



MORE NEWS 26th September 2025



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission Assembly- Focus on God

In the Gospel reading we heard about a manager who once found out he was to lose his job and realised how important friends were and so tried to make amends by reducing their outstanding bills. We considered how it is easy to be distracted and not focus on God. If we can try and put God first and make him our focus then we should treat others kindly which will impact the rest of our lives.

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.

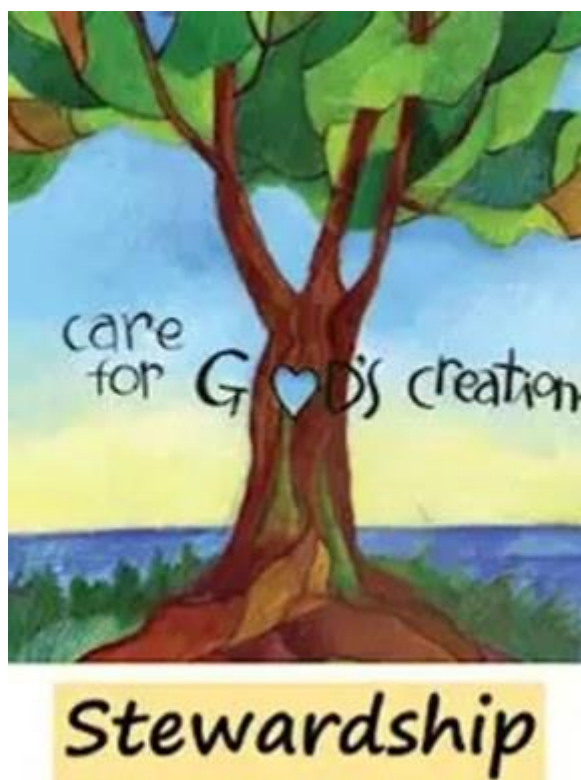


Mission

How will you put God first through your words and actions this week?

The graphic features a green background. In the top left, the word "Mission" is written in bold black text inside a black-bordered box. In the top right, there is a small image of a person climbing a mountain peak. The central part of the graphic is a photograph of a woman with dark curly hair smiling as she interacts with three young children (two girls and one boy) who are sitting at a table and playing with colorful building blocks. A yellow speech bubble on the left contains the text "How will you put God first through your words and actions this week?". In the bottom right corner of the photograph, there is a circular icon with a hand pointing to the right.

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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Congratulations and thank you to two Stewards of Creation- improving and looking after their environment at home.

It would be lovely to see some more 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 at 10:00 am on 2nd October led by Year 3.** All are welcome to join.*

*All KS2 classes will be visiting church on **Friday 3rd October for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** to spend quiet time in Jesus' presence as per the below time slots:*

- *10:30-10:45 - Year 3*
 - *10:45-11:00 - Year 4*
 - *1:30-1:45 - Year 5*
 - *1:45-2:00 - Year 6*
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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



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.*



Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL)



Come and join our Big Build afternoon Friday 3rd October 1:30-4:30pm

Thank you so much for sending in a variety of items from our bingo card. This weeks winner was: Year 2. They will have their extra break.

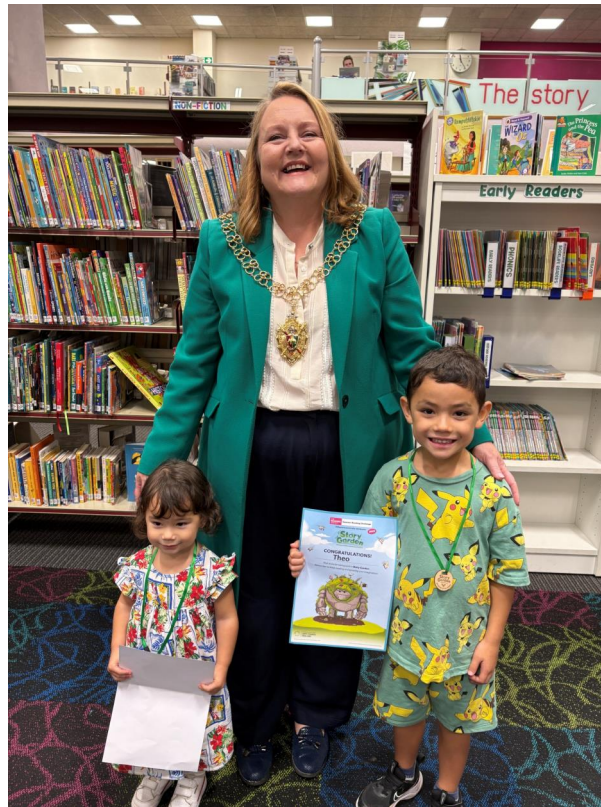
*We hope many of you are able to attend our Big Build afternoon on **Friday 3rd October from 1:30-4:30pm**. We have play houses, painting, clearing school site and many more tasks to make our site safe and exciting for the next stage in our OPAL journey. Please come suitably dressed. If you have your own gloves, drill, sander, garden tools, hammer etc please bring along with you.*

If you would like to be joined by your child for the afternoon please send them with suitable clothing and footwear to change into. You will need to take responsibility for your child. Children will only be allowed to take part if accompanied by an adult. An email will be sent early next week about this.

Dates for your diary:

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- ***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. Batches and drinks will be provided for helpers***
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Shining Stars beyond the Gates



BOOK WORMS

A big congratulations to our children who completed the Reading Challenge at Coventry City Libraries over the summer holiday. They were awarded their certificates by The Mayor of Coventry! Well done.



Faith in Action

It is always wonderful to see our little stars learning outside of school. This Year 2 star went the extra mile not only in her learning but in her faith and visited St. Joseph the Worker

Church. This is a particularly special Church for Year 2, as our class saint is St. Joseph the Worker. Well done superstar!

Pizza, Pasta, Party (CENSUS) Day - Thursday 02 October

*If your child **does not normally have a school dinner on this day**, but would like one, kindly inform the school office via email, if you haven't already done so **no later than 10 am on Monday, 29 September**.*

ABM Catering Update

As you are aware the Holy Cross Catholic Mac are now using ABM catering. We have been very impressed with the variety on offer.

In an effort to reduce waste, children are being asked to order their main meals in the morning. Whilst, in the main, this has worked- it is eating into valuable teaching time and from speaking to some parents on the gate, parents may prefer their child to choose a different option to the one their child has selected.

From after Half Term parents and carers will be selecting the food choice for their child. The onus will be on parents to communicate this with their child. It will all happen via Arbor and we have been assured it works well. ABM Caterers follow Government guidelines in terms of portion size, variety of food choice etc. The idea is that children choose the main meal or veggie meal with Jacket potato being a back up if the child does not like the main/veggie option. We have now had it confirmed that if your child on the rare occasion does not want to eat any of the above that a sandwich can be provided for children in any year group.

LOST AND FOUND

*We currently have a number of jumpers and cardigans in our Lost and Found that do not have labels. Parents are welcome to come and check if any of these belong to your child. We kindly **request that all items are clearly labelled to help us return them more easily** in the future.*

We also have a few pairs eye glasses that have been found – please see image below. If these belong to your child grateful if these could be collected at the earliest convenience.



SPORTS NEWS

October Half Term

Please see image for more details. Click [this link](#) or scan QR code on the image to register.



Multisport Fun Days



Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

09:30-15:00

BOOK NOW

Wraparound available 08:45-15:30

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



admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk



NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS at BISHOP ULATHORNE



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue spiderweb in the top left corner. At the top center is a circular logo with a netball and the text 'NETBALL'. The main title 'NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with a blue spider icon integrated into the letter 'A' in 'NETBALL' and another blue spider icon on the letter 'S' in 'CAMPS'. Below the title is a circular inset photo of netball players in blue 'COVENTRY NETBALL' jerseys huddled together. To the right of the photo is a dark blue rounded rectangle containing event details: a location pin icon for 'BISHOP ULATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COVENTRY, CV3 6BH', a clock icon for '27TH & 28TH OCTOBER 9:30 - 15:00', and a pound sign icon for '£55 FOR BOTH DAYS'. Below the photo is a QR code and the text 'BOOK NOW' with a blue spider icon. At the bottom of the poster is a dark blue rounded rectangle with the text 'BOOK: COMMUNITY@COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK'.

NETBALL
DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COVENTRY, CV3 6BH

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Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR LOTTO TICKET?

*As we approach the end of September we will be drawing the September Lotto draw on **Friday 10th October** at our Praise Assembly. **You have to be in it to win it.** Please make sure you have signed up as you have a chance to win £50 worth of Amazon vouchers.*

This academic year the PTFA are hoping to contribute to our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) 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.

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/Huw9CGvrtiqzdg5k47>
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmac.co.uk



THE SIM
LOTTO

£1 month
11 draws a year
Sept-July
Allocated number
No number limit
Must be aged 16+

WINNER
1st prize £50
2nd prize £10
3rd prize £5
Amazon e-Gift
Voucher



PTFA
WhatsApp group

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

AUTUMN SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY
17TH
OCT

STM PTFA
PRESENTS:

£3
PER
CHILD

CASH & CARD
PAYMENTS

POCKET MONEY
TREATS

**SCHOOL
DISCO!**

WITH A PRE-LOVED
UNIFORM SALE

Featuring
DJ Steve

**DROP
OFF**
COMMUNITY
ROOM

**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

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

BAGS TO SCHOOL is BACK

It's that time again to have a good cupboard clear-out!

We are collecting pre-loved clothes, shoes, and accessories for **Bag 2 School from Monday 03 November to Wednesday 05 November**. Please see the attached poster for full details and dates. Bags can be dropped off in the **Community Room from Monday, 03 to Wednesday 05 November** in the community room and will be **collected by them on Thursday 06 November**.

The more we collect, the more we raise for our school – thank you for your support!



St Thomas More
Catholic School

Bag 2 School

Donation Dates:

Monday 3rd Nov to Wednesday 5th Nov

Collection Date:

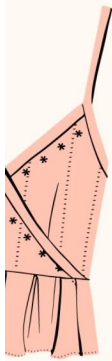
Thursday 6th November

Donate your pre loved clothes,
shoes and accessories to raise
funds for the PTFA!

The more we collect, the more we raise.

Drop off point:
School Office

**2 House
Points for
each bag**



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts



IMPORTANT NOTICES

CAR PARK SAFETY

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 using our one way system. If parking on the road, please be considerate to our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support.

If you see unsafe drivers please report to **Operation Snap**. Other than requesting for parents/visitors to be safe and careful we do not have enough staff to 'police' this satisfactorily. Please visit [this link](#) to learn more.

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.

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 95.77%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year Reception - 98.67%
- Year 1 - 97.33%
- Year 2 - 97.67%
- Year 3 - 96.13%

- Year 4 - 100%
 - Year 5 - 92.72%
 - Year 6 - 97.99%
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IMPORTANT DATES

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*
 - *Friday 10th October- Lotto Draw for September*
- ***Sun 12 Oct - Community OPAL Building Day 10am - 4pm- Batches and drinks will be provided***
 - *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

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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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