



MORE NEWS 7th NOVEMBER 2025



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Mission- All Saints and All Souls



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*In mission, we focused on celebrating All Saints' and All Souls' Day, praying for our loved ones and those around the world who have gone before us. The children listened to the Beatitudes that Jesus gave us to live by, and reflected on how we can look to the saints as role models, praying the Litany of Saints.*

*This week, the children are focusing on how they will remember God's love in the month of Remembrance.*

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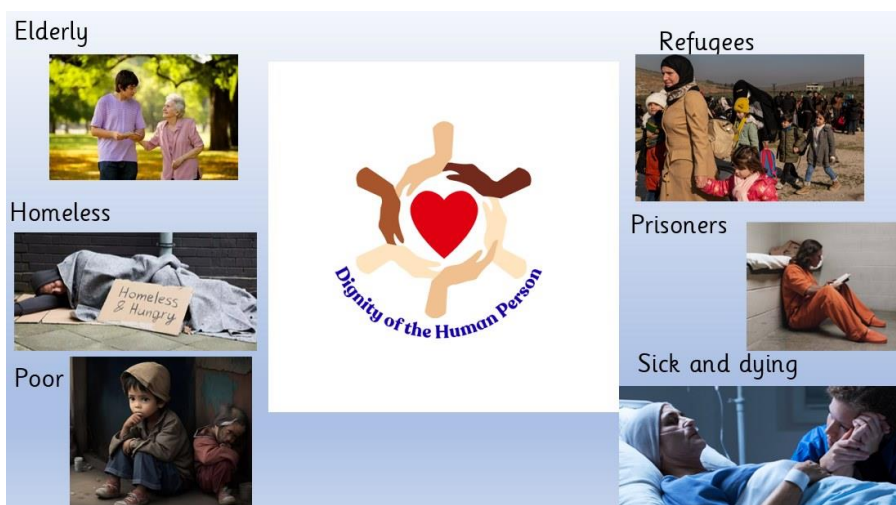


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*The children have also enjoyed hunting for our 'mini Jesus' statues across the school. In the month of Remembrance. The children use the 'mini Jesus' statues as a reminder of our mission and of Jesus' love for us.*

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## Catholic Social Teaching- Dignity of the Human Person



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*Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this half term is the **Dignity of the Human Person**. We will be 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 envelopes need to be returned by **20th November** with donation. For every donation received the envelope will be entered into a draw and the winning drawn envelope will win the lovely unique Monty the bear; the Myton Hospice mascot.*

*Year 5 wrote to the elderly in care homes prior to half term and they have been warmly received. We have had some lovely messages of thanks from those who are poorly and are grateful for the handwritten letter they received. We are hoping to be sending more of these as we consider all humans who are made in the image and likeness of God and deserve to be respected.*

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**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 the back of this envelope and the total collected and reported to the school in this envelope.

**Gift Aid 8 and help us raise more:**  
If I have ticked the box headed "Gift Aid 8", 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, payless 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.**

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<b>THANK YOU!</b>				Total Donations:		

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## November- The month of the Holy Souls



On Thursday 6th November we remembered the 'Holy Souls' with a school mass led by Year 5. During the mass we thought of those people in our families and part of our school community who have died and are now in heaven. At the end of mass Year 5 joined Father Simon in the prayer garden along with families whose plaques are remembered for a special blessing. This year we added three additional plaques and prayed especially for:

- **Titch** - dad of Scarlett, Brianna and Kai passed away in March 2024.
- **Angela Mathimannarajah** - a past pupil who sadly passed away in February 2025 aged 19.

- **Jacqueline Marajh**; mum of Aaron and Ethan now in Year 7, passed away in June 2025. Jacqueline was an elected Parent Governor for several years.
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***Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

*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)*

*This **Sunday 9th November 11am** The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held in The War Memorial Park. Here, we give thanks for all those who have lost their lives in War especially the two World Wars. It is a beautiful service to take part in as we reflect on the sacrifices so many made so we have the freedom we have today.*

*We will mark armistice day in school on **Tuesday 11th November** with 2 min silence following the Last Post. A big thank you to all those who have contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year- the container is full! Thank you for your generosity.*

*Next week Year 3 will be attending the Parish Mass on **Thursday 13th 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 Raffle Tickets

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*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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## Individual School Photographs

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*Individual and siblings school photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 12th November**. We choose this time as children are all in their winter uniform and they look extra smart. A reminder from our Uniform Policy is below:*

***Girl's Winter Uniform***

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- *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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## **Year 2 - Florence Nightingale Visit**

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*Year 2 had a visitor from the past on Wednesday! Florence Nightingale came to visit and the children were taken back to the time of the Crimean War. The children learnt all about her*

*life, discovered what the war was like and how Florence Nightingale changed nursing care and helped so many people.*

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absent discerning  
intentional compassionate  
truthful active









## ABM Catering Assembly

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*Thank you to all parents who were able to select meal choices for their children this week.*

*We have had a few teething problems but all resolved our end. 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.*

*Pete from ABM catering is leading 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**. Please sign in at the office ready to start at 9am. The taster session planned for **Thursday 6th November** was postponed due to staff absence in the school kitchen. This will be re-arranged.*

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## SPORTS NEWS

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### *HADO*

*Well done to our Year 5's who represented us at the HADO competition. Our three teams were in action against seven other schools, finishing 2nd, 4th and 5th in their groups.*

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## Let's Talk Movement

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*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](https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/cov-moves)***

*Your say. Your way. Your move.*

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## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

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### ***October Lotto Draw Winners***

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- 1st Prize - No.28 - Natalie Gregory mum of Stanley and Louis*
  - 2nd Prize - No.73 - Joseph Staines son of Mrs Staines*
  - 3rd Prize - No.67 - Sophie Shinmar mum of Isla-Lily*
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*Well done to all our winners and a thank you for everyone who takes part. If you would like to be part of the November draw please scan the QR code above.*

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FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CCvrtqzdg5k47>  
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: [sim-ptfe@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:sim-ptfe@hccmac.co.uk)



**THE SIM**

£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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### **BAGS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS**

*Thanks to your amazing support, our Bags2School collection was a great success. We gathered an incredible **548kg** of donations and raised **£164.40** for our school! A big thank you to everyone who took the time to sort, bag, and drop off their items.*

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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.*

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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 95.86%**

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- *Year Reception - 95%*
    - *Year 1 - 97%*
    - *Year 2 - 93.33%*
    - *Year 3 - 98.79%*
    - *Year 4 - 97.58%*
    - *Year 5 - 95.52%*
    - *Year 6 - 96.67%*
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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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### **NOVEMBER**

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- ***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 3:40-5:50pm 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.*
  - *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**

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- *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.*
  - *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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