



MORE NEWS 14th JULY 2025

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



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*It has been such a busy week here at Saint Thomas More. With Year 6 SATs results, Eco Conference, Nursery, Reception and Year 2 Trips and Sports Day- no winding down here at all! Apologies for the delayed newsletter but as you are aware our internet and phone lines were down all day on Friday so we were unable to complete and share with you. Thank you for your patience. We have managed to restore some level of capacity but to a tenth of our usual strength so service will be slow.*

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## End of Year Reports

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*We hope to have these sent out to you today. Apologies for the delay - it was caused due to the unexpected internet outage.*

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## Staffing Changes...some goodbyes.



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*At the end of this academic year we say goodbye to two members of staff who have been at Saint Thomas More for a very long time and have been very much part of who we are.*

**Mrs Malik**- Currently one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants in Year 1 and 2 will be retiring (**Early!!**) at the end of this week. Mrs Malik first started with us when her two children were here in **1999 (26 years - WOW)**! Thinking how many children she has nurtured and helped learn and grow as God's Holy People. Mrs Malik we thank you for everything you have done for all the children at STM and wish you the happiest of early retirements where I know you will be engrossed spending more time with your family. Go well , go safely.

**Mrs Mulchinock** - known as Laura to most! Laura has been brightening up everybody's visit to STM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for **15 years**. Her positivity and cheeriness has

*definitely made an impact over the years and I know I will definitely miss her smile and welcome each morning. Laura, we thank you for all your care in looking after us all, assuring children and parent/ carers alike, and generally making STM a better place to be. We wish you well as you spend more time with your family. Go well, go safely.*

*Other staff leaving at the end of term*

***Mrs Kirby***- who will be leaving us for one year on maternity leave to look after baby no.3. We hope everything goes according to plan and look forward to sharing the news of baby Kirby in September.

***Miss Keane***- thank you for teaching Y5 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and attending Alton Castle residential with them. Lots of lovely shared memories.

***Mrs Frost***- we thank you for teaching and nurturing Reception since Christmas. You brought stability to the children and we are very grateful for that.

***Mr Murphy***- lovely to have a past pupil sharing his talents with possibly teachers of the future. Thank you for your calm, patient way you have looked after and taught Year 2 since Christmas.

***Mrs Winter***- for the care and compassion you have shown to Year 3 since Spring and especially the support you have given to them as they prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We hope you will be back gracing our classrooms on supply next year!

***Mrs Ali*** - for teaching and looking after Year 2 since Easter on Thursday and Fridays. We have been lucky to have you.

***Ms Goodridge (Harriet)*** - for being consistently there for our children in Reception, on work placement but has gone over in volunteering to be with our children.

*We wish you all the very best in your future ventures and may be our paths will cross again.*

*Go well, go safely.*

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## Year 6 SATs Result Success

# YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

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*We are so proud of our Year 6 results this year and all that our children have achieved at their time here at Saint Thomas More. Their results are a culmination of 7 or 8 years of dedication from staff working together in partnership with parents to ensure the children achieve their potential in Reading, Writing and Maths whilst also experiencing a broad and balanced curriculum. The final statistics may change slightly in September but we wanted to share our success with you.*

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### KS2 2025

	Reading	Writing	Maths	SpaG	Combined
EXP+	81%	82%	84%	77%	75%
National (DfE)	75%	72%	74%	73%	62%
GDS	42%	5%	39%	39%	5%

## Year 2 Warwick Castle Wanderers

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*Year 2 enjoyed an amazing step back in history as they visited Warwick Castle on Wednesday. The day started with a short tour of the castle followed by a Trebuchet demonstration. They then explored some of the ramparts, climbing up to the turrets shortly followed by a dazzling 'War of the Roses' display where horse and knights battled and explained how the Roses of Lancaster and York combined to form the Tudor Rose. After a well earned picnic, they were treated to an amazing bird of prey display entitled The 'Falconers quest' where they saw barn owls, white tipped sea eagles, peregrine falcons, bald eagles and huge condors all swooping low over our heads. A fantastic day with lots of memories made.*

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## Nursery and Reception visit to mini meadows

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*Early Years had a wonderful trip to Mini Meadows farm on Wednesday. The children sang their way to the farm on the coach and began exploring the large wooden play area.*

*Children excelled in these skills and it was great to see teamwork and their physical development. An animal encounter meant the children were able to stroke rabbits, chickens and a tortoise. The tortoise shell felt very much like a fingernail. The children were so well behaved and they were true ambassadors of the school. A great day had at the farm.*

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## School Mass times

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*Our last mass of the Year will be our **Year 6 Leavers Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 18th July at 9:15**. During the mass the annual Governors Awards will be announced at the end of mass. All are very welcome.*

*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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## Living out our values beyond the school gates

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*We are incredibly proud of two of our pupils who recently demonstrated fantastic community spirit and care for the environment.*

*While out walking their puppy at a local field, they were disheartened to see the area covered in litter after a football match. Without any prompting, they decided to return home, grab a bin bag, and clear up the rubbish—collecting over 60 pieces of litter! Once the area was clean, they happily continued their walk, knowing they had done the right thing.*

*This thoughtful act reflects the values we encourage every day at St Thomas More—respect, responsibility, and pride in our community.*

*Well done to these wonderful role models! You've made your school and community very proud.*

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## Owls R Us visit to STM





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*Following a very kind donation from a parent, the PTFA would like to gift all children the chance to see a wonderful Birds of Prey demonstration on **Thursday 17th July**. All children will get to find out about these amazing birds and see them in action. Thank you PTFA.*

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## ECO Team Conference Success!

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*On Wednesday, nine members of our ECO team proudly represented Saint Thomas More at the annual MAC Schools Eco Conference. The day began with an inspirational live speech from Father Liam in Pakistan, who shared his powerful experiences of climate change and how we can all make a difference. The children took part in fantastic workshops, including creating environment-inspired art by decorating vinyl records, making bug boxes with the rangers, and creating seed bombs with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. They wrote beautiful poetry and made their own pledges for the environment. It was a wonderful day full of ideas, inspiration, and sharing successes with other schools. The children behaved beautifully and were a credit to Saint Thomas More.  *

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## SPORTS NEWS

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### ***SUPPER SUNNY SPORTS DAY SPECTACLE!!***

*What a wonderful sporting day we had on Friday. Our opening ceremony, medal ceremony, followed by KS2 Sports morning and then KS1 and Reception Sports afternoon was such a celebration of what STM is all about. Excellence, resilience, encouragement, teamwork and celebration of all. It was wonderful that all children had a chance to show their competitive sides- the speed of the sprinting and drive from so many in the heat was incredible. A huge thank you to **Mr Brown** and **Mrs Woods** in the planning and organisation of the day- so well organised. Parents and Carers thank you for trusting that we would keep your children safe in the heat. It was lovely to receive so many positive comments from you during the event and subsequent emails.*

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## **SUMMER CAMPS**

Please scan the QR code or click [this link](#) to register and confirm your booking

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# SUMMER MULTI SPORT FUN DAYS



BOOK NOW >



Boys and Girls  
Year 1 - 6

Monday - Friday  
28/07 - 01/08  
04/08 - 08/08  
11/08 - 15/08  
12/08 - 22/08



09:30-15:00  
\*Wraparound available  
08:30-16:00



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

Arts & Crafts  
Basketball  
Cricket  
Dodgeball

Nerf Wars  
Netball  
Tennis  
And more...

To book:

[https://forms.cloud.microsoft/  
r/cf4V2LhYbg](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/cf4V2LhYbg)

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## NETBALL TRAINING CAMP

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- **Dates:** 28th & 29th July, 1st Aug, 11th & 12th Aug, 15th Aug
  - **Locations:** Copeswood Sports Club, Ealrsdon Highway Rugby Club & Griff & Coton Sports Club
  - **Times:** 9:30am - 3:00pm
  - **Ages:** 7-14
  - **Cost:** £50 for 2 days (Discount Code: N3TBARR24 £5 off price)
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## Highlights:

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- *Qualified, experienced coaches*
  - *Skill development sessions tailored to ability levels*
  - *Small-sided games and match play*
  - *Emphasis on teamwork, confidence, and fun*
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The poster features the Netball logo and the Coventry Rugby logo at the top, separated by a large 'X'. Below this, the text 'NETBALL PLAYDAY' is written in a large, red, distressed font. To the right of the title is a blue circular badge with 'PRICE £10'. Below the title, the date and time '01 AUGUST // 10:00-14:00' are displayed. A paragraph of text describes the event as a fun-filled day for match play, teamwork, and friendly competition. Two photographs are included: one showing a player in a blue jersey with 'COVENTRY NETBALL' on the back, and another showing three players in blue uniforms holding a netball together. At the bottom, there are yellow silhouettes of players in action. The bottom section contains text about participation, enjoyment, and developing a love for the game, along with booking information and the venue address.

**NETBALL** X **COVENTRY RUGBY**

**NETBALL  
PLAYDAY**

PRICE  
**£10**

**01 AUGUST // 10:00-14:00**

Get ready for a fun-filled Netball Play Day — a day dedicated to match play, teamwork, and friendly competition! This is a great opportunity for players to put their skills into action, meet new teammates, and enjoy the excitement of netball in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, Play Day is all about participation, enjoyment, and developing a love for the game. Players will be grouped into teams and take part in a series of short matches, with coaches and umpires on hand to guide, encourage, and ensure fair play.

AGES 7 – 14. BOOK NOW VIA: [WWW.COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK/OTHER-EVENTS/](http://WWW.COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK/OTHER-EVENTS/)

**GRIFF & COTON SPORTS CLUB, HEATH END RD, NUNEATON CV10 7JQ**



1 DAY  
**£30**

NETBALL

2 DAYS  
**£50**

# Summer SPORT CAMPS

11-12 AUGUST // 09:30-15:00

Join us for an exciting and action-packed Netball Camp, designed for players of all skill levels who want to develop their game, boost their fitness, and have fun! Our experienced coaches will guide participants through a range of drills, match play, and team-building activities that focus on improving skills such as passing, shooting, footwork, defense, and tactical awareness.



Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the basics or an experienced player looking to sharpen your techniques, this camp offers the perfect environment to grow your abilities and passion for netball.

AGES 7 - 14. BOOK NOW VIA: [WWW.COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK/OTHER-EVENTS/](http://WWW.COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK/OTHER-EVENTS/)

EARLSDON HIGHWAY NETBALL CLUB R.F PAVILLION, EARLSDON RUGBY CLUB, CV4 6DY



PRICE  
**£10**

# NETBALL PLAYDAY

15 AUGUST // 10:00-14:00

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COPSEWOOD SPORTS CLUB, THE PAVILLION, ALLARD WAY, COVENTRY CV3 1JP

## PTFA Update

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### **BALLOON RACE**

*A huge thank you to the PTFA and in particular **Craig Smith** who organised the virtual balloon race for the second year in succession. It has managed to raise a whopping £500 for the PTFA which directly benefits all children in the school buying those extras that school are unable to afford. A big thank you to everyone taking part.*

#### *Results.....*

<i>1st place balloon - Deborah King</i>	<i>£50 Amazon Voucher</i>
<i>2nd place STM Chesters Chasers Year 1</i>	<i>£25 Amazon Voucher</i>
<i>Last place - Debbie Jayaweera</i>	<i>£25 Amazon Voucher</i>

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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### **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.*

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### ***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.*

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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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## 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 95.14%***

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- Year R - 97.92%
  - Year 1 - 95%
  - Year 2 - 97.42%
  - Year 3 - 95.31%
  - Year 4 - 94.17%
  - Year 5 - 91.25%
  - Year 6 - 90.34%
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## IMPORTANT DATES

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### ***JULY***

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- ***Monday 14th July Year 6 Production 1:30pm Matinee Performance and 6pm Evening Performance. Tickets available on Arbor app***

- *Tuesday 15th July **Year 6 Leaver's Party** 5:30-7:30pm*
- *Wednesday, 16th July - Y6 FINAL Swimming Lesson*
- *Thursday 17th July- **Owls R Us Birds** of Prey experience*
- *Friday 18th July **Year 6 Leaver's Mass** 9:15am*
- *Friday 18th July **Guard of honour** for our leavers- 3:15pm- Y6 parents are welcome to come on site to join in this rite of passage*

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### **SEPTEMBER**

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- *Teacher **INSET Days** Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September*
- *Pupils return to school on Wednesday 3rd September*
- *Holy Cross Feast Day- Whole School Mass Sunday 14th September 9am*

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### **OCTOBER**

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- *Half Term Break (27 to 31 Oct)*

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### **NOVEMBER**

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- *Friday, 14 November - **INSET DAY** (School closed for students)*

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### **DECEMBER**

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- *TERM BREAK (22 Dec to 2 Jan)*
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### **FEBRUARY 2026**

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- *Half Term Break (16 to 20 Feb)*
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### **MARCH**

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- *TERM BREAK (30 Mar to 10 Apr)*
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### **JULY**

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- *Friday, 03 July - INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
  - *Monday, 20 July - INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
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