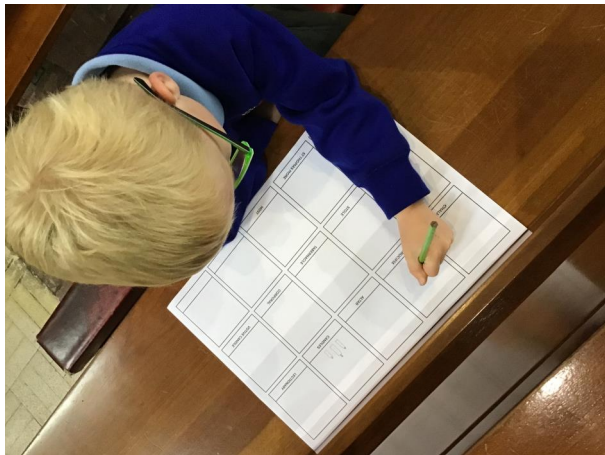
### Year 3 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT DAY

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*On Thursday, the Year 3 children took part in a retreat day to prepare for their first Holy Communion next Sunday. Father Simon introduced the day which included reflection, prayers, hymns and children's liturgy. We had an opportunity to learn about the church symbols and the garments that priests wear.*

*The children making their Holy Communion also practised what we do on the day and of course how we receive the Eucharist. We finished our special day in the chapel praying for our family, world leaders and ourselves. We thanked Jesus for all our gifts, especially the gift of communion and prayed that we will be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit as we make this precious journey.*

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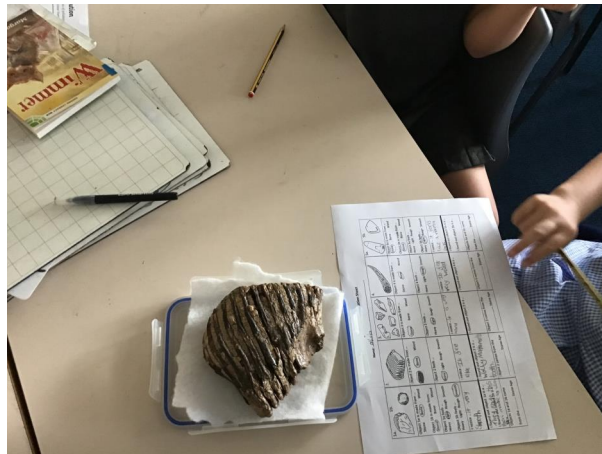
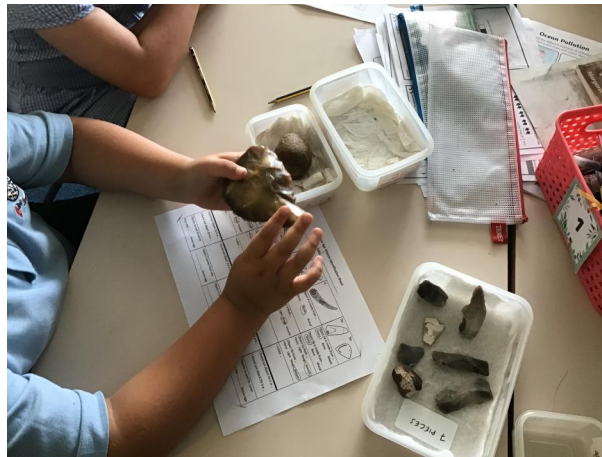
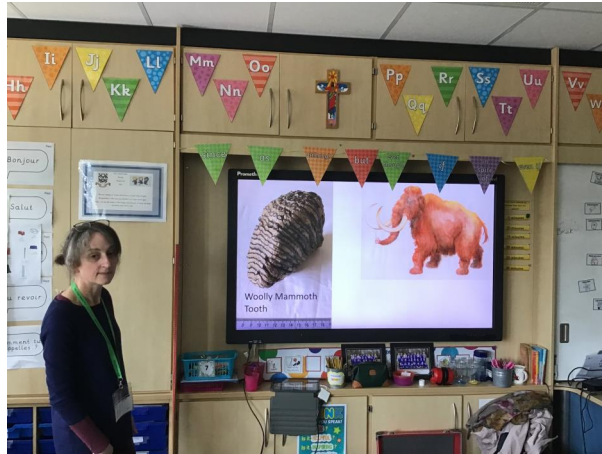


## YEAR 3 - STONE AGE VISITOR

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*Year 3 had a very interesting and exciting lesson on Friday afternoon. A curator from the museum came to talk to the children about the Stone Age as part of their history topic. Children looked at bones, stones and artefacts from the Stone Age. The children loved holding them and finding out about this prehistoric period.*

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## SPRING FAYRE - 20th JUNE 3:30-5:30pm

*We will be holding our Parish Spring Fayre on Friday 20th June from 3.30 to 5.30 pm to celebrate our Patron's Feast day on 22nd June.*

*These occasions need lots of support and help from our community. There will be a meeting in MRR in church on **Thursday 15th May at 6:30pm** to help plan.*

*More news to be shared as the date gets nearer.*

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## EARTH DAY



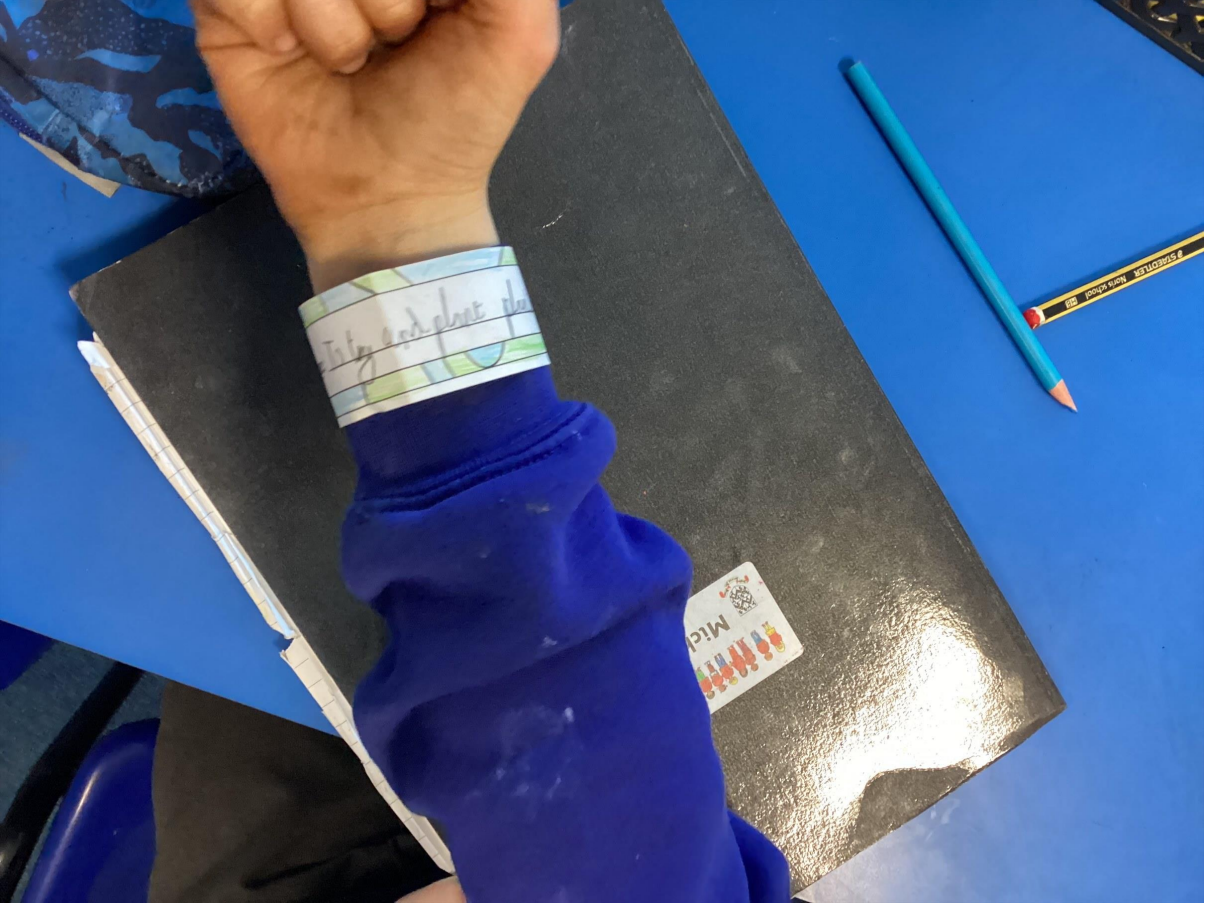
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*Today we celebrated Earth Day where we thought about the human impact on the earth's environment. Children completed a variety of tasks some of which were making promises / pledges of what they can do to help.*

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## VE Day- 80th Anniversary



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*Our whole school joined together for picnic style lunch on Thursday to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Throughout the day children learnt about the significance of the anniversary and the events that led up to the proclamation of the end of WWII. The children reflected in prayer throughout the day.*

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## GLOBAL DIVERSITY WEEK

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*On the week commencing 2nd June, we will be celebrating Global Diversity Week. This is a very exciting week in our school, where we learn about a wide range of cultures and faiths. Children will have the opportunity to share more about their own cultures and faiths, and to celebrate what a wonderfully diverse school we have.*

*Each year group will be learning about a different faith other than Christianity, and so, we are looking for volunteers who would like to come in and speak to the children about their culture and faith. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the office via email.*

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## Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct

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*Dear Parent and Carers,*

*At Saint Thomas More we expect that all our children, staff, parents and visitors using our school site treat all users respectfully so that all can feel safe. Please refer to our [MAC Code of Conduct Policy](#) . We expect everyone on site to adhere to this policy and treat one another with respect.*

*We really appreciate your continued support with this. Thank you.*

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## PTFA UPDATE



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### ***BAGS TO SCHOOL***

*Thank you for all your generous donations of Bags to School this week.*

Our collection has raised £93.80 for our wonderful PTFA.

There will be a **PTFA Tuck shop** sale available on **Friday 16th May** after school by the main carpark gate.

### PTFA next meeting

On Monday 12th May 6:30pm there is our next PTFA meeting. You can choose to attend in person or online using this [link](#).

**FRIDAY 6TH JUNE**

**STM PTFA PRESENTS:**

**£3 PER CHILD**

**SCHOOL DISCO!**

WITH A PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Featuring DJ Steve

CASH & CARD PAYMENTS

POCKET MONEY TREATS

**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

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

### STAR OF THE WEEK

**Well done to our stars of the week !!!**

Reception	Ethan, Savannah
Class 1	Harris
Class 2	Freddie
Class 3	Reece, Oscar
Class 4	Logan, Alina, Sai
Class 5	Inayah
Class 6	Lana, Emmanuel

## SPORTS NEWS

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### ***Boys Football - Away Vs St Mary & St Benedict's***

*Congratulations to our boys' football team, who booked their place in the final for a second year running, with an impressive 2-1 win over St Mary & St Benedict's in the semi-final!*

*It was a dominant display from start to finish. Jay was on top form, scoring two quick goals in the first half – the first set up by Joseph in a brilliantly worked goal and the second assisted by Jack with a quick throw in. The team showed excellent teamwork, discipline, and determination throughout the match.*

*Although St Mary & St Benedict's pulled a goal back, our boys stayed strong and saw the game out with confidence. A thoroughly deserved victory that reflects all the hard work and commitment the team has shown this season.*

*We're proud of every player and look forward to cheering them on in the final!*

### ***HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP***

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# FOOTBALL FUN DAYS



BOOK NOW >



For more information please email:  
[info@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk](mailto:info@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk)

Boys and Girls  
Year 1 - 6

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

09:30-15:00

\*Wraparound available

08:30-16:00



St Thomas More  
Catholic Primary School, Knoll  
Drive, Coventry, CV3 5DE

- CORE SKILLS
- TOURNAMENTS
- GLOW IN THE DARK  
FOOTBALL
- PENALTY SHOOTOUTS
- AND MORE...



# MULTI SPORT FUN DAYS



BOOK NOW >



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Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May



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St Thomas More



Catholic Primary School, Knoll  
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Arts & Crafts

Basketball

Cricket

Dodgeball

Nerf Wars

Netball

Tennis

And more...

For more information please email:  
[info@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk](mailto:info@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk)

## Blessed Carlo Acutis - Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm

You are warmly invited to *Bishop Ullathorne Catholic secondary school, Leasowe's Ave, Coventry CV3 6BH on Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm.*

*We will be joined by Jacquie Stacey who will share her wealth of knowledge of Carlo's story. There will be a time of Adoration and the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will become the first millennial saint. The relic, a section of his hair, offers the faithful a unique opportunity to venerate this inspiring young figure who has been hailed as a patron saint for the digital age.*

*Preparations for his canonisation by Pope Francis were underway and due to happen on the 27th April. Carlo Acutis' canonisation will now be one of the first major acts awaiting the next pope. The timing and location of the canonization Mass will be left to the discretion of Pope Francis' successor, who will likely recognize the moment as an opportunity to speak to the Church's future and to its youth as the canonization of the Catholic Church's first millennial saint.*

*To give an indication of numbers please either complete the forms linked:*

**FORMS**

*Or call the school to leave your details: 02476414515*

***"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."***

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## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

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### **COLLECTING CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY**

*Please could you let the office know if your child is being collected by somebody other than yourself, having this message beforehand speeds up dismissing children at the end of the day.*

*As part of our commitment to safeguarding, if we have not been notified, the office will contact you before releasing your child to another adult.*

*Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.*

### **WATER BOTTLE REMINDER**

*As the warmer weather approaches, we'd like to remind parents and carers that **all children should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day**. Staying hydrated helps children stay focused, healthy, and happy throughout the school day.*

*Please ensure bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name and are taken home daily.*

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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!*

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## UPCOMING PARENT SCHOOL TOUR

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We warmly invite prospective parents to join our next Parent Tour scheduled on **Tuesday, 17th June 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!

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*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 95.24%***

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- Year R - 97.5%

- Year 1 - 95.83%
  - Year 2 - 97.98%
  - **Year 3 - 98.05%**
  - Year 4 - 97.88%
  - Year 5 - 92.5%
  - Year 6 - 94.92%
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## IMPORTANT DATES

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### MAY

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- **Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May Y6 SATs Week**
  - *Monday 12th May PTFA Meeting 6:30pm in person or virtual*
  - *Tuesday 13th May Meeting Carlo Actus at Bishop Ullathorne 6pm*
  - *Thursday 15th May MMR Church 6:30pm Spring Fayre 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**
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## **JUNE**

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- *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 Spring Fayre*
    - *Sunday 22nd June - Children's Coventry Mile*
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