



MORE NEWS 20TH JUNE 2025

[SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER](#)



Jacqueline Marajh - Rest In Peace

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Jacqueline Marajh, mum to Aaron and Ethan (Y6), died peacefully in the early hours of Tuesday 17th June in Myton Hospice. As a Parent Governor, Jacqueline remained active and dedicated in her role, still attending weekly admissions meetings until recently, and supporting the life and mission of our school. During her time connected with our school, Jacqueline truly has been an inspiration to all staff at school.

We shared this news with our Year 6 children on Wednesday.

This is an opportunity to be open with your children, and I encourage you to talk to them about this. Death is very much a part of life and the more open we are, the easier the conversations may be in the future.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline, and we also keep Gary, Aaron, Ethan and Jasmine in our prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto Jacqueline O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Below are some websites our Educational Psychologist has suggested may be helpful if talking to your children about death.

[*Telling a child someone has died | Winston's Wish*](#)

[*Do children and young people understand death? | Winston's Wish*](#)



Monday's Mission Assembly- Refugee Week

*We launched **Refugee Week** with Monday Morning's Mission assembly. We watched a video about who and why are there refugees and we considered how we could make our school a place of welcome for anyone but especially refugees.*

https://youtu.be/o_P9huLYmS0

During the week children have been completing different activities to mark the week.

Mission

Pray for refugees all over the world
and if you can, donate to a charity
or our food bank.



Saint Thomas More Feast Day

A wonderful start to our Feast Day...the sun shining as the children, staff and Parish of Saint Thomas More joined together to celebrate mass.

During our mass; led by Year 6, our new portrait drawn and painted by Oliver in Year 6 was blessed. This will be transferred to its permanent home of the school hall where there will be a plaque added. We are truly grateful to Oliver's talents and will enjoy the legacy he will have left here at school.

As mass ended our Saint Thomas More procession began with banners carried by each class to our Saint Thomas More monument in our school grounds. Then ice creams all round thanks to your donations earlier this term.

Lunch time was time to eat out on the field in a picnic style where places of shade had been identified for each year group.

And as if that wasn't enough we have the Parish 'Feast'ival to look forward to straight after school!























Mass times

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 5 Poetry Writing Workshop at Bishop Ullathorne

Miss Groom writes

"The event was not only welcoming and well-organised, but truly inspiring. The guest speakers were absolutely fantastic, their passion, insights, and approaches to teaching poetry left a lasting impression on me and the students of Saint Thomas More. Ella shared "She was so inspired and loved that the guest speakers believed in themselves and that is what made them successful."

Arche added " The guest speakers were inspiring!"

I've come away with fresh ideas and a renewed enthusiasm for how to engage students with poetry in the classroom."

Please read one of the examples written by Ella in Y5



I come from watching Harry Potter with
my family hunched along the sofa.

I come from few separate baskets from
hot spices, to warm coated roast.

I come from the hugs I've shared along
the years or people I've met along the
way.

I come from the high pitched laughter
I've heard.

I come from all of my traditions halved
in two cut as two yet stitched to
one.

I come from a twelve hour flight
here and back, across seas.

I come from my experiences whether
I had been brimmed to excitement or
caused through anxiety. But, always
I had unforgettable moments.

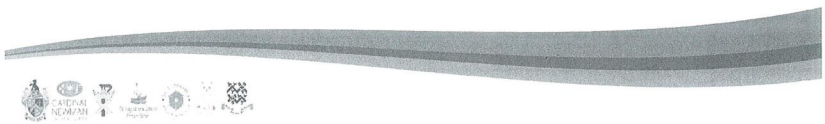
I come from my friends and their habits.

I come from routes and chances
swearing ~~at~~ with mistakes but straightening
from redeeming.

I come from all those whose words
have lit a spark within me.

I come from the joy I have felt
plus the deepened sorrow I learn
to transform.

I come from my self-hatred and
all the



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.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

B:Music
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.

[Book Now](#)

SPORTS NEWSLETTER - Catholic Sports

On Wednesday we had several KS2 children attend and represent the school at the annual Catholic Sports event along with Mrs Woods and Mrs Woods! The children were great ambassadors for the school and tried so hard despite the high temperatures. We were very successful at several events; Arty coming 2nd, Rhoda 3rd place and as a team we won the Y3 and 4 relay.











IMPORTANT REMINDERS

DISABLED PARKING BAY

We kindly remind all parents and carers that the disabled parking bay in our school car park is strictly reserved for vehicles displaying a valid Blue Badge.

Please be considerate and do not park in this space unless you are entitled to do so. These bays are essential for those who genuinely need them, and misuse can cause significant inconvenience.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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!



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 95.18%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year R - 94%
 - Year 1 - 99.33%
 - Year 2 - 96.13%
 - Year 3 - 97.5%
 - Year 4 - 96.55%
 - Year 5 - 89.63%
 - Year 6 - 91.02%
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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- ***Sunday 22nd June - Children's Coventry Mile***
- ***Wednesday 25th June Y3 Think Tank Visit, Y1 Ryton Pools Visit***

- *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 closed 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 **tbc***
 - *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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