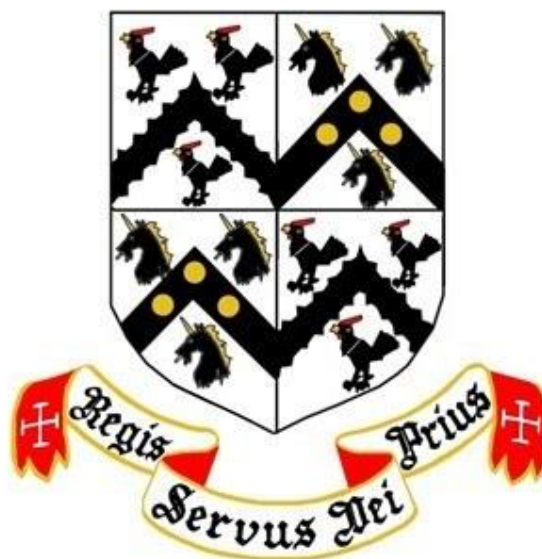




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OUR NEW HEADTEACHER



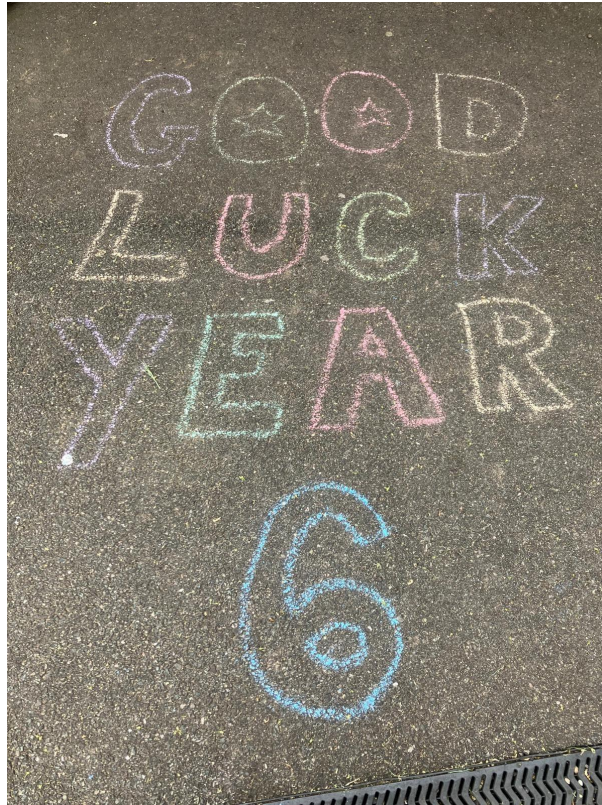
We are absolutely delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Clare Staines as the new Headteacher of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, with immediate effect.

Mrs Staines has been a valued and inspirational member of our school community, and we are thrilled that she will now be leading us into this exciting new chapter. Her passion for education, deep commitment to the children and families we serve, and her dedication to the Catholic ethos of our school make her the ideal person to take on this important role.

We are confident that under her leadership, St Thomas More will continue to flourish and grow, as she brings her vision, energy, and compassion to this position.

Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved appointment. We wish her every success and happiness as she begins this new and exciting journey.

Year 6 - Successfully sat SATs!



We are so proud of how our Year 6 pupils have conducted themselves this week and the build up to their SATs week.

They arrived on Monday morning, to a wonderful message written in chalk as they entered and were soon embraced by the wafts of toast along the corridor where Year 6 staff were preparing breakfast.

A big thank you to the PTFA, especially Mrs Warne, for managing to organise ASDA to donate many items which were topped up by our PTFA.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY - ROSARY BAGS



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.*

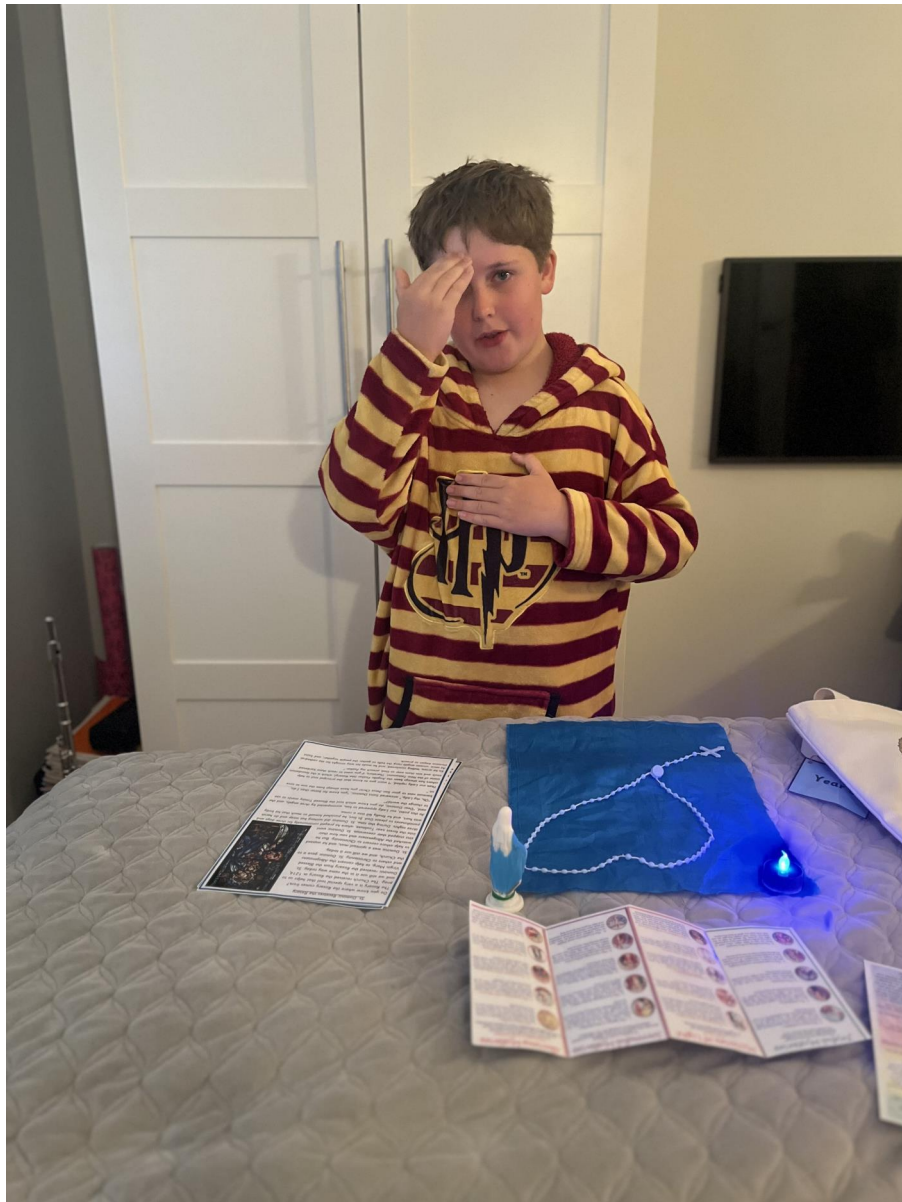
Some families may not feel it is appropriate to use the Mary bag. You may wish to explore the bag with your child to learn about Catholicism, and your child may wish to share how

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.





May Procession and School Mass

*You are all invited to honour **Our Lady, Queen of the May**, at our **May Procession on Thursday 22nd May**. It will start in church with mass at 10am, followed by a procession into the prayer garden in school. All are very welcome to attend.*

We ask that families donate flowers which we can place round our Lady in her honour. These will then be distributed to elderly parishioners and to Bevan Court Lodge- home for assisted living near by.

Year 3 will then celebrate receiving their First Holy Communion as a class with a party in school. Children who have received their First Holy Communion are invite to wear their special communion outfits.

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



Year 3 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

*We hold our Year 3 children in prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time as Holy Communion this **Sunday 18th May at 9am Mass**. They have prepared hard and learnt what an important sacrament this is and one they can receive over and over again. We ask that this encounter with Jesus helps them to get to know Him better and enables them to be more Christ like in the way they treat others and live their lives.*

May this day be filled with joy, peace, and a deep sense of God's presence.

We look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow in faith and love.



Non-Uniform Day - Friday 23rd May

*There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 23rd May** to raise funds towards celebrating our Patron's feast. Your children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring in some money. In return they will receive a raffle ticket for every £1 brought into school. There will then be a raffle drawn during WOW to see who wins the prize. The mystery prize will be revealed at Mission assembly on Monday 19th May.*

***Save the date.** 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.*

GLOBAL DIVERSITY WEEK

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.

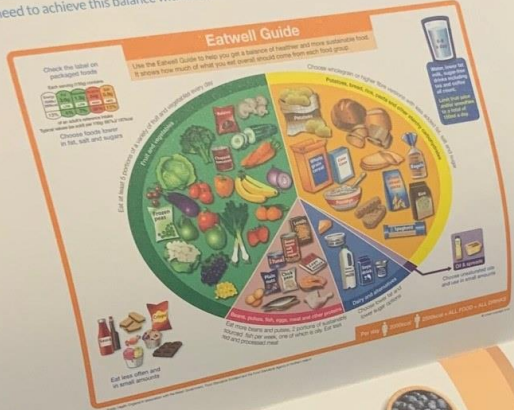
JOY OF MOVING - WEEK 3

Year 5 are half way through their Healthy, Active Lifestyle workshops in partnerships with Sky Blue in the community. The pupils have been working through the Eat Well plate and the job of each types of food along with the importance of hydration so far.



The Eatwell Guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a balanced diet. You do not need to achieve this balance with every meal, but try to get the balance right over a day or even a week.

Joy of moving Project Challenge Booklet



Protein: ... and pulses as a portion for beans, fish or meat is about six tablespoons. A portion of fish or meat is about half the size of your hand.



Fruit & Veg: ... at least five portions a day. Fruit and veg should be as you can fit in your hand.

Dairy: A portion size of milk is about one glass. When eating a portion of cheese a portion is about the size of your two thumbs together.

You can use the 'handy' chart in a general guide to help you check the right sized portions for meals.

Starchy Carbs: A large potato should be the size of your fist. For cereal a portion is about three handfuls.





PTFA UPDATE



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

The last disco of the school year will take place on Friday 6th June.



STAR OF THE WEEK



SPORTS NEWS

*The Finals of the Catholic Cup takes place against Good Shepherd at All Soul's School (Abercorn Rd CV5 8ED) , on **Thursday 22nd May** after school. All are very welcome to attend what should be an amazing finals between two fantastic teams. Good Luck STM!*

Spectators have been asked to park in the Church Carpark at All Soul's Church, Kingsland Avenue CV5 8DX.

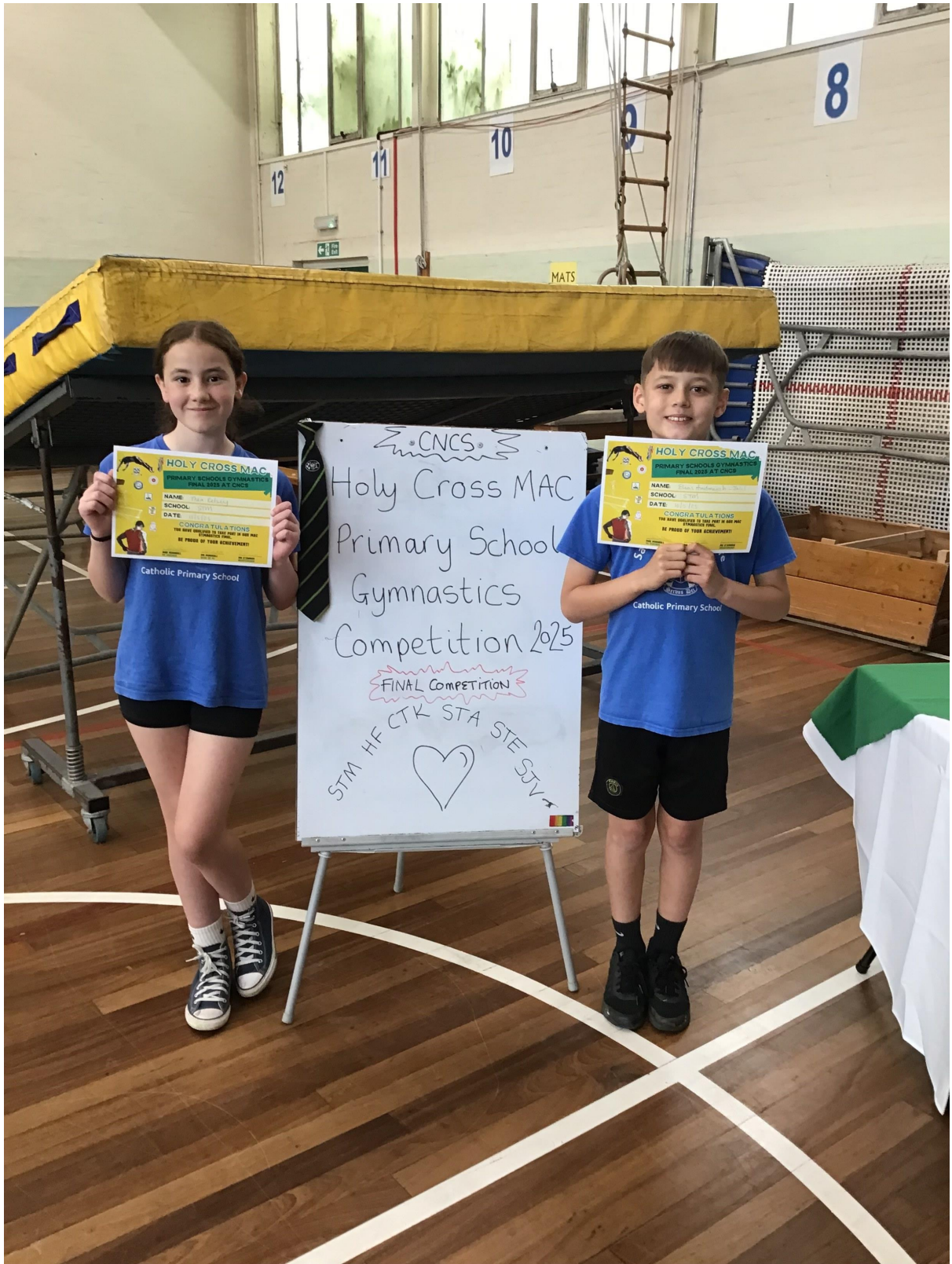
GYMNASTICS

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for representing the school in the Holy Cross MAC Gymnastics Final. They did us all proud.

Thank you to Cardinal Newman Catholic School for hosting us.







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Boys and Girls
Year 1 - 6

Tuesday 27th May



Friday 30th May

09:30-15:00



*Wraparound available

08:30-16:00

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And more...

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.



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!



UPCOMING PARENT SCHOOL TOUR

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.

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 95.27%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 97.33%
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- Year 1 - 96%
 - Year 2 - 99.03%
 - Year 3 - 98.44%
 - Year 4 - 96.31%
 - Year 5 - 89.67%
 - Year 6 - 96.27%
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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- *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

- *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 10am Whole School Feast Day Mass, 3:30-5:30pm Spring Fayre*
 - *Sunday 22nd June - Children's Coventry Mile*
 - *Friday 27th June- Teacher Training Day- School shut to all pupils.*
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JULY

- *Thursday 10th July **Year 6 Production** 1:30pm Matinee Performance and 6pm Evening Performance*
 - *Friday 11th July- Sports Day*
 - *Tuesday 15th July Year 6 Leaver's Party Time TBC*
 - *Friday 18th July Year 6 Leaver's Mass 9:15am*
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