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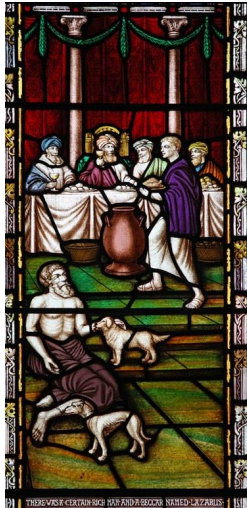
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission Assembly- By focusing on God show love and compassion to others

We listened to the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and how after they died their roles reversed, where Lazarus went to heaven and the rich man who showed no love and compassion, suffered. One of our Y6 pupils shared how 'the poor man became rich in his after life by receiving God's love'. We spoke about seeing people who are poor and homeless and how being invisible is one of the hardest things to deal with. We shared how a smile or a hello acknowledges they are a child of God and one of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Some children shared how they buy food or drinks for homeless when they see them.

***CAFOD's family fast day** was shared as a way that everyone of us can help by bringing in money to share. Thank you for your generous donations. We managed to raise **£317.99** with **Year Reception** raising the most money so will receive an extra break next week to celebrate.*

- *Nursery - £27.30*
 - ***Reception - £49.86***
 - *Year 1 - £36.10*
 - *Year 2 - £28.21*
 - *Year 3 - £46.00*
 - *Year 4 - £37.55*
 - *Year 5T - £27.00*
 - *Year 5M - £42.12*
 - *Year 6 - £23.85*
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True wealth does not mean having lots of money.

Jesus wants us to put God first and to share what we have with others.

Our true wealth is in our faith in God and the unique set of gifts He has given us!

Mission



Be kind and compassionate to others.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

FAMILY FAST DAY




Compassion and Kindness

Stories from Hope and Home

On Thursday we welcomed four visitors Stephanie from Birmingham, Charlie from South Africa, Shamiso from Zimbabwe and Samira from Somalia. The children from Nursery all the way to year 6 were amazing listening and finding out about refugees. Children were initially told about what each woman loved about their birth country and we were shown on a map where they travelled from. Next we found out why the women had to leave their countries such as feeling unsafe and not being treated fairly. You would have been so impressed with the empathy and insight our children. The supply teacher in Year 3 had to share how impressed she was with how compassionate and caring the children were. One of our Y6 pupils reflected that the visit has emphasised that we need to 'make sure we do not judge people based on their backgrounds'.





A week of Feasts

*This year we have linked our class Saints to a particular Catholic Social Teaching. This week two of our classes have celebrated their Feast Day; **Year 4 with Saint Therese of Lisieux on Wednesday** and **Year 1 with Saint Francis of Assisi on Friday**. Both classes had extra break to enjoy playing as a class.*

*We also marked the **Feast of the Archangels on Monday** by sharing the prayer of the archangels in mission and part of class prayer and liturgy. Having a guardian angel is something that many of us find comforting and can help us when we are feeling scared- praying to our Guardian Angel to help protect us is a reassuring thing to do.*



Year 3

St Therese of Lisieux



Solidarity and the Common Good



Patron Saint of missionaries and priests

Feast day October 1st

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.

Prayer of St Therese of Lisieux

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way"

each day



Year 1

St Francis of Assisi



Stewardship of God's Creation



Patron saint of animals and nature

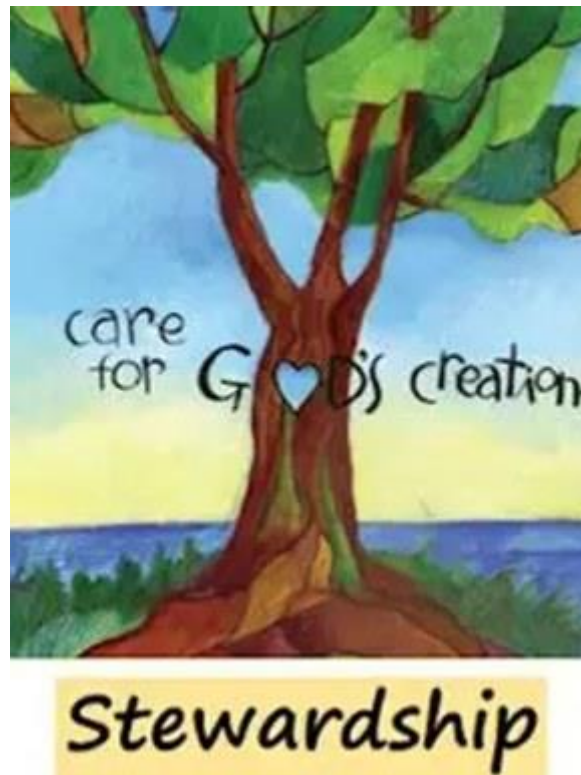
Feast day October 4th

"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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.

Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival



Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival at St Thomas More Church from Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th October 2025. If you are able please pop into church during this time to spend some time with Jesus as part of our 40 hours as a Parish with the Blessed Sacrament. The church looks so stunning. Our children were able to enjoy the beauty with the whole school mass on Thursday to mark the opening of the Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival and then Year 3,4,5 and 6 have all spent some time in adoration today.



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 in the Reception classroom**. As this is a parent meeting, we kindly ask that children do not attend.



Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL)



Come and join our Community Big Build on Sunday 12th October 10:30am - 4pm

Thank you so much for sending in a variety of items from our bingo card.

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.

Please share this community day with your friends, family and work colleagues.

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers that came and volunteered their time today - our outdoor area is really starting to take shape for our OPAL vision.

Dates for your diary:

- ***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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Guitar Lesson in School

Guitar Lessons In School

*There are a few places still available in guitar lessons this term. If you would like more information, contact Mr Ingram on **07877 200550**, or [**mark.ingram@hccmac.co.uk**](mailto:mark.ingram@hccmac.co.uk) or collect a letter at the school office.*



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. They are keen to

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 to the office 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.***

Please note that any unclaimed items will be donated to charity during our upcoming term break.

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Football Team

Well done to the girls football team who played against Christ the King last evening. It ended in a 3-0 defeat but they all gave it their all.

Player of the match went to Rhoda who made some excellent saves and showed bravery on her first game for the girls team.

Well done girls!!



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 word '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 photograph of four young women in light blue 'COVENTRY NETBALL' t-shirts huddled together on a field. To the right of the photo, there are three circular icons: a location pin, a clock, and a pound sign. Below the photo is a QR code and the text 'BOOK NOW' with a blue spider icon. At the bottom, there is a dark blue bar with white text.

NETBALL
DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

BISHOP ULATHORNE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COVENTRY, CV3 6BH

27TH & 28TH
OCTOBER
9:30 - 15:00

£55 FOR BOTH
DAYS

BOOK NOW

BOOK: COMMUNITY@COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK

Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR LOTTO TICKET?

*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/Huw9CGvrtiqzq5k47>
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmac.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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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:

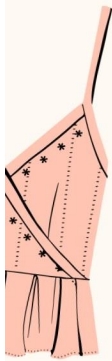
Thursday 6th November

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

LABELLED COATS

As the weather is starting to turn cooler, we kindly remind parents to ensure that children bring a coat to school every day. We go outside for playtimes and outdoor learning whenever possible, and a warm, waterproof coat will help keep children comfortable and able to enjoy their time outdoors.

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 95.9%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- Year Reception - 97%

- Year 1 - 96.67%
 - Year 2 - 96%
 - Year 3 - 96.77%
 - Year 4 - 99.69%
 - Year 5 - 95.25%
 - Year 6 - 96.99%
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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- *Saturday 4th/ Sunday 5th October - Y6 to hand in enrolment forms to Father Simon for Confirmation*
 - *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*
- ***Saturday 18th October 5pm Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass and Pledge of Promises following preparation session 1 at 4pm***
 - *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

- *Thursday 4th December 10am Whole school Blessing of Advent Wreaths*
 - *EYFS/KS1 Hatton World Christmas Extravaganza Thurs 18th Dec*
 - *Tues 9th 10am EYFS and Year 1 Nativity for Parents/ Carers*
 - *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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MAY

- *Mon 04 May - Bank Holiday*
 - *Mon 25 to Fri 29 - Half Term Break*
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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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