



MORE NEWS 9th January 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome back and Happy New Year



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas spent with your families.

Wishing all our parents and carers a very happy New Year, and thank you sincerely for the generous gifts and cards received by staff — they were greatly appreciated. All children have now returned to school and have settled back into routines extremely well, which has been wonderful to see. We were also delighted to receive lovely comments from parishioners about the exemplary behaviour of the children during the Epiphany Mass; they were a real credit to the school.





The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

On Sunday 11th, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, where we celebrate Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist and revealing him as the Son of God.

*As part of our prayers and learning for this feast day, **children are invited to bring in their Baptismal candles on Monday 12th.***



Mass Times



A reminder that Mass times are:

Thursday

10am - Saint Thomas More (Year 1 Class Mass)

Saturday

5pm - Vigil Saint Thomas More

Sunday

9am - Saint Thomas More (includes Little Church)

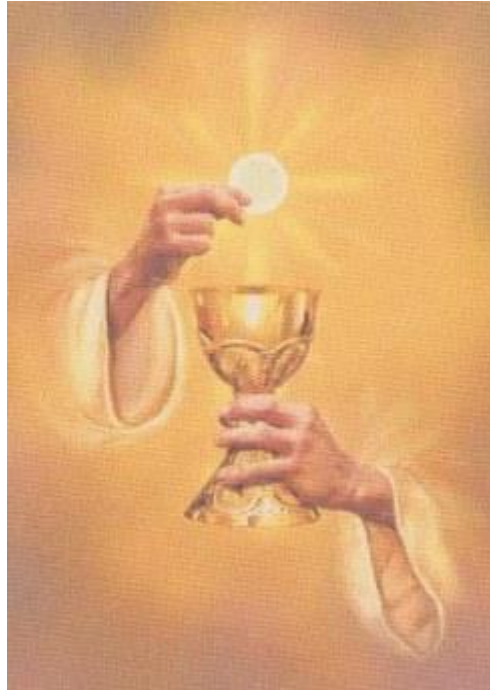
11am - Saint Joseph the Worker

First Holy Communion Preparation

*We look forward to seeing the children from Year 3 First Communicants at Mass on **Sunday 11th at 9am**, where they will be making their commitments.*

Other important dates are:

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- *Saturday 7th March 12 noon - Reconciliation*
 - *Sunday 17th May 9am - First Holy Communion*
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Confirmation Preparation



*A gentle reminder that the fourth session of Confirmation preparation for our Year 6 children will take place on **Saturday, 10th January at 4pm in the Margaret Roper Room**. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Welcome to our New Nursery Starters



We welcomed four more families to our Nursery cohort on Wednesday. The children have settled really well into the new routines and have already begun making friends. A warm STM welcome to:

- *Leo*
- *Norah*
- *Sierra*

- *Hyzin*
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Children's Boot Fund



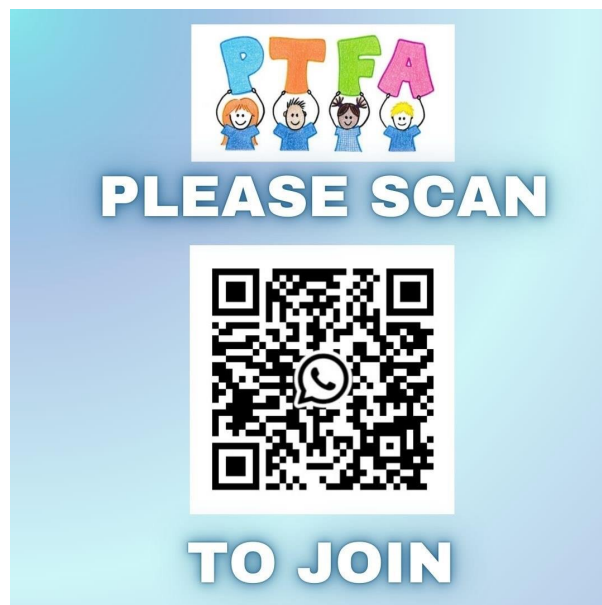
We are delighted to share that the Coventry Children's Boot Fund is now fully open and ready to support families once again.

*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.

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@hccmc.co.uk



THE SIM
LOTTO

£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

If you haven't signed up to the PTFA lottery please use the QR code to follow the steps to sign up. You have the chance to win the first prize of £50!!

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

Congratulations to many of you as your child's attendance is improving. We do appreciate all your support and encouragement to get your children into school. This is typically the time of year that our children pick up bugs as they tire towards the end of term. So if your child is genuinely too poorly to be in school, please keep them at home. However, if in doubt send them in and we will always call you if we need to.

As of today the overall attendance of the whole school is ??% which is higher than the national average of 94.6%.

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 95.15%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year Reception - 93.33%
- Year 1 - 92.67%

- *Year 2 - 90.67%*
 - *Year 3 - 93.44%*
 - *Year 4 - 91.25%*
 - *Year 5 - 90.33%*
 - *Year 6 - 91.67%*
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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

- *Saturday 10th January 4pm Y6 Confirmation Session 4 at STM*
 - *Sunday 11th January 9am Year 3 mass of Enrolment*
 - *Monday 12th January 11am- Prospective parent/ carer tour of school - CANCELLED*
 - *Monday 19th January 6:30pm PTFA Meeting*
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FEBRUARY 2026

- *Friday 13th February Break up for Half Term Break*
 - *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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