



MORE NEWS 17th OCTOBER 2025



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Our Rosary Mission



**THE MISSION**

THE ROSARY CHALLENGE

TAKE ON THE ROSARY CHALLENGE WITH US THIS OCTOBER. OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND YOU CAN JOIN THE MARK 10 MISSION ONLINE EACH WEEKDAY AS WE LEAD A DECADE OF THE ROSARY FROM ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. YOU CAN TRACK YOUR PROGRESS USING OUR RECORD SHEET. THE CHALLENGE IS TO PRAY A DECADE EACH DAY UNTIL YOU COMPLETE ALL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY.

MARK 10 MISSION



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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

*We continue with our October Rosary Challenge and this week we are focusing on the five sorrowful mysteries:*

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*1. The Agony in the garden*

*2. The Scourings at the Pillar*

*3. The Crowning of thorns*

*4. The Carrying the Cross*

*5. The Crucifixion*

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*We know that God and Mary are with us in our times of sorrow. Mary faced many sorrows as she watched her son on his journey to Calvary.*

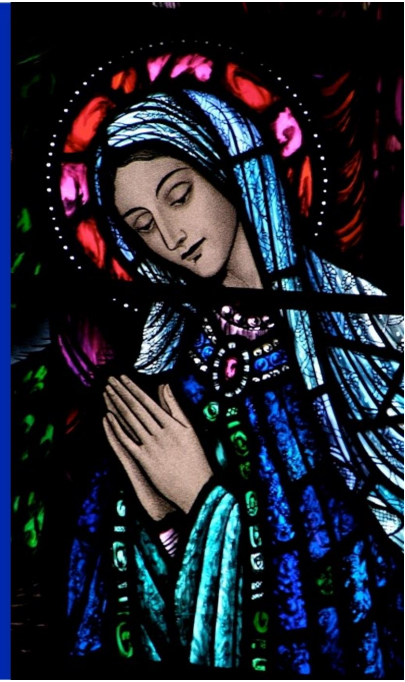
*We also learnt about the Gospel reading of the Ten Lepers and how only one of the cured Lepers; a Samaritan, turned round and went back to thank Jesus. We are all encouraged to give praise and thanks to God for all he does for us, for the wonderful world he has created and the people in it who love and care for us and the world. We too need to remember to not take things for granted and say thank you- thank you to God for the beautiful morning, the autumnal leaf, the mysterious fog and to thank those around us for all their small and large acts of kindness.*

*We hope you are managing to pray the rosary as a family. 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  
sorrowful mysteries.

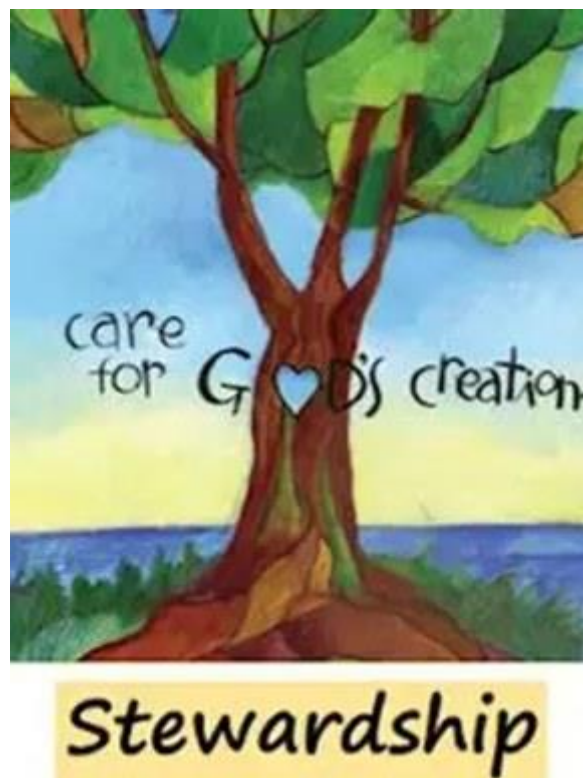








## Catholic Social Teaching- Stewards of Creation



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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 met our MAC sustainability Lead on Monday to explore further ideas we can foster in and outside school. Watch this space!*

*It is great to see our younger pupils taking a keen interest in growing vegetables. You are the gardeners of the future. Amazing carrots and potatoes! I'm sure they tasted delicious.*

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## School Mass times



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*This week Year 4 will celebrate class mass in the side chapel on **Thursday 23rd October 10am**.  
All are very welcome to attend.*

*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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*A huge thank you to all who came and helped on our Community Day on Sunday and those who previously attended our Big Build afternoon. The school grounds are really taking shape and our Outdoor Play and Learning opportunities are increasing for our children to enjoy.*

*A big shout out to the unnamed convenience shop on Fenside for supplying some goodies to help with refreshments.*

*We shall be opening two of our new zones to children on Monday. The mud kitchen/cafe area will be open for all children to access. Please remember to send your child in with named wellies. The children have been shown how to store their wellies in school.*

*Our scooter track will also be open from Monday. Whilst Staff undergo further training the scooter track will only be open for children who are wearing their own helmets correctly fastened. Please ensure your child brings their named helmet into school if they wish to use the scooter track at lunchtime. There are a few donated scooters in school.*

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## Stars within and beyond the school gates

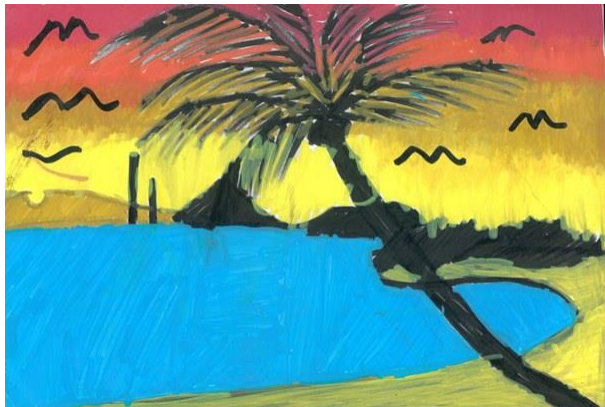
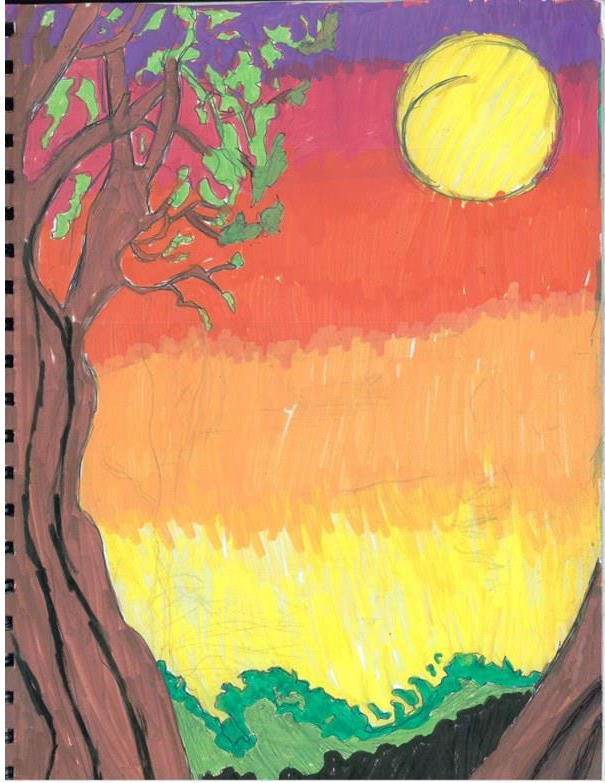
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*We have some very talented young people in school and it is lovely to be able to share their talents in our praise assembly.*

*This week we wanted to highlight Parker and Nathan for their art work. **Parker** has drawn the astronaut linked to Year 5's earth and space unit and **Nathan** has created several on the theme of creation. Just stunning! In addition we want to wish some our Elite Dance school members good luck in Disney Land Paris as they perform as part of the parade. Good luck Aine, Bea, Darcey, Isabella, Olivia, Scarlet and Zoe. We look forward to seeing some photos we can share after half term.*

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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.*

*Please do look out for the email early next week.*

*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 5pm in the Margaret Roper Room**. Please check the parish newsletter for more details.*

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## Half- Term Notices

### You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

#### First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

#### What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'!

#### Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



#### What parents say:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. **My hope is back**'*

#### Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

**If you would like to join please send an email to [sallywagter@gmail.com](mailto:sallywagter@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom link.**

Autism Family Support Service  
[www.autismfamilysupportservice.com](http://www.autismfamilysupportservice.com)

[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

HEART OF ENGLAND  
music



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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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### HADO x VR TENNIS

Get ready for the ultimate fusion of tech and sport! We're teaming up with **VTEC VR Tennis** for a one-day event that's all about high-energy gameplay and next-level immersion.

 **Wednesday 29th October**

 **Running 11AM – 5PM in 50-minute sessions**

 **Advance tickets: £5 / On the day: £15**

 **18 spots per time slot — play both HADO and VR Tennis!**

Grab your mates, lock in your slot, and experience the future of sport.

To book please link: <https://ukhado.com/to-category-merch-store/hado-x-vr-tennis-%F0%9F%8E%BE/?>

Or go to [ukhado.com](https://ukhado.com) and go into any category in the booking section.

*#HADOxVRTennis #VRsports #HADO #VTEC #VirtualTennis #ActiveGaming #FutureOfSport*

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### ***GIRLS FOOTBALL MATCH AWAY Vs HOLY FAMILY***

*Well done to the girls football team who recorded their first win away against Holy Family in a 3-1 win. Goals from Eliza and Mamie secured the win for the girls with Rhoda receiving player of the match again for a second game in a row.*

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### ***Y5 DODGEBALL***

*Well done to our Year 5's who had lots of fun in an energetic afternoon at the recent Dodgeball event that took place last Wednesday.*

### ***CROSS COUNTRY***

*Well done to our cross country runners for competing in the cross country event at Cardinal Wisemans on Wednesday afternoon. A bit well done to Danielle for her 3rd place finish overall.*

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### ***BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM AWAY Vs ST. GREGORY***

*The boys are through to the next round of the cup after beating St Gregory's away from home 2 - 1 last evening. Goals from Archie and Arty in a dominant display which the boys battled hard. Player of the match also went to Arty for the second game in a row.*

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### ***ROWING COMPETITION***

*Well done to all Key Stage 2 pupils who have participated in the rowing competition so far. Scores are being tallied up to find out our winners with Monday, the last chance pupils can enter.*

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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



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OFFERED THROUGHOUT  
THE DAY



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NOW**



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COVENTRY, CV3 6BH



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



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DAYS

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CHANCE TO SHINE  
STREET

IT'S  
FREE!

Warwickshire  
Cricket Foundation 



- 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 |  
EVIEHARRISON@EDGBASTON.COM



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## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CGvrtqzdg5k47>  
 ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: [stm-ptfa@hccmc.co.uk](mailto:stm-ptfa@hccmc.co.uk)



**£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

FRIDAY 17TH OCT

STM PTFA PRESENTS:

£3 PER CHILD

CASH & CARD PAYMENTS

**SCHOOL DISCO!**

POCKET MONEY TREATS

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

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*AUTUMN SCHOOL DISCO - Hopefully we will see many of you TODAY at the first school disco of the academic year. See poster for timings.*

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### **TUCK SHOP**

*Next Friday 24th October the PTFA will be holding their tuck shop as an end of term treat. Don't forget to bring cash when you collect your child from school.*

### **BAGS TO SCHOOL is BACK**

*Your children would have come home with bags2school donation bags.*

*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!*



**BAG 2 SCHOOL**



**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

### 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 95.99%**

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- Year Reception - 91.89%
  - Year 1 - 95%
  - Year 2 - 99.33%
  - Year 3 - 93.55%
  - Year 4 - 98.13%
  - Year 5 - 95.76%
  - Year 6 - 95.67%
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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**OCTOBER**

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- *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*
  - *Thurs 23rd October Christmas Bazaar Planning Meeting MRR 5pm*
  - *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*
    - *Friday 5th December am Panto KS2 Belgrade*
  - *Tues 9th December 10am EYFS and Year 1 Nativity for Parents/ Carers*
  - *Wednesday 10th December Pantomime KS1 am KS2 PM both in school hall*
    - *Thurs 18th Dec 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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