



MORE NEWS 24th OCTOBER 2025



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission- Be persistent in prayer

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.

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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

In mission we heard about the persistent widow who never gave up. She kept asking the unjust judge to help her. Eventually he gave in and helped. Jesus shared how if an unjust judge answers pleas then what would a loving just God do when he hears our prayers.

We were asked to be persistent with our prayers, to get closer to God through prayer and to continue with saying the rosary for world peace

'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 Luminous mysteries:

- 1. The Baptism of Jesus*
 - 2. The Wedding Feast at Cana*
 - 3. The Teaching of The Kingdom*
 - 4. The Transfiguration*
 - 5. The Institute of the Eucharist*
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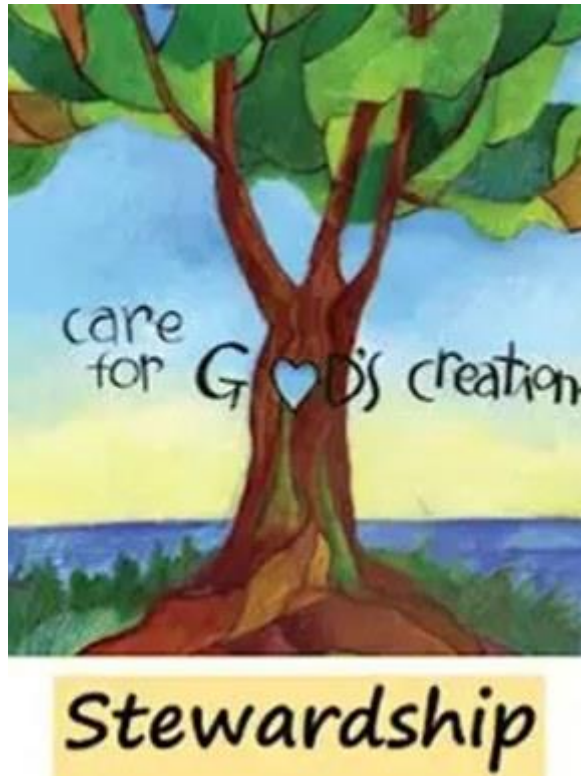
Through the Luminous mysteries we enter into Jesus' public life through his teaching and miracles. Well done, I have many children show me their completed Rosary challenges with still a week to go.

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





Catholic Social Teaching- Stewards of Creation



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!

This week we have had some wonderful litter pickers. Thank you for making difference to our local environment.



School Mass times



*When we return to school it will be the month of November. November is a time when we remember our loved ones who are in heaven. The children will be invited to stick photographs and write names of family that have died in our school remembrance book in the prayer room. On **Thursday 6th November at 10am** the whole school will celebrate a mass of remembrance led by Year 5. Father Simon will then come and bless all the plaques in our prayer garden and our additional 3 names; Titch, Angela Mathimannarajah and Jacqueline Marajh. All families of new and older plaques are very welcome to the blessing and there will be some light refreshments in school after.*

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



Parish Christmas Raffle Tickets

Every family has been issued with one book of raffle tickets this week. Any family that return their book will enable each of their children to receive 5 house points. For every unsold book returned they will receive 1 house point. If people would like extra books to sell please ask at the office. Many thanks in advance. Without our Parish our school would not exist. Please support generously.

Winter Uniform

Now that the colder weather is here all children need to return in their full winter uniform.

Girl's Winter Uniform

- *White shirt/ blouse with suitable collar and red tie*
 - *Royal blue cardigan or Royal blue V neck jumper with school crest*
 - *Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers*
 - *Grey or White socks, grey tights; black, flat shoes*
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Boy's Winter Uniform

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- *White shirt and red tie*
 - *Royal blue V neck jumper with school logo*
 - *Grey socks, grey school trousers (long or short)*
 - *Black shoes (not trainers)*
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P.E. Uniform

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- *Blue t-shirt with school logo or pale blue plain t-shirt*
 - *A plain black or navy tracksuit consisting of joggers/sweatshirt/hoodie*
 - *Sports appropriate trainers. If laced, please encourage your child to fasten these independently*
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Stars within and beyond the school gates

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

In addition we want to wish some of 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.

Poetry Spotlight – Zoe's Macbeth Performance

Year 6 pupil Zoe has gone above and beyond with her extra optional homework, creating and performing her own poem inspired by Macbeth's eerie encounter with the witches. Her narrative poem is rich in figurative language and features a powerful refrain that builds a dark, atmospheric tone throughout. Zoe even filmed her performance to camera,

demonstrating real confidence and creativity. This fantastic piece of independent work earned her an extra 20 house points for showing such initiative and dedication.

Well done, Zoe!

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ABM Catering Update

*As you are aware parents/carers along with their children are able to select meal choices via Arbor for the week starting **3rd November**. It is **essential that your children are aware of what meal has been chosen**. We are hoping as a sustainability school we reduce the amount of food waste. We have been very impressed with the quality of main meals and desserts that are being produced.*

*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.*

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 half term break.

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 and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

WWW.COVENTRYMUSIC.CO.UK

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**MONDAY 27TH
OCTOBER
10AM - 3PM**

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COVENTRY, CV5 6JQ**

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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



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SPORTS NEWS

Year 4 and 6 Dance

Our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils put on a dance performance to showcase their talent and their learning over this first term. Thank you to all the parents who came to show their support and well done to Olivia for choreographing the dances. Next term is Year 5 Please ensure that your child wears full PE kit on a Wednesday after October Half Term.







Boys Football St Thomas More 7-2 St Augustine's

The boys football team were back in action this week as St Augustine's travelled to St Thomas More on Wednesday afternoon. The unbeaten start to the season has been extended as St Thomas More put on a very dominant display over their opponents with the scoreline finishing 7-2 (6-1 HT). An all-round team display with some great passages of play on show, and the goals came from Ollie, Mason x2, Archie x3 and Arty. Player of the match

went to Archie who picked up 3 goals today, but everyone should be proud of their performance.

Girls Football St Thomas More 0-2 St John Vianney

A tough test for our girl's football team this week as we hosted St John Vianney who were a very strong side last season and proved to be the same this season. The girls battled throughout the game and showed some solid defending however a goal either side of half time gave the away side a 0-2 victory. Player of the match again went to Rhoda with brilliant saves including one from the penalty spot.



ROWING COMPETITION

Rowing Competition Results

Well done to everybody who participated in the interschool rowing competition last week. It really is great to see so many of our pupils engaging in this challenge and for many, learning how to use a new piece of equipment.

The results are in, please see below a table for the Top 3 performers, per house, per class and find out the winning House....

ROWING COMPETITION RESULTS

	Walsingham		Lourdes		Rome		Fatima	
Year 3								
1st	Chloe	130m	Sienna	135m	Marissa	135m	Ethan	129m
2nd	Ellen	114m	Anna	132m	Luena	105m	Fabian	115m
3rd	Meitha	107m	Tymon	118m	Leo	98m	Aliyah	99m
Year 4								
1st	Oscar	159m	Theo	154m	Kealan	179m	Orlith	136m
2nd	Isla	136m	Emilia	113m	Luke	175m	Paisley	131m
3rd	Peggy	119m	Maya	109m	Blake	167m	Nel	130m
Year 5								
1st	Monica	158m	Rhoda	210m	Ignacy	166m	Yarik	177m
2nd	Maxie	152m	Aaron	164m	Blake	149m	Yeva	171m
3rd	Kasey	139m	Stash	147m	Nathan	135m	Igor	149m
Year 6								
1st	Archie	203m	Bea	195m	Zoe	194m	Kukua	210m
2nd	Mason	187m	Aine	155m	Henry	176m	Ava	208m
3rd	Emily	186m	Noah	145m	Ian	172m	Eliza	185m
Total	1,790m		1,777m		1,851m		1,840m	

WINNERS!!!!!!!

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



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Let's Talk Movement

We're proud to be working with Coventry City Council and partners from across the city to support Let's Talk Movement – a campaign to help shape a more active future for everyone in Coventry.

Over the next few weeks, we're asking residents to share their views on what helps them to be active – and what gets in the way.

We know that movement means different things to different people. It could be a walk in one of Coventry's parks or green spaces, trying out a new sport, being active with you children or setting personal fitness goals.

Whatever being active looks like for you, your feedback will help us create a future for Coventry where movement is easier, more accessible and part of everyday life.

The insights gathered through this short survey will help develop a shared city-wide strategy to support physical activity and wellbeing across all communities.

Have your say today: letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/cov-moves

Your say. Your way. Your move.

Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CGvrlqzdg5k47>
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmec.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
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PTFA
WhatsApp group

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

This block features a green background with a white rounded rectangle in the center. At the top of the white rectangle is a grey icon of two people. Below the icon, the text 'PTFA' and 'WhatsApp group' is displayed. A large QR code with a WhatsApp logo in the center is positioned below the text. At the bottom of the white rectangle, there is a line of text: 'Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group'.



STM PTFA
Tuck Shop
Friday 24/10/2025
@ 15:20 on the playground

This block has a blue background with scattered white and orange dots. A large orange circle is the central focus, containing the text 'STM PTFA' in a blue script font, 'Tuck Shop' in a large white bold font, and 'Friday 24/10/2025 @ 15:20 on the playground' in a white sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a stylized illustration of a megaphone with an orange body and a white top.

Today 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!



St Thomas More
Catholic School

Bag 2 School

Donation Dates:

Monday 3rd Nov to Wednesday 5th Nov

Collection Date:

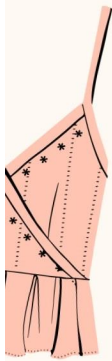
Thursday 6th November

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. 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.



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.

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 95.83%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- Year Reception - 89.9%
 - Year 1 - 97%
 - Year 2 - 95.67%
 - Year 3 - 96.45%
 - Year 4 - 96.87%
 - Year 5 - 95.3%
 - Year 6 - 97.66%
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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- *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*
- *Thurs 6th November 3:20pm Gate tasters for parents and carers provided by ABM Caterers*
- *Friday 7th November Myton Hospice Assembly Launching Sponsor a Nurse as part of our Catholic Social Teaching half term on Dignity of the Human Person.*
 - *Saturday 8th November 4pm Confirmandi Session 2*
- *Mon 10th November 9am ABM Caterers Assembly for children, parents and carers.*
- ***Parent Consultations Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November 3:40-5:50 Rec - Y6, Y3 will just have session on Tuesday from 1pm-5:50pm***
 - *Tuesday 11th Nov Year 5 Visit to Coventry Cathedral*
 - *Wed 12th November Individual Photographs in smart winter uniform*
 - ***Fri 14 Nov - INSET DAY (School closed for students)***
- *Wednesday 19th November- RED Wednesday- Come to school dressed in RED and bring in £1.00 for Aid to the Church in Need.*
- *Tuesday 25th November 2pm Parent/Carer tour of the school- please ring school or email to book place.*
- *Friday 28th November - Advent Day- Wear your Christmas jumper and in return bring in a full bottle and/or chocolate as donations for our Parish Christmas Bazaar*

DECEMBER

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- *Thursday 4th December 10am Whole school Blessing of Advent Wreaths*
 - *Friday 5th December am Panto KS2 Belgrade*
 - *Friday 5th December Parish Bazaar 6-8pm. More information to follow.*
 - *Tues 9th December 10am EYFS and Year 1 Nativity for Parents/ Carers*
 - *Wednesday 10th December Pantomime KS1 am KS2 PM both in school hall*
 - *Saturday 13th December 4pm- Confirmandi Session 3.*
 - *Thurs 18th Dec EYFS/KS1 Hatton World Christmas Extravaganza*
 - *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

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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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