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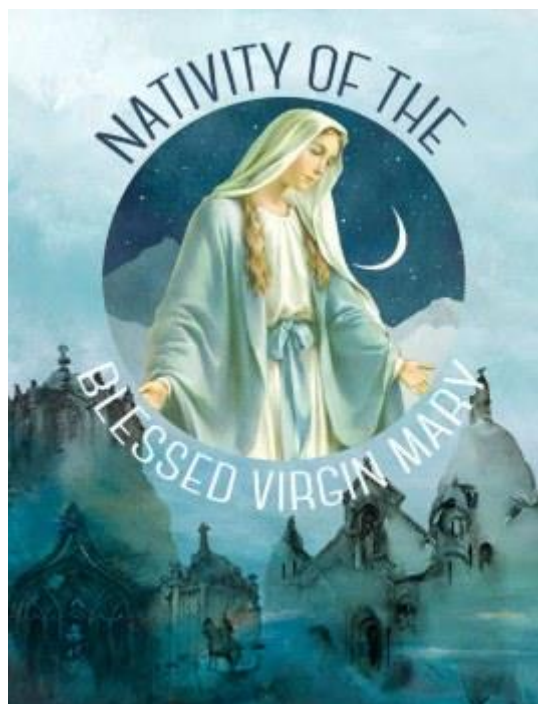


SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission Assembly- Our Lady's birthday

On Monday we celebrated Our Lady's birthday where we all sang 'Happy birthday to Mary'. We reflected on how her saying 'yes' to God, accepting the vocation to be the Mother of Jesus, impacted the whole world. We spent time in silence asking God to also speak to us about the plans he has for us.

Please find the link to the [ten:ten parent resources](#) for September below which inspire many of our Mission assemblies and prayer and liturgy celebrations.



Exaltation of The Holy Cross

All schools in our Holy Cross MAC are being asked to attend their school's parish mass to celebrate this wonderful feast of 'Exaltation of the Holy Cross'. Pupils from Saint Thomas More and Bishop Ullathorne are expected to attend the 9am Mass on Sunday, 14 September to acknowledge the wider Holy Cross Catholic MAC that we belong to. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible there, especially those new to our school. There will be the usual 'Little Church' provided for children of primary school age to attend during

the mass in the Margaret Rope Room (MRR). Children are invited at the beginning of mass to gather around the altar to leave and then re-join the congregation at the offertory. This way they experience a liturgy more appropriate for their age.



Celebration of Whole School Mass

Year 4 led the whole school from Year 1-6 in our first school mass of the year. During the mass, staff renewed their commitment to the ministry of teaching. It was a beautiful first whole school mass as our family of 2025-26 and lovely to be joined by many parishioners.

School Mass times

*On Thursday 18th September 10am, there will be the Year 6 class mass in the side chapel.
All are welcome to join.*

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



Meet the teacher meetings

These will be held on:

Tuesday 16th September

Year 1,3 and 5 at 5pm and

Year 2 and 4 at 5:30pm

Thursday 18th September

Year 6 at 5:30pm.

This gives you a chance to experience your child's classroom and meet their teacher and hear about the year ahead. It is a valuable opportunity for us all to share vital information.

We apologise as we have had to change the date shared in the last newsletter due to a Chrome Book training for staff by the MAC on 17th September. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mrs Sarah Boyle, Headteacher of Bishop Ullathorne and Mrs Fiona Brown, Assistant Headteacher of Bishop Ullathorne will be attending the Year 5 and Year 6 Meet the Teacher

sessions respectively in person. They will share the successes of Bishop Ullathorne our feeder secondary school.

MEET THE TEACHER!



Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening (add info from BU website)

Headteacher's presentation held at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

For further information please contact bu-admin@hccmac.co.uk



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OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025
6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

 **BISHOP ULLATHORNE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL** 

Animaphonics

We are very excited to begin our new Phonics Scheme and it won't be long until we do so. Over the next two weeks children will be taking part in baseline assessment so we can ensure full coverage of the Phonics phases. During this time, the children will not be bring home a phonics reading book. Don't forget the local library is open should you wish to choose a book with your child.

We will be setting a date for a parent/carer workshop for Reception parents on our new phonics scheme.



OPAL- Outdoor Play And Learning



Last week we launched our first OPAL bingo game with huge success! Thank you so much for sending in a variety of items from our bingo card. This weeks winner was: 5M!

Please see our week 2 bingo card below:

We hope many of you are able to attend our Big Build dates with a variety of tasks in hand including erecting play houses, painting planters, building mud kitchens and obstacle courses.

Dates for your diary:

- *Friday 3rd October 1:30pm-4:30pm Parent/Carer Big Build*
 - *Sunday 12th October 10am - 4pm Community Big Build - all family members, Parishioners, members of the public and volunteers.*
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Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

*All parents are automatically members of our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association PTFA. We invite you to sign up to communication by scanning the QR code attached. Parents meet half termly to talk about ideas and events to raise money for the school. Our meetings are very informal and last for about an hour. We are always looking for new faces at our meetings. So if you have any ideas and would like to be an active member of the PTFA please come along to our next meeting. **Monday 15th September 6:30pm** at school.*

We raise money for regular projects and events with the support of school staff, parents and children; all have been great successes.



AGM

DATE



VENUE



TIME



15th Sept 2025 STM / MST 18:30 - 19:30

ALL WELCOME



For up to date information please scan the QR code to join the PTFA WhatsApp



If you would like to contact the PTFA directly please email: STM-PTFA@hccmac.co.uk



PTFA

WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CGrtiqzdg5k47>
 ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmcg.co.uk

	<p>£1 month 11 draws a year Sept-July Allocated number No number limit Must be aged 16+</p>		<p>WINNER 1st prize £50 2nd prize £10 3rd prize £5 Amazon e-Gift Voucher</p>
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This is me art Competition

*At the end of the summer term our current Year 1 children were invited to take part in the Young Artists competition entitled 'This is Me'. To enter the competition, children had to draw a portrait of themselves in any way they wished. We were delighted to hear that all the children who entered the competition have had their artwork selected to feature in a book showcasing portraits from children nationwide. Each child has today received their certificates and stickers and information for parents regarding how to order their very own copy of the 'This is Me' book. Huge congratulations to.....**Savannah, Romina, Laura, Reid, Quiana, Maia, Leia, Eva, Lydia, Ethan, Raihan, Finnian, Tommy, Jack M, Theodore, Nellie, Charlotte, Eliza, Emmie and Jack W.***



UPCOMING PARENT SCHOOL TOUR

*We warmly invite prospective parents to join our next Parent Tour scheduled on **Tuesday, 23 September 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

CAR PARK

Please can we remind all parents/carers that we have two car parks: Knoll Drive and Watercall Avenue. Children's safety is our number one priority and we must remind you to park in a car park bay, without blocking other cars. Please drive with extra caution during drop off and collection times. If parking on the road, please be considerate to our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNICATION

We would like to remind all Parents/Carers of our methods of communication. Two members of Staff are on the gates in the morning should you need to pass any messages on. Phone calls and emails will be responded to within two working days. It is very difficult for teachers to respond immediately during the school day as they are teaching and or are in meetings. Could you please send an email to stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk which will be actioned appropriately. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

UNIFORM - SEPTEMBER 2025

We thank you for sending your children back to school in correct uniform- they are looking so smart. Saint Thomas More has always had high standards of uniform which we expect to maintain. Not only do we look great and make a positive impression with visitors or when out of school- if we look smart, we think smart and allows all to be treated equally. Please adhere to our [uniform policy](#) going forward. Children should not be wearing jewellery except discreet religious jewellery and simple earrings. Nail varnish is also not allowed. If children come to school with nail varnish they will be asked to remove it ready for the next day otherwise we will provide nail varnish remover in school. Again, thank you for your support.

Please note PE uniform is plain hoodies and bottoms- a small logo is permitted.

The uniform supplier for jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and red ties is 'Andy Blair Uniform Supplies', Coundon or Cat Balou in The Burgess, Coventry City Centre. Uniform can also be purchased from the school using the electronic ordering and payment system.

Girls		Boys	
Summer to October half-term	Easter to Oct. half-term to Easter	Summer Easter to October half-term	Winter October half-term to Easter
Blue/white-check gingham dress or playsuit	White shirt with suitable collar to take a tie.	Pale blue school polo shirt with crest or generic pale blue polo shirt	White shirt and red tie
Pale blue school polo shirt with crest or generic pale blue polo shirt and grey skirt/pinafore/shorts/trousers.	Red tie	Grey shorts or trousers	Royal blue V neck jumper with school logo
Royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest.	Royal blue cardigan or royal blue V neck jumper with school crest	Black shoes/ (blue/brown/black) closed-toe sandals (not trainers or shoes with a sports logo)	Grey socks, grey school trousers (long or short)
Black flat shoes/ dark (blue/brown/black) closed-toe sandals	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers	Grey socks	Black shoes (not trainers)
White/grey socks	Grey or White socks, grey tights; black, flat shoes	All children may wear their white shirt and red tie all year round if parents so choose.	

All items of clothing must be clearly named to enable lost items to be returned to the correct owner.

The PE uniform consists of:

- Blue T shirt with school logo or pale blue plain t-shirt and black shorts
- Appropriate trainers. At times children will use bare feet to perform.

During the winter months, children from Year 1 upwards are encouraged to wear the following for outdoor PE lessons:

- A plain black or navy tracksuit consisting of joggers/ sweatshirt/hoodie
- Sports appropriate trainers. If laced please encourage your child to fasten these independently.

Children wear their PE uniform to school and throughout the day on the days their class has PE.

Hair and make-up

Long hair should be tied back. No fashion colours for hair (unless agreed for fun or charity events). Hair should be kept in place with small hairbands and accessories in school colours. Nail varnish and acrylic/gel nails are not permitted. Nail varnish will be removed if children come to school wearing it. If a child comes to school with acrylic nails they may be unable to take part in a range of social and academic activities for the safety of themselves and their peers and parents will be telephoned and asked to have the acrylics removed without delay. No make-up should be worn.

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. Two jumpers were left on the playground on Thurs-one named and one not. The named one was returned to the owner. Uniform is too expensive to lose.

Thank you for your support!



SPORTS NEWS

After school clubs started up this week. We still have places on Wednesday for Multisport Club and Netball.

Trials for the Girl's Football Team will take place on Thursday 18th September after school (15.30 to 16.30) for Year 5 and 6 girls. Please fill out [this form](#) and have your child come in to school carrying their PE kits along.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

Congratulations! On Tuesday morning this week we had 100% attendance across the whole school. AMAZING! I cannot recall that ever happening before. A great start to our drive on attendance. As you are aware attendance is crucial. This year we are wanting to improve every child's attendance by at least 1% if their attendance last year was lower than 95%. This will be monitored closely. We aim to achieve 95% or more each year. 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 94.82%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- Year 1 - 99.66%
 - Year 2 - 98.28%
 - Year 3 - 97.74%
 - Year 4 - 98.96%
 - Year 5 - 97.75%
 - Year 6 - 97.41%
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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- *Sun 14 Sept - Holy Cross Feast Day- Whole School Mass at 9am*
 - *Tue 16 Sept (Revised dated) - Meet the Teacher at 5pm for Y1, Y3 and Y5; and 5:30pm for Y2 and Y4*
 - *Thurs 18 Sept - Meet the Teacher at 5:30pm for Y6*
 - *Tues 23 Sept - Prospective Parent Tour of School from 9 to 9:30 am*
 - *Thurs 25 Sept - Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening- a must for Y6 parents and pupils.*
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OCTOBER

- *Thurs 2 Oct - Stories of Hope and Home coming to school to speak to all year groups*
 - *Thurs 2 Oct - Year 5 visit to Holy Family Church 'Fan the Flame' gathering*
 - *Fri 3 Oct - Big Build Afternoon from 1:30pm-4:30pm. Parents/ Carers invited into school to help prepare for OPAL*
 - *Sun 12 Oct - Community OPAL Building Day 10am - 4pm*
 - ***Half Term Break (27 to 31 Oct)***
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NOVEMBER

- *Fri 14 Nov - INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
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DECEMBER

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

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

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

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- *Fri 03 July- INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
 - *Mon 20 Jul - INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
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