



MORE NEWS 13TH FEBRUARY 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

On Monday, the children reflected on the upcoming Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The children learnt about Mary's apparition to Bernadette, remembering the love Mary has for us, her desire to bring healing and hope to the world, and her call for us to shine brightly like Jesus.



On Wednesday, our children in the Lourdes house celebrated the feast day with an extra play, finishing with prayer and liturgy in the Prayer Garden. The children reflected on how they could shine their light for others.



Congratulations to Year 6 Confirmandi

*On Tuesday our **Confirmandi in Year 6** were confirmed by **Bishop Richard Walker** in a beautiful reverent mass. Bishop Richard visited the children during the afternoon where he was impressed by their questions and answers and felt they had been very well prepared. We are so very proud of the children and congratulate them all on receiving this very special sacrament. We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide them in all they do.*

At the actual moment of Confirmation the Bishop gives each person their confirmation name that they have chosen. The children have thought hard about what saint will inspire them in

their life and we look forward to finding out more about why they chose the saints they did. Here are the list of Saints names in case anyone wants to do their own research.



Child	Saint's Name
Aine	St Brigid
Ava	St Lucy
Bea	St Margaret
Ian	St Sebastian
Edward	St Philip Neri
Eliza	St Mary
Ella	St Catherine
Emily	St Lidwina
Henry	St Thomas More
James	St Carlo Acutis
Kukua	St Joan of Arc
Zoe	St Francis of Assisi
Milan	St Sylvia
Timothy	St Stephen
Pearl	St Cecelia
Lucas	St Louis
Matthew	St Christopher
Ollie	St Thomas More
Archie	St. Luigi

Lent- Growing Closer to God- Ash Wednesday

*The season of Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday 18th February**. This year this falls during our half term holiday. Catholics are encouraged to come to mass and receive the mark of ashes on their forehead. The ashes are made from burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday. If you have any palms please hand into the back of church this weekend.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday 18th February 7am and 11am at Saint Thomas More.

*Lent is a very special season in our Church year. It lasts for 40 days and helps us get our hearts ready for Easter. During Lent, we try to grow closer to God by doing three important things: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.***

Prayer – Talking and Listening to God Prayer is simply spending time with God. During Lent, we try to pray a little more each day. This could be saying a quiet prayer when you wake up, spending a moment in the chapel or prayer space at school, talking to God about your worries, your hopes, and the things you're thankful for.

Fasting – Giving Something Up Fasting means choosing to give up something to help us remember what's really important. Children don't need to fast from meals, but you might choose to give up sweets, screen time, arguing with siblings, a bad habit you want to change, when we give something up, we make more room in our hearts for kindness, patience, and love.

Almsgiving – Helping Others Almsgiving means sharing what we have with people who need help. Even small actions can make a big difference, such as bringing in a donation for a charity collection, being extra kind on the playground, helping at home without being asked, and including someone who feels left out. When we help others, we share God's love in a real and joyful way. **As we journey through Lent together, let's remember that every small act of love brings us closer to God and closer to each other.**



Mass Times



The **whole school** will mark the start of Lent with a whole school Mass led by Year 4 on **Thursday 26th February at 10am**

A reminder that Mass times are:

Saturday

5pm - Saint Thomas More (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

9am - Saint Thomas More (includes Little Church)

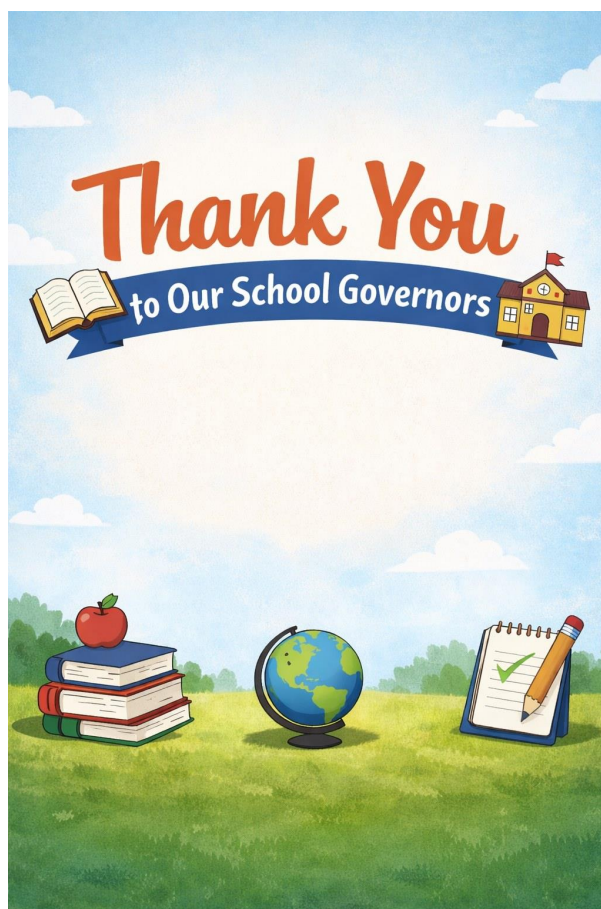
11am - Saint Joseph the Worker

GIFT Team News

Our GIFT Team travelled to Bishop Ullathorne to further their roles as chaplains. The children were wonderful role models for the school, and they are full of ideas for prayer and liturgy in Lent - watch this space!



Governor Recognition Day



On Thursday, 12 Feb all classes prayed for all our Governors.

Our school governors play a vital role in supporting and guiding the continued success of our school. They generously give their time, expertise, and commitment to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils, staff, and wider community. We sincerely thank them for their dedication, thoughtful leadership, and ongoing support. Their contribution truly makes a positive difference to our school.

National Year of Reading



Last week, the children heard all about the National Year of Reading and why reading is such an important life skill. A huge shout out to Oshae who was the first to complete the 10 books reading challenge and is now well on his way with the 30 book reading challenge. Well done!!

Mrs Webster loves seeing all of the books you have read and discussing them with the children. Half term is a great opportunity to read lots of books and continue on your reading challenge. Take a look at your local library website to see what activities they are offering over half term.

Year 01 - D&T Project

Our Year 1 children had a wonderful time today as part of their Design & Technology project, making their very own fruit smoothies. The children practised important cutting skills while safely cutting a variety of fruits. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork, and growing confidence in the kitchen, and of course, they thoroughly enjoyed tasting their delicious creations!





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**.*

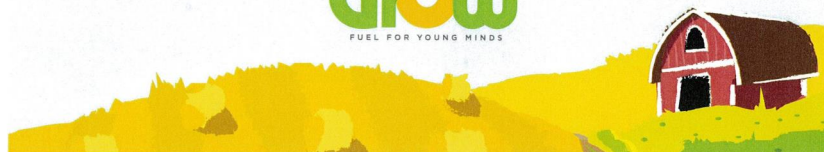
Please visit [their website](#) for more information.

Spring 2 to Summer Term 2026 Menu

Could we please request all parents and carers to ensure meal choices are selected by the required deadlines, i.e. a week in advance for the week going forward. This needs to be done via Arbor. Should your child come to school with home packed lunch, please choose the Home Packed Lunches. The menu is attached for your reference.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you are having any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk .

Spring Term 2 to Summer 2026
23 Feb to 17 Jul 2026



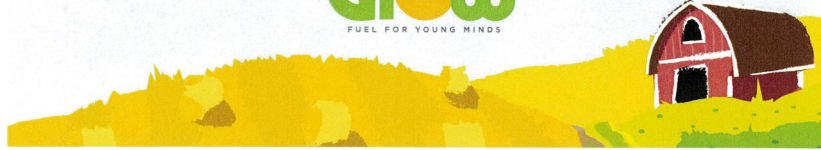
Week 1 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Beef Burger in a Bun	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake	Roast Gammon with Gravy	BBQ Chicken Wrap	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian	Veggie Burger in a Bun (v)	Chickpea & Sweet Potato Curry (v)	Vegan Sausage with Gravy (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Veggie Bolognese Loaded Jacket Potato (v)
Seasonal Vegetables	Dry Roasted Potato Wedges, Mixed Garden Salad, Coleslaw	Fluffy Rice, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots	Dry Roasted Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Mixed Garden Salad	Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Desserts	Chocolate Brownie	Oaty Cinnamon Cookie	Rainbow Jelly	Peach Crumble with Custard	Famous Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Choice of Sandwiches - Cheese, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham
Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Salad, Fruit, Orange or Strawberry Jelly & Water.

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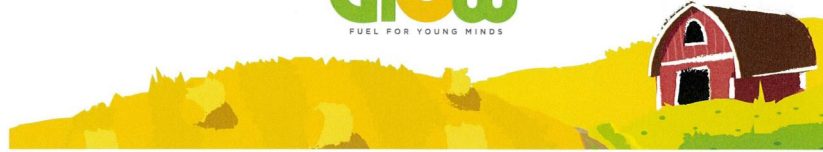


Week 2 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Tuna Pasta Bake	Roast Turkey with Gravy	Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne	Fish or Salmon Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian	Vegan Sausage with Gravy (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Vegetarian Mince and Onion Pie (v)	Vegetable and Bean Chilli (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)
Seasonal Vegetables	Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Carrots	Warm Baguette, Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans	Fluffy Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans
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Desserts	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Banana Muffin	Rainbow Jelly	Shortbread	Famous Fruity Friday

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Choice of Sandwiches - Cheese, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham.
Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Salad, Fruit, Orange or Strawberry Jelly & Water.



Week 3 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Bacon Brunch	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken with Gravy	American Chicken Wrap	Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian	Veggie Sausage & Baked Bean Hotpot (v)	Veggie Meatballs & Pasta (v)	Creamy Vegetable Pie (v)	Vegetable Paella (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)
Seasonal Vegetables	Mashed Potato, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas	Warm Baguette, Garden Peas, Broccoli	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans	Warm Baguette, Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans
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Desserts	Flapjack	Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Rainbow Jelly	Apple Crumble with Custard	Famous Fruity Friday

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Important Notices

COMMUNICATION

Please remember that all communication should be directed to the school office email address i.e. stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk, as this ensures messages are received and passed on efficiently. Our teaching staff may take up to two working days to respond due to full teaching schedules and after-school meetings, but they will always get back to you as soon as they can. We kindly ask that all messages remain polite and respectful—our staff are

committed to supporting every child and family, and positive communication helps us work together effectively. Thank you.

SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY

A gentle reminder to all families to please take extra care when using the school car park. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask drivers to keep to a low speed, follow the car park guidelines, and show courtesy and patience towards others, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL

Please see below NHS guidance

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

JOB VACANCY

We are pleased to share an opportunity to join our school community as Deputy Headteacher. If you are passionate about education, leadership, and making a positive impact on pupils' learning and wellbeing, we encourage you to explore this opportunity. Please click [this link](#) to find out more about the role and application details.



SPORTS NEWS

ROWING COMPETITION

Well done to all of our pupils who participated in the recent rowing competition against a load of other schools in Coventry. Each pupil had 90 seconds to row as far as possible followed by a girls and a boys relay event.

Rhoda - 310m

Zoe - 309m

Ava - 319m

Kukua - 307m

Ian - 313m

Archie - 285m

Mason - 311m

Henry - 277m

Girls Relay 4x 60secs - 783m

Boys Relay 4x 60secs - 798m









Swimming Gala Success – A Fantastic Team Effort!

What an incredible day at the Swimming Gala! Competing against 16 schools in total, our swimmers gave it their all and delivered a performance to be proud of.

*After a strong set of morning heats, we finished **3rd out of 8 schools in the Coventry West group**, securing our place in the finals. The team carried that momentum into the afternoon, showing determination, teamwork and resilience in every race.*

*By the end of the competition, we had achieved an impressive **4th place overall out of 16 schools** — a fantastic accomplishment!*

Even more exciting was our medal haul:

 **12 Gold**

 **8 Silver**

 **7 Bronze**

*That's an outstanding total of **27 medals!***

Well done to every swimmer who represented St Thomas More. Your hard work and team spirit truly shone through. We are incredibly proud of you all!







Year 6 Pupils take on HADO

*We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who recently represented the school at a thrilling **HADO competition**. HADO is an exciting form of augmented reality sport that combines teamwork, strategy and physical activity, and our pupils rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.*

Competing against teams from other schools, our pupils demonstrated excellent communication skills, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Their positive attitude and respectful behaviour were commented on by organisers and other teams alike.

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils involved 🙌







Reception & Year 3 Dance Shows

On Wednesday, our Reception and Year 3 children impressed with a dance show! They have been working hard on their dance skills - well done!



Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

BAG 2 SCHOOL IS BACK

*Filled bags can be dropped off in the community room from **Monday 2nd March to Wednesday 4th March**, and the **collection will take place on Thursday 5th March**.*

This is a great opportunity to clear out unwanted clothing and help raise valuable funds for our children. The more we collect, the more funds we raise for the PTFA.

Please see the image below for more information on what items can be donated. Thank you for your continued support!



St Thomas More
Catholic School

Bag 2 School

Donation Dates:

Monday 2nd March to Wednesday 4th March

Collection Date:

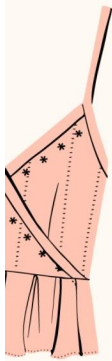
Thursday 5th March

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



UPCOMING PTFA EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR



PTFA
MEETING

DATE 00000
2nd Mar 2026

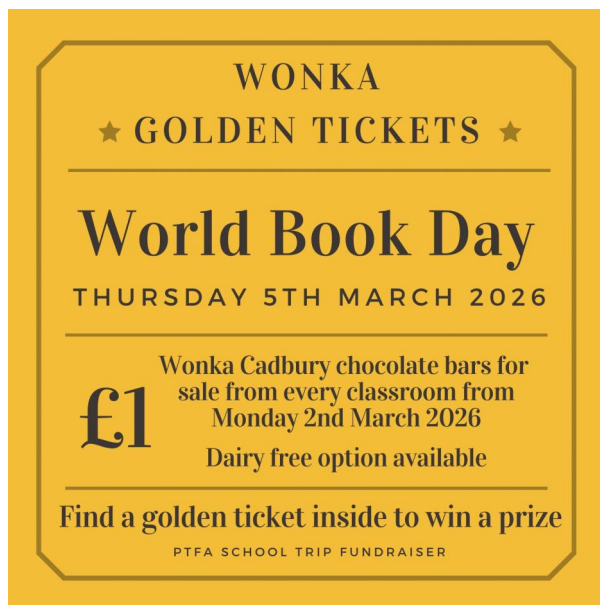
VENUE STM / MST

TIME 18:30 - 20:00

ALL WELCOME

For up to date information please scan the QR code to join the PTFA WhatsApp

If you would like to contact the PTFA directly please email: STM-PTFA@hccmac.co.uk



WONKA
★ GOLDEN TICKETS ★

World Book Day
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

Wonka Cadbury chocolate bars for sale from every classroom from Monday 2nd March 2026

£1 Dairy free option available

Find a golden ticket inside to win a prize

PTFA SCHOOL TRIP FUNDRAISER

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!!



FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: <https://forms.gle/Huw9CGvrtqzq5k47>
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: stm-ptfa@hccmac.co.uk

THE STM
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

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.

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 95.38%

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year Reception - 94%
 - Year 1 - 97.67%
 - Year 2 - 96.33%
 - Year 3 - 95.63%
 - Year 4 - 93.5%
 - Year 5 - 93.5%
 - Year 6 - 93%
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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2026

- **Friday 13th February - Break up for Half Term Break**
 - **Monday 23rd February - Back to school**
 - *Tuesday 24th February - Come and Pray in Lent (Years 1 & 2)*
 - *Wednesday 25th February - Netball Match vs. Holy Family (Home)*
 - *Thursday 26th February 10am - Whole School Mass led by Y4*
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MARCH

- *Monday 2nd March to Wednesday 4th March - Drop off Bags to School*
- *Tuesday 3rd March - Come and Pray in Lent (Years 4 & 5)*
- *Thursday 5th March - Year 5 Class Mass*
- *Thursday 5th March - World Book Day, including Aaron Ashmore Author Visit*
- *Thursday 5th March - Netball Match vs. St. Augustine's (Home)*
- **Saturday 7th March - First Reconciliation**
- *Monday 9th - Friday 13th March - Plas Dol-y-Moch Y6.*
- *Tuesday 10th March - Come and Pray in Lent (Year Nursery) at 8.45 am*
- *Thursday 12th March - Come and Pray in Lent (Year 3) at 9.00 am*
- *Thursday 12th March - Year 4 Class Mass*

- *Thursday 19th March - Year 3 Mass*
 - *Tuesday 24th March - Come and pray in Lent (Years R & 6)*
 - *Thursday 26th March - Stations of the Cross*
 - *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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