



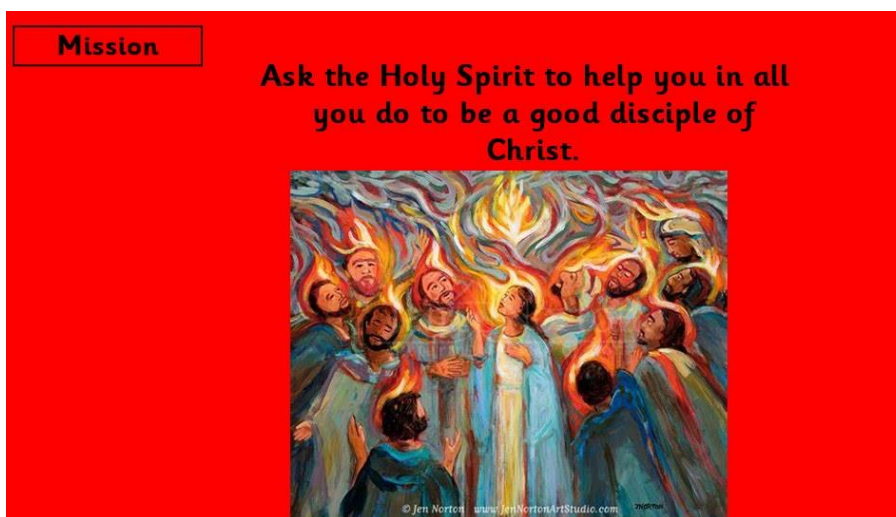
MORE NEWS 13TH JUNE 2025

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Monday's Mission Assembly- Pentecost

At Mission Assembly we celebrated the birthday of the church as we reflected on the change experienced by the apostles when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The children enjoyed adding their own sound effects to the reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



Father Hudson's Caritas Mass - Holy Family

On Thursday 12th June, the Good Shepherd Mass at Holy Family Church was organised and hosted by Father Hudson's Caritas, the Chief Celebrant being His Excellency Bishop Richard Walker and he was assisted by Rev. Fr. Pat Brennan, Parish Priest at Holy Family. The focus of the Mass was vocations, and Bishop Richard spoke about vocations being more than just sensing a call but is deeper than that, in that it is an inherent need and will to serve others. He talked about vocational callings such as teaching and nursing, but also referred to his own journey.

St. Thomas More were ably represented by Ian, Eliza, Edward and Timmy who proved to be excellent ambassadors for our school, and bringing back Bishop Richard's message to us all, to pray for vocations within the Church.



Author Visits

*Year 3, 4 and 5 have welcomed **Kevin Graal** to school this week and have taken part in a fantastic workshop which they are now completing in their English lessons.*

YEAR 3

*Kevin shared a traditional Native American creation myth about the origin of light which he told in parallel with the account given in Genesis. The children are continuing their work based on the story *How Grandma Spider Got The Light* and are using all of their skills Kevin taught them to finish writing their story ending.*

YEAR 4

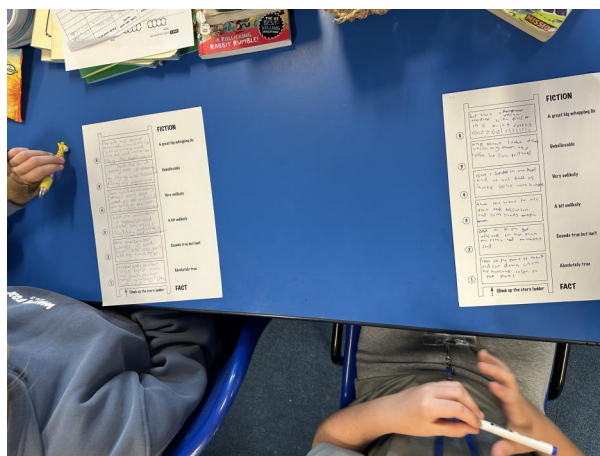
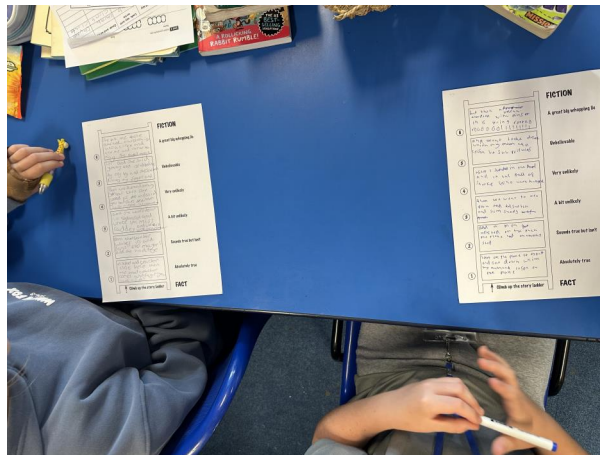
*Kevin shared a traditional folk story called *The Four Magic Gifts*. The children took part in role play before completing a story sequencing exercise. The ending of the story was not shared with the children and they are continuing to write their own ending to the folk story - we cannot wait to hear how the children have finished the folk story.*

YEAR 5

Year 5 listened to a Tall Tale which is where the beginning of the story begins as if it might be true and then gradually develops into an untruth with the purpose of entertaining the reader.

The stimulus for this writing is an image. The children drew out 6 stages of their tall tale and are now writing those six stages into their own tall tale ending.

Thank you Kevin for some wonderful sessions!



Banji Alexander

All children from Reception to Year 6 excitedly welcomed Banji to school on Thursday afternoon. Prior to his visit the children had learnt about Banji's journey to becoming an author and have also learnt a special song. The children felt inspired by his journey and had the opportunity to to ask Banji questions relating to his journey and experiences. Children who had purchased Banjis book were able to have their book personally signed by Banji in a meet and greet at the end of the afternoon.





Adoration for Vocations to Religious Life

Today the children went over to church to be still in Jesus' presence as they knelt before the blessed sacrament. During the month of June we have been asked to pray for vocations to religious life. We encourage you to say the prayer for vocations together as a family.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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



Saint Thomas More's Feast Day

*As our feast day has been top trumped this year by the Feast of Corpus Christie we are celebrating it on **Friday 20th June**. The festivities will begin with **whole school Mass in church at 10am**, led by Year 6. All are very welcome to attend and then process into our school grounds. The day of fun will continue after school with our **Parish 'Feast'ival at 3:30-6pm**.*

Please make sure your children have signed up for the football 5/7-a-side tournament that will be taking place that day and the open mic opportunity. We are looking forward to a wonderful community atmosphere. There will be plenty of food and drink so make the most of no cooking tea on a Friday night and enjoy the fun.

Have you handed in your completed colouring competitions and handed in £1 entry.

Thank you for your generous donations today of bottles, sweets and soft toys.

Please note Knoll Drive entrance will be closed in the evening at 3:20pm.



ST THOMAS MORE
SUMMER 'FEAST'IVAL
Friday 20th June 2025
3.30pm to 6pm
ST. THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
WATERCALL AVENUE, COVENTRY
CV3 5AZ
JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Bouncy Castle •
- Bottle Tombola •
- Sweetie Tombola •
- Children's Games •
- Creative Craft stalls •
- Yummy hot food •
- and much more!

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3 A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

ENTRANCE £1.00 FOR ADULTS
- CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE

Would you like to have a stall at our event?
Only £15.00. Contact deborahatexeira@hotmail.com

Holy Cross Food bank

For the last few weeks of school the Holy Cross Catholic MAC of which we are part are hoping to collect one item of food per week from each child so that families who may be struggling financially receive some much needed food items to help them during the long summer holiday.

PTFA UPDATE

MAY LOTTO WINNERS

1st prize (£50): **12** - Charlotte Davies

2nd prize (£10): **14** - Lucas Wigman

3rd prize (£5) : **74** - Leo Staines

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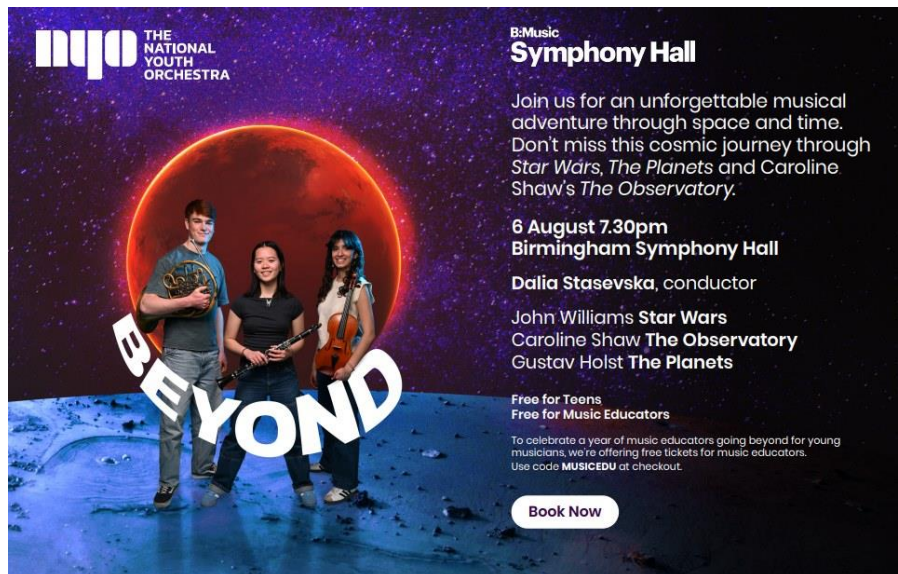
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STAR OF THE WEEK



Well done to our stars of the week !!!

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| Reception | Jack |
| Class 1 | Kobi |
| Class 2 | Ellen |
| Class 3 | Oryn, Sofia, Emilia |
| Class 4 | Caleb, Kacey, Scarlett, Toni, Max |
| Class 5 | Milan |
| Class 6 | Tommy, Luna, Fife, Esmee, Oliver |



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Symphony Hall

Join us for an unforgettable musical adventure through space and time. Don't miss this cosmic journey through *Star Wars*, *The Planets* and Caroline Shaw's *The Observatory*.

6 August 7.30pm
Birmingham Symphony Hall

Dalia Stasevska, conductor

John Williams *Star Wars*
Caroline Shaw *The Observatory*
Gustav Holst *The Planets*

Free for Teens
Free for Music Educators

To celebrate a year of music educators going beyond for young musicians, we're offering free tickets for music educators. Use code **MUSICEDU** at checkout.

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SPORTS NEWSLETTER

Our girls football team gave it their all earlier on this week as they travelled to Christ the King to play in the annual Girls Football Tournament. Unfortunately we didn't make it through the group phase, but the team showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Big

shout out to Danielle who scored all three of our goals and goalkeeper Ava who pulled off some excellent saves to keep us in some of the games.









IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Dangerous parking and driving outside schools. Parents and carers are reminded to use Operation Snap to upload pictures or videos and to advise parents to do the same. They should be able to deal with all parking and driving offences outside schools. For more information please refer to [this link](#).

Operation Snap | West Midlands Police

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 95.19%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 94.33%
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- Year 1 - 97.67%
 - Year 2 - 99.35%
 - Year 3 - 95.63%
 - Year 4 - 97.36%
 - Year 5 - 93.67%
 - Year 6 - 92.33%
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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- *Wednesday 18th June- Catholic Sports 10am-2pm*
 - *Friday 20th June 10am Whole School Feast Day Mass, 3:30-6pm Summer Festival Fayre. Please note Knoll Drive entrance will be closed in the evening at 3:20pm.*
 - *Sunday 22nd June - Children's Coventry Mile*
 - *Thursday 26th June- Football Frenzy Day- Celebration of our Football Team's Triple-children invited to come dressed to play or support football.*
 - *Friday 27th June- Teacher Training Day- School shut to all pupils.*
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JULY

- *Wednesday 2nd July Transition Day*

- *Thursday 10th July **Year 6 Production** 1:30pm Matinee Performance and 6pm Evening Performance*
 - *Friday 11th July- Sports Day AM KS2, PM KS1 and Reception*
 - *Tuesday 15th July Year 6 Leaver's Party Time TBC*
 - *Friday 18th July Year 6 Leaver's Mass 9:15am*
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