



MORE NEWS 10th OCTOBER 2025



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Our Rosary Mission



M10 MISSION  
ROSARY CHALLENGE  
**RECORD SHEET**  
The Rosary Challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, each weekday in October.

**JOYFUL MYSTERIES**

THE ANNUNCIATION    THE VISITATION    THE NATIVITY    THE PRESENTATION    FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

**LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**

BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN    WEDDING AT CANA    PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM    THE TRANSFIGURATION    INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

AGONY IN THE GARDEN    SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR    CROWNING WITH THORNS    CARRYING OF THE CROSS    THE CRUCIFIXION

**GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

THE RESURRECTION    THE ASCENSION    DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT    ASSUMPTION OF MARY    CROWNING OF MARY

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'I invite everyone each day of this month, to pray the Holy Rosary for peace - personally in the family and in community' - Pope Leo

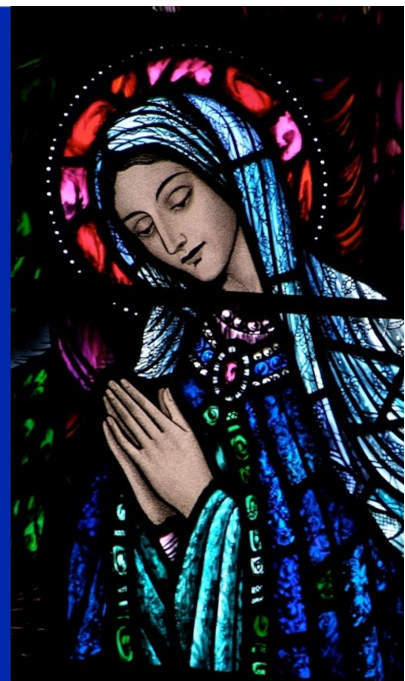
*On Monday we launched our Rosary Mission asking all children to pray a decade of the Rosary 20 times before the end of October. We prayed the first Joyful Mystery- The Annunciation together on Monday and then in classes we prayed the Second Joyful mystery- The Visitation on Tuesday.*

*We hope you are managing to do this as a family. To add to this, our GIFT team took the Rosary prayer bags around. Please send any photos of you using the prayer bags into [STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk)*

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## **Mission**

**To say a decade of the rosary each day this week for the joyful mysteries.**





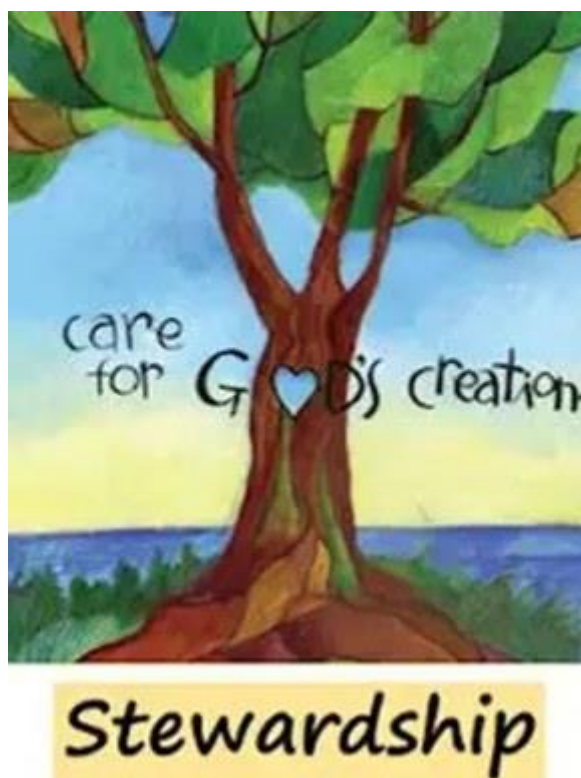


Dear Mary  
Thank you for  
praying with  
me.  
Amen  
Charlotte H



Galaxy A52s 5G

## Catholic Social Teaching- Stewards of Creation



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*During this half term we have been considering how we can be stewards of creation, caring for our world that has been gifted to us from God. Our Eco Team will meet our MAC sustainability Lead on Monday to explore further ideas we can foster in and outside school.*

***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](mailto:STM-admin@hccmac.co.uk) and we will post on subsequent newsletter.  
Thank you in advance for inspiring others.*

### **CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK**

*As part of being a steward of creation it would be lovely to see children cycling to school during the week of 13th to 17th October. However, please ensure your children have their safety gear such a fitted helmet.*

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## School Mass times



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*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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## Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL)



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*Come and join our Community Big Build on Sunday 12th October 10:00am - 4pm*

*Batches and drinks will be provided for helpers.*

*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: Asda Whitley, Bosworth Butchers, Premier on Baginton Road and Dawlish Food and Wine for their donations of bread, batches, bacon and sauces. **A special thank you to Sam who was very persuasive persuading the shop keepers to share their products with us!***

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## Year 2 - Visit to Quinton Park

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*Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting Quinton Park. The children have spent their geography lessons learning about local community and planning their route. They have been keen geographers in using their compass directions and observing features around them. The children enjoyed a delicious picnic, played games with the parachute and we even saw some ducks!*

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## Guitar Lessons in School

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*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.*

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## **ABM Catering Update**

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

*We had a positive meeting with them this week as they were keen to hear feedback from the children about the service they provide. The children had completed some surveys which were shared.*

*The plan going forward is to tweak the 3 week menu planner to reflect this feedback whilst maintaining the government nutritional standards. This menu will be in place for after half term. We also hope that before the half term parents will select the meals for the first 3 weeks of the menu for after half term. Thus reducing waste and helping the environment.  
More news to follow.*

*We have arranged for Pete from ABM catering to come into school and lead an assembly on **Monday 10th November 9am** to speak to the **children and parents** about their philosophy and the service they are providing. **Parents and carers are very welcome to attend**. This assembly will take place after a parent/ carer **taster session** on the school gate on **Thursday 6th November** at the end of the school day.*

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## LOST AND FOUND

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*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 be donated to charity during our upcoming half term break.*

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## Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting

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*There will be a parish **planning meeting** for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on **Thursday, 23 October at 07:15pm in the Margaret Roper Room**. Please check the parish newsletter for more details.*

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## Half- Term Notices

[WWW.COVENTRYMUSIC.CO.UK](http://WWW.COVENTRYMUSIC.CO.UK)

COME AND JOIN OUR  
**HALF TERM MUSIC WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER  
10AM - 3PM**

**ALBANY THEATRE, ALBANY ROAD, EARLSDON,  
COVENTRY, CV5 6JQ**

**SCAN ME**



**TO SIGN UP**

- COME AND HAVE FUN WITH THE COVENTRY MUSIC STAFF!
- WORKSHOPS CONSISTING OF SINGING AND SAMBA, KEYBOARDS, COMPOSITION AND MUSIC THEORY
- AS WELL AS "HAVE A GO" AT DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS.
- WORKSHOPS ARE MORNING 10-12PM OR AFTERNOON 1-3PM.

**AGES 7+**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY ALL DAY, PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH AND DRINKS AND ADD ANY ADDITIONAL NEEDS ON THE SIGN-UP FORM.

WE WILL SUPERVISE THE CHILDREN IN THE FOYER BETWEEN 12-1PM AS THEIR LUNCH BREAK



**THE  
ALBANY  
theatre**



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ENGLAND**



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## FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, unlimited travel from  
27 October until 2 November

Parents, guardians and carers can enjoy  
unlimited free bus travel across the  
West Midlands during these dates.

### How to claim

Applications are open from Monday 6  
October until Wednesday 15 October.  
Just scan the QR code (or visit [tfwm.org.uk/october](https://tfwm.org.uk/october)) to apply!



Once applications close, we'll email you  
with instructions on how to redeem your  
free travel through your Swift account.

You're Bussing It  West  
Midlands  
Bus

## SPORTS NEWS

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### *STM Team Kit Sponsorship Appeal*

*We are looking for sponsorship of two new team STM kits. Our current kits have been used for about 5 years and are now incomplete. **Do you own a business or work for someone who would be willing to partly or completely sponsor a new kit?** If yes please contact the school office.*

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Interested in

# SPONSORSHIP ?

## ***Boys Football Team***

*Congratulations to the boys football team who started of the season with a tense 3-2 win away vs All Souls.*

*There was some brilliant football on display with both goalkeepers keeping the game goalless at half time. (0-0 HT)*

*The deadlock was broken by All Souls early in the second half however St Thomas More responded with a spirited comeback. Two goals from Timmy either side of an Archie strike from outside the box gave the boys a 3-1 lead heading into the final stages. All Souls slotted in a consolation goal with 90 seconds to go but St Thomas More held on to the victory.*

*Player of the match went to Arty with a brilliant performance across multiple positions, expressing his skill and showing great teamwork throughout. Well done STM!*



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### ***Netball Team***

*Our netball team played their first game of the 2025 - 26 season in the cup against a strong St Anne's side on Wednesday afternoon. Well done to all involved, you gave it your all. Good luck to St Anne's in the next round of the cup.*

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***October Half Term***

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

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# Multisport Fun Days



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk)



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**NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS at BISHOP ULATHORNE**

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# NETBALL

# DEVELOPMENT CAMPS



BESPOKE 1-2-1 SESSIONS  
OFFERED THROUGHOUT  
THE DAY



**BOOK  
NOW**



BISHOP ULATHORNE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
COVENTRY, CV3 6BH



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



£55 FOR BOTH  
DAYS

BOOK: [COMMUNITY@COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:COMMUNITY@COVENTRYRUGBY.CO.UK)



CHANCE TO SHINE  
STREET

Warwickshire  
Cricket Foundation



IT'S  
**FREE!**

- TAPE BALL CRICKET
- FREE CRICKET COACHING
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
- ALL GENDERS WELCOME



AGE 8-15 | EVERY THURSDAY | 4-5PM  
**XCEL LEISURE CENTRE, MITCHELL AVE,  
COVENTRY, CV4 8DY**

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT EVIE HARRISON |  
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## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

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*We drew our first Lotto of the Academic Year in Praise Assembly with our new selector wheel to add to the excitement.*

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- 1st Prize Number 82 - Sue Ledbrook
- 2nd Prize Number 57 - Pia Byrne

- 3rd Prize Number 14 - Liss Jose

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*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.*

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

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**AUTUMN SCHOOL DISCO**

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### **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!*

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St Thomas More  
Catholic School

# Bag 2 School

## Donation Dates:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

## Collection Date:

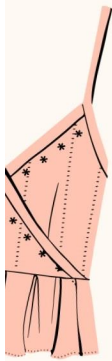
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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

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### 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. If it is raining and your child does not have a coat they will not be allowed out. As the saying goes... **there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!***

### **Wellies/Puddle/Waterproof suits**

*After half term, we are hoping to launch the initial stages of our OPAL plan. Please can children bring a pair of named wellies for all breaks and lunchtimes so they are able to access all areas of our school grounds. A puddlesuit/waterproof suit is also advised to protect their clothing from the wet/mud. These items can remain in school. Please ensure they are named.*

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### **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.*

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### **ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!**

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*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 96.12%**

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- Year Reception - 97%
  - Year 1 - 96%
  - Year 2 - 98.33%
  - Year 3 - 100%
  - Year 4 - 100%
  - Year 5 - 97.46%
  - Year 6 - 98.33%
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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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### **OCTOBER**

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- **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**

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- *Mon 3rd Nov return to school in **full winter uniform***
  - *Thurs 6th November Whole school mass of Remembrance 10am led by Y5*
  - *Thurs 6th November 3:20pm Gate tasters for parents and carers provided by ABM Caterers*
  - *Mon 10th November 9am ABM Caterers Assembly for children, parents and carers.*
  - *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**

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- *Thursday 4th December 10am Whole school Blessing of Advent Wreaths*

- *Tues 9th 10am EYFS and Year 1 Nativity for Parents/ Carers*
- *Thurs 18th Dece EYFS/KS1 Hatton World Christmas Extravaganza*

- *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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### **MAY**

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