



MORE NEWS 21st NOVEMBER 2025



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration

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*As a school we met with our Birmingham Diocese family online to participate in the end of the 'Year of Hope' celebration. Officially it will the end on the feast of the Epiphany on 6th of January. We considered how we have been pilgrims of hope through prayer, social action and fund raising. Bishop Timothy has challenged us to continue this work as prophets of courage which we aim to achieve through our Social Catholic Teaching.*

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## Live Simply Award

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*On Monday we were assessed as a school for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. It has been a longer process than usual but we are delighted to share that we were very successful in our application. Ann Neale from CAFOD spent over 2 hours talking to staff and pupils to see if what we shared joined up with the evidence we had submitted and she had found on our school website. Our pupils were amazing as always and really impressed her with their*

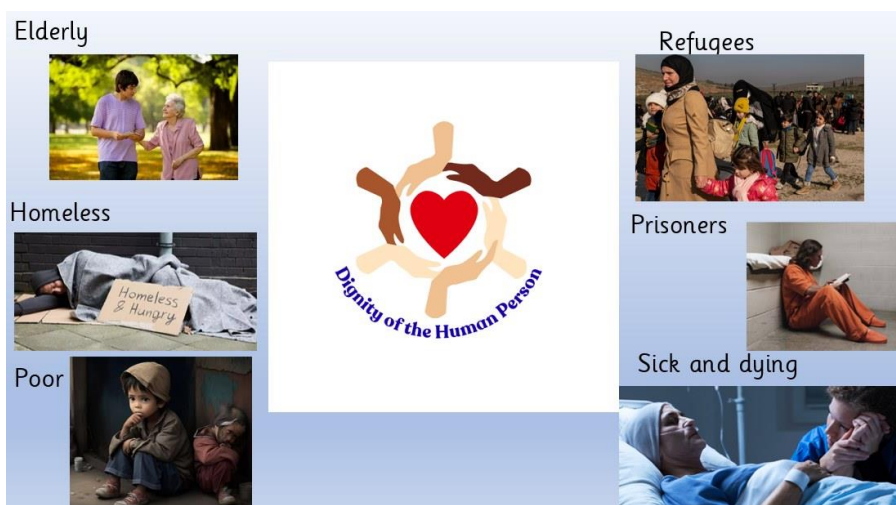
knowledge of the CST of Stewardship and Dignity of the Human Person and how these fed into choices we make.

*"It has been a pleasure to hear about your faith inspired actions, demonstrating how you have been living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with communities around the world living in poverty. This is a fantastic achievement, and we warmly congratulate you, your pupils, and your staff team."*

*A special thank you to Mrs Sullivan and Mrs DiMascio who are driving our sustainability mission with our sustainability heroes.*



## Catholic Social Teaching- Dignity of the Human Person



*This half-term, the children are exploring the Catholic Social Teaching: **Dignity of the Human Person**. This focus is especially meaningful in November, a month when we remember those*

who have died. It reminds us that every person is created in the image and likeness of God - unique, precious and deeply loved.

To extend this learning beyond the classroom, we invite the children to work on a home learning project answering the question: "I know God loves everyone, so why should I care for others?"

We encourage the children to work with their families in creating a joint family project, and these projects may take any form the children choose, such as PowerPoints, posters, artwork, models, or even acts of charity - we are looking forward to seeing the children's creativity shine!

Please ensure projects/ photos of charity work are brought into school by **Monday 8th December**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

### **RED WEDNESDAY**

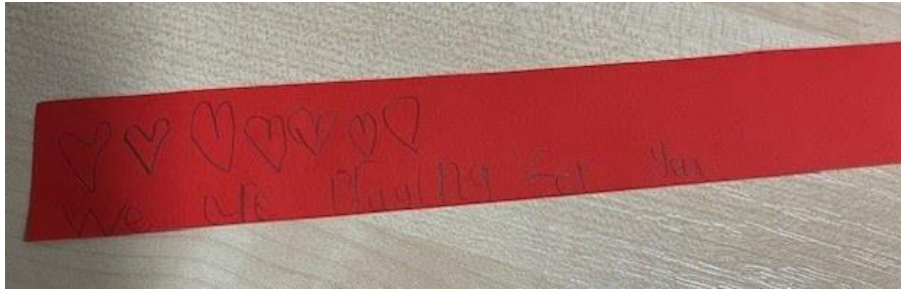
On Wednesday Saint Thomas More was a sea of red as a sign of support for our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith. In our Mission assembly we discovered that we can trust that God is always with us in times of trouble. We know that God is also with those persecuted for their faith. We know we can turn to God in prayer to help our global brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith along with our words and actions. Thank you for your donations and visual way of supporting others in need. **We raised £192.00 which will go towards Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**. Each year their Red Wednesday campaign raises awareness and funds to bring hope and support to those who need it most.

All children gathered together for class prayer and liturgy to think about the people in the world who are persecuted because of their beliefs. In response, the children made their contribution to a school paper chain of prayers all in the colour of the day - Red.

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### **PRAYER CARDS FOR THE SICK**

*Year 2 have been learning about the Sacrament of the Sick and considering the Catholic Social Teaching of Dignity of the Human Person. The children have made these beautiful prayer cards to be sent to the sick at UHCW - take a look!*

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## November- The month of the Holy Souls



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*Children have been invited to add photographs or names of family and friends who have died to our school Remembrance book in our prayer room. Please send any photos and a short memorial statement into [STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk)*

*Next week Year 1 will be attending the Parish Mass on **Thursday 27th November at 10am** in the side chapel. All are very welcome.*

*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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## **Parish Christmas Bazaar**

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***NON UNIFORM DAY - Friday 28 November 2025***

*Children are invited to wear festive Christmas Jumpers (non-uniform day) and in return bring a full bottle and or a box of chocolate as a donation towards the **Parish Christmas Bazaar** scheduled on **Friday, 05 December from 6pm to 8pm.***

***SANTA GROTTA BOOKINGS***

*Bookings will be open from today, 21 November at 6pm onwards via Arbor. There will be 10 magical grotto sessions. If you would like to book for younger siblings, please email the office on [stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk).*

### **COLOURING COMPETITION**

*Your child would have been sent home a colouring competition sheet. We invite all children to participate in this mindful colouring activity. Hand in completed colouring sheet along with £1 by Thursday, 11 December. The winners will be announced during the Monday Mission Assembly on 15th December.*

### **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. Without our Parish our school would not exist. Please support generously. Many thanks in advance.*

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## Blessing of the Crib- Sunday 30th November 4pm

Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery

**Blessing of the Christmas Crib**

Coventry and Nuneaton Catholic Schools' Partnership

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**Broadgate**

The Coventry Christmas Crib Dedication will take place on the first Sunday of Advent.  
The crib is located in Broadgate next to Lady Godiva statue and over looked by the two Cathedrals.

**4pm**

**Sunday 30 November**

Photo - Eve MacDonald Taken 28/11/21

## Children's Boot Fund



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*We are delighted to share that the Coventry Children's Boot Fund is now fully open and ready to support families once again.*

*They are pleased to announce their new partnership with **Clarks**, enabling them to continue providing high-quality shoes for children across Coventry.*

*Families are encouraged to submit their application forms **as soon as possible**.*

*Please visit [their website](#) for more information.*

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## SPORTS NEWS

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### *Team Kit*

*A big thank you to J&M Groundworks for sponsoring our new Boys Football Team kit. It looks fantastic and we can't wait to wear it 😁⚽*

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### *Indoor Athletics*

*A big well done to all Year 5 & 6 pupils who represented St Thomas More at the Indoor Athletics Competition. They gave their everything finishing 3rd overall*

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# Coventry Girls' Cricket Club

Proudly sponsored by:

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*'Empowering girls, one boundary at a time'*

## Come and be part of the ONLY girls' cricket club in the Midlands

### Where?

October-April (winter):  
Bablake School Sports Hall,  
Coundon Road, Coventry,  
CV1 4AU

April-September  
(summer/outdoor): Bablake  
School Playing Fields,  
Hollyfast Road, CV6 2NB

### When?

October-April  
Monday evening (hardball)  
Saturday morning (development  
group)

April-September  
Monday evening (all)

### Contact us

For more info or to book a  
taster session, please contact  
us on:

✉ [cgccmembershipssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cgccmembershipssecretary@gmail.com)

☎ 07403492077 (WhatsApp only)

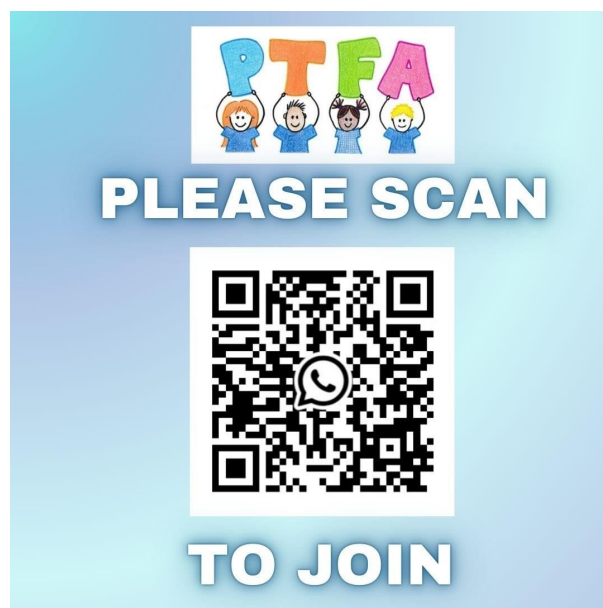
<https://coventrygirls.play-cricket.com>



### Referral Scheme Name:

Please quote this name when you join!

## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)



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

 <p><b>THE SIM</b> <b>LOTTO</b></p>	<p>£1 month 11 draws a year Sept-July Allocated number No number limit Must be aged 16+</p>		<p><b>WINNER</b> 1st prize £50 2nd prize £10 3rd prize £5 Amazon e-Gift Voucher</p>
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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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### UNIFORM POLICY

*A gentle reminder that **nail varnish and acrylic/gel nails are not permitted** in school. If a child comes to school wearing nail varnish, it will need to be removed. Acrylic nails can pose a safety risk and may prevent children from fully taking part in school activities. In such cases, parents will be contacted and asked to have them removed as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.*

### AUSTISM SOCIAL GROUP

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**FAMILY SESSION**

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH ASD OR AWAITING ASSESSMENT.  
 ALL ARE WELCOME.  
 NO AGE RESTRICTIONS.  
 SIBLINGS WELCOME.

The second Wednesday of every month  
 5pm – 7pm  
 Exhall Old School Community Centre,  
 Exhall CV7 9GB


**Roots to Branches**  
 autism network

- A safe & sympathetic environment
- fun activities & games
- refreshments available
- child/ren must be accompanied by a parent/carer

**Contact us to book**

 [info@r2b.org.uk](mailto:info@r2b.org.uk)
 [www.roots2branches.co.uk](http://www.roots2branches.co.uk)
 website
 facebook

Admission Charges Apply

**ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!**

*Congratulations to many of you as your child's attendance is improving. Mrs Hoare and Mrs Staines met last week to look at all children's attendance and some of your children have made such improvements on their attendance average. We know this is very much down to your support and encouragement to get your children into school. Thank you.*

*After considering parent/carer voice, if the school's overall attendance is 95% or above, we have decided to have a collective celebration disco in the school hall for **all children** during an afternoon in the last week of school term.*

*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 95.95%**

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- Year Reception - 100%
  - Year 1 - 97.33%
  - Year 2 - 98%
  - Year 3 - 98.79%
  - Year 4 - 99.38%
  - Year 5 - 96.27%
  - Year 6 - 91.67%
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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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**NOVEMBER**

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- *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*
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## **DECEMBER**

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- **Wednesday 3rd December First Holy Communion Parent/Carer Meeting 5:30pm in MRR**
  - *Thursday 4th December 10am Whole school Blessing of Advent Wreaths and Commissioning of new GIFT Team Leaders*
    - *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.*
  - **Tuesday 16th December Year 2-6 Carol Service in Church 2pm and 6pm. The expectation is all children attend.**
    - *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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