



MORE NEWS 19th September 2025



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission Assembly- Exaltation of the Holy Cross



It was lovely to see over 40 children at 'Little Church' on Sunday at 9am mass. Education Sunday was marked by many staff attending Saint Thomas More Church rather than their own parish, to be united as a school/Parish community on what was also Education Sunday.

On Monday we reflected how making the sign of the cross draws out an invisible cross upon us marking us as followers of Christ. We questioned how we can show others that we follow Christ by the ways we act.

We considered how the cross has been transformed from a symbol of torture and punishment 2,000 years ago into a symbol of hope and love.

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.



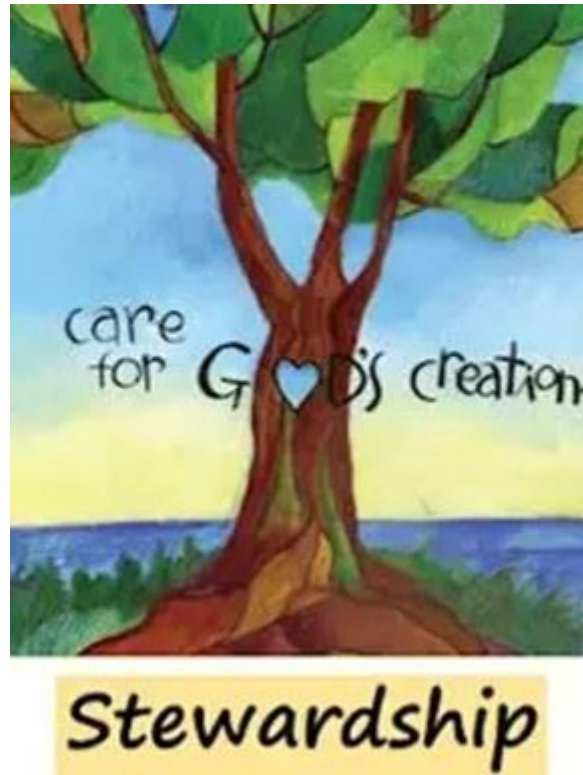
Catholic Social Teaching- Stewards of Creation

During September and the beginning of October the church focuses on the wonderful Creation God gave us to care for. We are asked how we can be carers/ stewards of the Earth by choices we make. Over the next few weeks we will think about how we can care for our environment so that future generations will also be able to enjoy our wonderful world.

- *Do we recycle, save energy by turning lights off and screens when they are not being used?*
 - *Do we pick up litter is appropriate in our environment.*
 - *Do we care for our pets, plants and gardens?*
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It would be lovely to see some photos of our children being stewards of creation.

*Please send in to STM-admin@hccmac.co.uk and we will post on subsequent newsletter.
Thank you in advance for inspiring others.*



STM Parish Creation Walk

*As part of the Season of Creation, you are invited to join a walking pilgrimage 'Via Creationis' on **Sunday 28th September at 2:00pm** (dogs are welcome). Like the Stations of the Cross, this walking pilgrimage commemorates the mystery of Creation and what better way to do this, than by a gentle walk through our local area.*

We will begin at STM Church and then walk our way around the local area (a total of four miles) before returning to STM school. More details on our Parish church newsletter.

Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival

***Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival at St Thomas More Church from Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th October 2025.** It will be possible to sponsor a candle for a particular intention that will burn for the forty hours before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to sponsor a candle, priced at £5.00, please use the forms at the back of the church and hand them in an envelope to the clergy or via the STM presbytery letterbox.*

We will be holding a whole School Mass on 2nd October led by Year 3. All year groups will then be visiting church on Friday 3rd October for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to spend quiet time in Jesus' presence. Times will be shared next week so parents and carers can join in Adoration.

School Mass times



*On **Wednesday 24th September 11am** Year 5 will join 'Mass and Mingle' at church to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. All children in Walsingham house will celebrate by having an extended break time.*

All are welcome to join.

Our Lady of Walsingham Pray for us.

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

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher meetings this week in your child's classroom. Power points will be emailed out to you and posted on our website soon, so you all have access to the information we want to share with you.

We always have your children at the heart of all we do.

If you would like to raise any concern you have about your child then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance either at collection time or by contacting the school office via email (stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk) or phone. Obviously teachers will be teaching during the day, so they have two working days to get back to you.

If you then feel your concern has not been addressed satisfactorily, then consult the phase leader through the same means:

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- *EYFS - Mrs Webster*
 - *KS1 - Miss Allison*
 - *KS2 - Mr Rooney.*
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Finally, if you still feel your concern has not been addressed as you would like, contact the office by email or phone and ask to speak/ meet with Mrs Staines. Again it may take me a few days to get back to you as I can be in back to back meetings but I will endeavour to reply as soon as I am able. I do try and make sure I am on a gate most mornings and afternoons depending on my diary but you can always leave a message with who ever is on gate duty.

**MEET THE
TEACHER!**



Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening

*We are so lucky to have Bishop Ullathorne as our feeder school where the majority of our children transition to in Year 7. Their open evening is on **Thursday 25th September**. Mrs Boyle, the Headteacher's presentation will be held at 6.00pm and 6.45pm*

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



Headteacher's presentation held at 6.00pm and 6.45pm
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OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025
6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

 **BISHOP ULLATHORNE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL** 

Year 2 Author Visit

*On Monday, Year 2 had a very exciting visit from **Aaron Ashmore**, a local author. Aaron shared his love for Coventry, telling the children how and why he became an author, and read the children the story of '**Lady Godiva's Birthday Suit**'. We have several aspiring authors and illustrators!*



Animaphonics

Children have begun learning their new sounds through our Animaphonics scheme. Feedback from children has been fantastic. Please encourage them to share the songs/rhymes they are learning at home

*Reception parents/carers are welcome to attend a phonics meeting on **Monday 6th October at 5:30pm**. As this is a parent meeting, we kindly ask that children do not attend.*



OPAL- Outdoor Play And Learning



Thank you so much for sending in a variety of items from our bingo card. This weeks winner was: 5T!

Please see our week 3 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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Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO



 Rakes	 Toy cars	 Action figures	 Umbrellas	 Plastic trucks
 Pushchairs/Prams	 Pallets	 Wellies	 Wood dowels	 'Caution' tape
 Bricks	 Plastic bins	 Laundry baskets	 Egg containers	 Duct tape
 Straw bales	 Rocks	 Leaves	 Gravel, pebbles	 5 Gallon buckets
 Poles	 Glass jewels	 Jugs	 Marbles	 Wooden Planks

Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

*It was lovely to meet and share all the wonderful ways our PTFA have managed to raise money for all children to benefit from in school on Monday's AGM. One way the PTFA have supported all children is by donating £5.00 per child towards one of the classes educational visits. This academic year they are hoping to do the same as well as contribute to our Outdoor Play and Learning programme. They can only do this with volunteers to help organise and be present at the events that are held. Please sign up to communication by scanning the QR code below. Parents meet half termly. We are always looking for new faces at our meetings. Our next meeting is **Monday 17th November 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.

Our PTFA Committee this year are as follows:

- **Chair**- Martina McConville parent of Y6 child
- **Vice Chair** -Michelle Walker parent of Year 1 child
- **Treasurer**- Nicola Attridge parent of Y6

- **Vice Treasurers** -Lauren Donegan parent of child in Y2 and Y5 and Michelle McNally child in Y2 and Y6
- **Secretary**- Charlotte Davies parent of Y2 and Y6 and Louise O'Rourke parent of Rec and Y1

We pass on our thanks to members of last year's committee who have stood down for a well deserved rest and to this year's committee for all they will do to enrich our school community.

This year we would like to have a nominated PTFA member in each class to rally support for planned events. **We have a representative for all classes except Nursery, Y3 and Y4. If you would like to be that person in these year groups to drill up support please contact the school office.**



FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CGvtlqzdq5k47>
 ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmec.co.uk

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



FRIDAY
17TH
OCT

STM PTFA
PRESENTS:

£3
PER
CHILD

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CASH & CARD
PAYMENTS

**SCHOOL
DISCO!**

POCKET MONEY
TREATS

**DROP
OFF**
COMMUNITY
ROOM

WITH A PRE-LOVED
UNIFORM SALE

*Featuring
DJ Steve*

**PICK
UP**
STUDIO
DOORS

DISCO 1: 17:15-18:15 - NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

DISCO 2: 18:30-19:30 - YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

PLEASE NOTE: NO PHONES ALLOWED

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NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS MUST STAY
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SIGNED IN & COLLECTED BY AN ADULT

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.

SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to all those who expressed interest to be part of the girls and boys football team. Trails for the girls' and boys' football teams have taken place and the chosen squads informed. We would like to thank all those who put themselves forward for this honour.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

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 95.49%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- *Year Reception - 100%*
 - *Year 1 - 97.59%*
 - *Year 2 - 95.33%*
 - *Year 3 - 98.71%*
 - *Year 4 - 99.38%*
 - *Year 5 - 96.42%*
 - *Year 6 - 95.67%*
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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- *Tues 23 Sept - Prospective Parent Tour of School from 9 to 9:30 am*
 - *Weds 24 Sept - Y6 Potential Confirmandi parent/carer meeting at 6pm (Margaret Roper Room, STM Church)*
 - *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*
- *Thurs 2 Oct - Whole school mass to launch Parish Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival*

- *Fri 3 Oct - Big Build Afternoon from 1:30pm-4:30pm. Parents/ Carers invited into school to help prepare for OPAL*
 - *Sunday 5th October - Y6 attending 9am Parish Mass*
 - *Monday 6th October - Phonics meeting for Reception parents*
 - *Sun 12 Oct - Community OPAL Building Day 10am - 4pm*
 - *13th- 17th Oct Cycle to school week*
 - *Fri 17th October School Discos 5:15-6:15 Nur, Rec and KS1, 6:30-7:30 KS2*
 - *Wed 22nd Oct Year 1 Visit to Herbert Art Gallery*
 - *Thurs 23rd October Parent/ Carer Tour of school*
 - *Fri 24th October- PTFA Tuck Shop sale straight after school*
 - ***Half Term Break (27 to 31 Oct)***
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NOVEMBER

- *Mon 3rd Nov return to school in full winter uniform*
 - *Thurs 6th November Whole school mass of Remembrance 10am led by Y5*
 - *Parent Consultations Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November 3:40-5:50*
 - *Tuesday 11th Nov Year 5 Visit to Coventry Cathedral*
 - *Wed 12th November Individual Photographs*
 - *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

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