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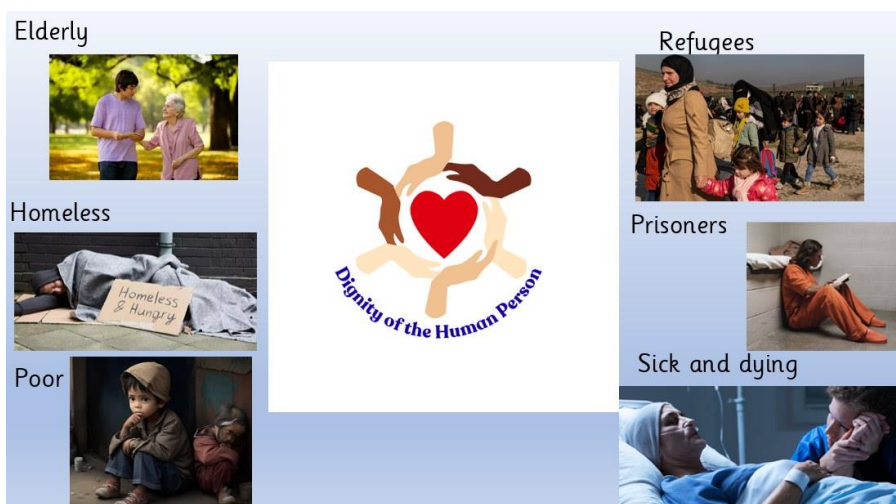
SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Teacher Training Day- Friday 14th November

*Friday 14th November is a Teacher Training Day when all staff across the Holy Cross Mac gather together at Bishop Ullathorne to have a day to focus on sustainability and how we can improve what we do to become even greater **Stewards of Creation**.*

School will remain closed.

Catholic Social Teaching- Dignity of the Human Person



*Don't forget to return your **Myton Hospice envelopes** by **Thursday 20th November** so you can have a chance of winning Monty the Myton Hospice Bear. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is the **Dignity of the Human Person**. We are thinking about various groups of people who are in need of our help and prayers.*

On Friday 7th November we had a special Assembly led by Myton Hospice. During this assembly we thought about those who are sick and dying and the people who care for them. As part of our response to this we are being invited to sponsor a Nurse for Myton Hospice. Each child will be bringing back an envelope and sponsor form to 'sponsor a nurse'.



THE MYTON HOSPICES
NURSE APPEAL
SPONSOR A NURSE FOR A WEEK

My Name _____ **School Name** _____

Dear Parent / Guardian
Please encourage your child to take part and allow them to ask family and friends to make a donation to The Myton Hospices for doing so. These should be logged below on this form and the total collected and handed to the school in this envelope.

Gift Aid it and help us raise more
If I have ticked the box headed "Gift Aid", I confirm that I am a UK resident or Capital Gains Taxpayer. I have read this statement and want The Myton Hospices to reclaim tax on the donation details below, given on the date shown. I understand that if, payable Income Tax / or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year, than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Please provide full details and tick the Gift Aid box if you want The Myton Hospices to claim Gift Aid on your donation

First Name	Surname	Postcode (if you give it to us we will add it to the Receipt Number or Name)	Full Post Code	Donation Amount	Gift Aid	Date Paid
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THANK YOU!				Total Donations:		

www.mytonhospices.org #mytonthankyou @mytonhospices

Newly Elected Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Laura O'Regan** has been elected as our new Parent Governor.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who put their names forward, submitted candidate statements, and took the time to vote. Your support and engagement are greatly appreciated and help strengthen our school community.

If you are interested in becoming a governor in the future, please contact **Mrs Staines, Headteacher**, or **Mrs Sally Wilson, Office Manager**, via the school office at [STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:Admin@hccmac.co.uk)

ABM Catering Assembly

Pete from ABM Catering came and spoke to us all on Monday during assembly. He explained the principles of the company which link with our strive to be more sustainable and healthy.

Food For Life Menu: "Caring for Our Planet Through Food Sustainability"

- At least 75% of dishes on the menu are cooked from scratch.

- *Prioritise serving more vegetables, pulses and vegetarian meals.*
 - *All meat is from farms which satisfy UK animal welfare standard*
 - *No undesirable additives, artificial sweeteners or artificial trans fats*
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- *Food waste reduction strategies are in place*

“The Carbon Footprint of Our Food”

Pete explained how ABM try and source food locally so reducing the carbon footprint of importing food for abroad.

We can all help reduce the carbon footprint of our food! Here’s how:

- ***Eat more plant-based meals**, even just once or twice a week.*
 - ***Buy local and seasonal foods**, because they don’t have to travel far.*
 - ***Avoid wasting food**, since when food goes in the bin, all the energy used to make it is wasted too.*
 - *And if you can, **grow your own food** — even small plants at home make a big difference!*
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Every small change we make adds up. When we choose our food wisely, we’re not just helping ourselves — we’re helping the planet too.

So next time you eat, remember: your plate is more powerful than you think!

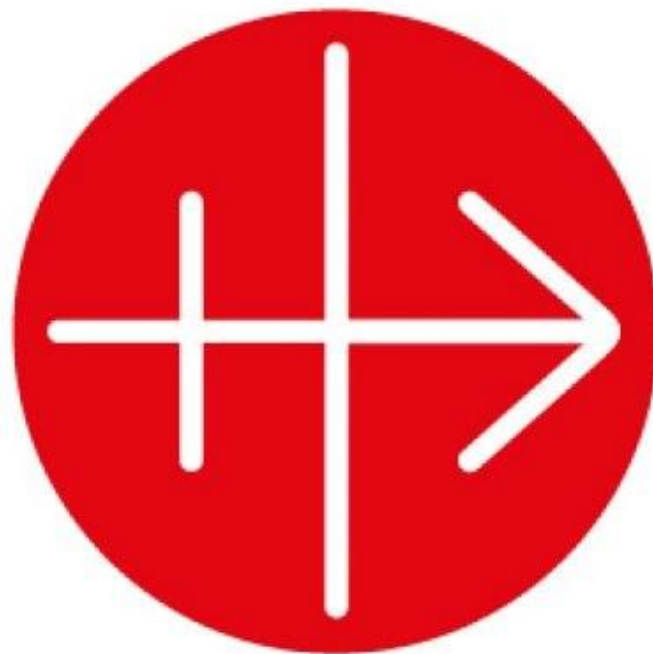
*Let’s all do our part to **eat smart, waste less, and care for our Earth.***

When asked during assembly children shared they are liking the food.

A big thank you to Pete for sharing this information with us. It certainly did give us 'food for thought!'

From Monday 17th November the kitchen will be accommodating the choices parent/carers are making on Arbor in an effort to reduce food waste. I would appreciate if all parents could ensure that they have completed their child/childrens meal choice on Arbor at the earliest and communicate to them of their choices, so they are aware of what they are having each day. Should you face any issues, please contact the school office on email stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk and or feel free to come and speak to the staff in the school office.

Red Wednesday- Wednesday 19th November- Aid to the Church in Need



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As part of our Catholic Social Teaching with focus on the Dignity of the Human Person we are considering prisoners especially those imprisoned because of their faith. On Wednesday we

are all encouraged to wear red and bring in £1 towards Aid to the Church in Need to show our support for those who are persecuted because of their faith.

November- The month of the Holy Souls- Armistice Day



On Tuesday the school gathered to pay our respects to all those who have lost their lives in war since the first world war. We listened to the Last Post and then held 2 minutes silence and ended with our special prayer for the dead the Eternal Rest...

Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

A huge thank you for your generosity to the Poppy Appeal. We will share the amount raised when all money has been counted by the organisation but the containers were very heavy!

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

*Next week Year 2 will be attending the Parish Mass on **Thursday 20th 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





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

Year 5 - Coventry Cathedral Blitz Experience

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Coventry Cathedral learning all about the Blitz in 1940. They encountered Pearly Hyde, Jock the firewatcher, Mrs Dingle in her Coventry kitchen and Mrs Penlinshaw, the evacuee warden. Bertie took the children into the shelter where we sung some war time songs. Some of our children dressed to impress too!













Parent/ Carer Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those who have attended the Parent teacher consultations this week. It has been lovely to see you look through your children's work and have an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher. Parents left happy and we thank you for the appreciation you shared about the wonderful staff at St Thomas More. We are so lucky to have such dedicated teachers and staff who really do want the very best for your children.

SPORTS NEWS

Panathlon 2025

Well done to our Year 05 pupils who represented us at the Panathlon Challenge. A really engaging event that all the children enjoyed. Also very proud of them as they finished 2nd place.



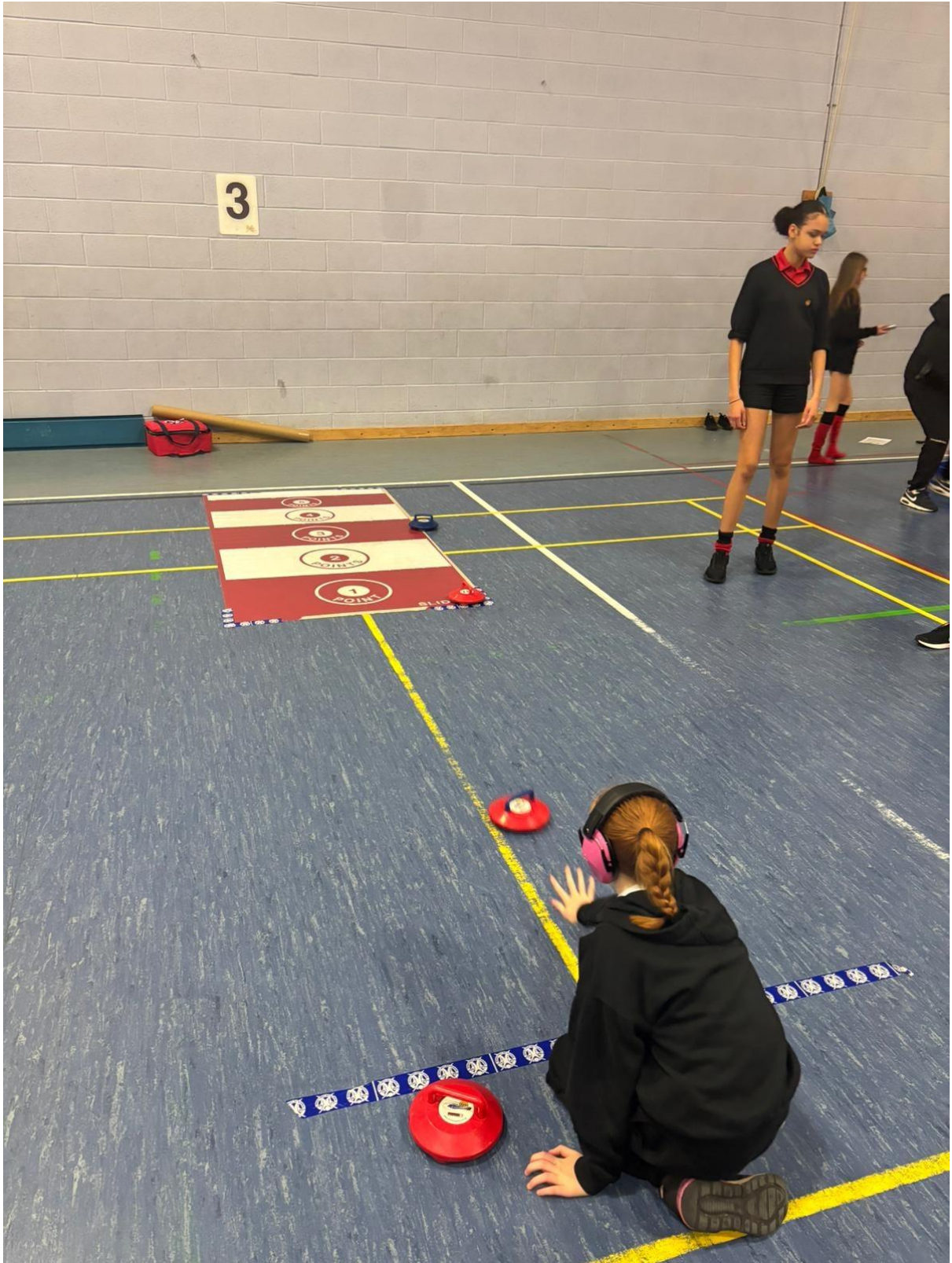
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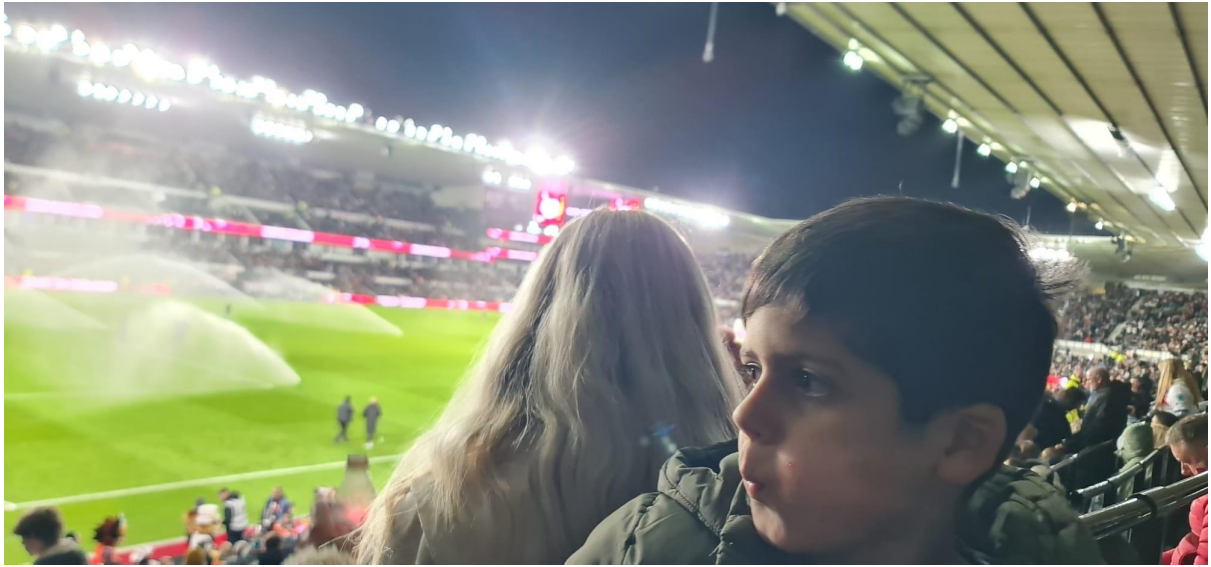
A big thank you to those who visited Manchester and Derby to support the England Women in their recent games Vs Brazil and Australia. We hope you had a great time.













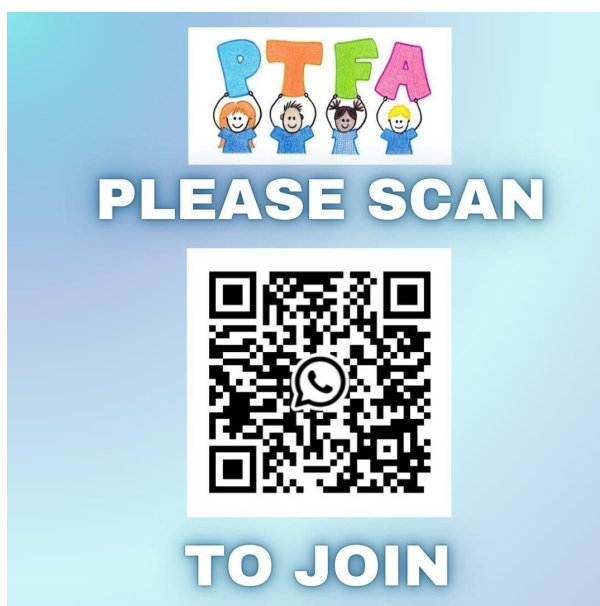




Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

The next PTFA Meeting is on Monday 17th November at 6:30pm at school. All are welcome to attend. A link for accessing the meeting via Teams is shared on the PTFA whatsapp group.

FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CGvtlqzdg5k47>
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmcg.co.uk



IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

AUTISM SOCIAL GROUP



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  www.roots2branches.co.uk  

Admission Charges Apply website facebook

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

Congratulations to many of you as your child's attendance is improving. Mrs Hoare and Mrs Staines met this 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.

In a way of celebrating at the end of term we plan to have a disco in the school hall during the afternoon for all those children whose attendance is 95% or above or has improved by 1% or more compared to their attendance last year.

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 95.87%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- Year Reception - 97.08%
 - Year 1 - 94.17%
 - Year 2 - 92.08%
 - Year 3 - 98.48%
 - Year 4 - 98.44%
 - Year 5 - 98.31%
 - Year 6 - 90.42%
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IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- **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.

- *Thursday, 20 November - Return of the 'Sponsor a Nurse' Envelope for Myton Hospice.*
 - *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

- **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

- *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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