



MORE NEWS 27TH FEBRUARY 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mission: Week 1 of Lent

On Monday, the children reflected on Jesus' journey in the desert, where he faced temptation. The children reflected on their own moments of temptation, and considered what Jesus would say to us in those moments.



Lent- Growing Closer to God

Come and Pray in Lent

This week we had our Come and Pray Sessions for years 1 and 2. We had some lovely parent feedback, sharing how calm and inclusive the sessions were and how wonderful it was to share this time with their children. It is wonderful to share our class liturgies with you.

*Next week we have **Come and Pray Sessions for Year 4 and 5 at 9am** in their classroom on **Monday**. A beautiful opportunity to share with your child/grandchild.*



Whole School Mass - Lent

Thank you to Year 4, who supported the school this week in reading scripture and prayers at our Lenten Whole School Mass. During Father Simon's Homily, he asked the children to 'ask, seek and knock' during this special season. As a way of growing closer to God, Father Simon set our Catholic children the challenge to ask their parents and carers to take them to Mass, to seek Jesus out by finding our church, and finally, to knock on the door to find Jesus present in the Mass.

Lent Bags

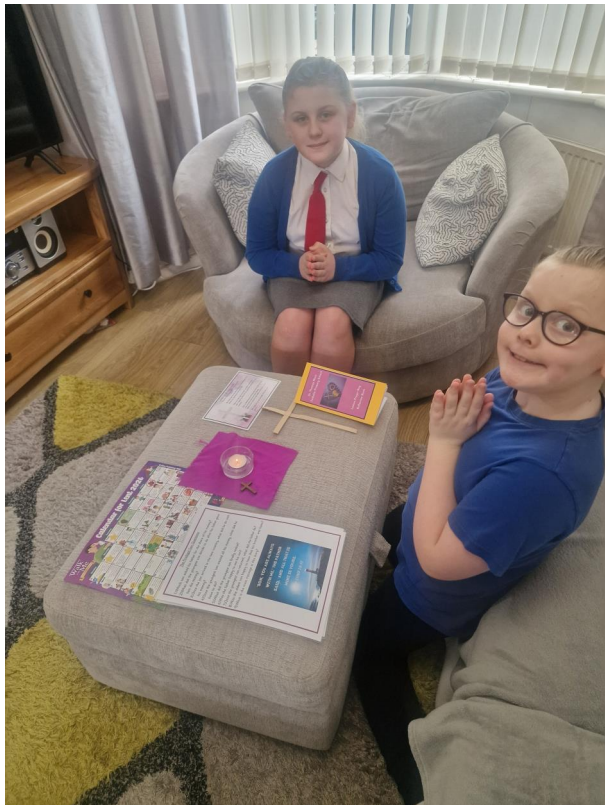
During Lent, the children will have the opportunity to take the class's Lenten prayer bag home. This is a prayer resource for you to use with your child at home, to grow in faith as a family. There are various resources inside the bag, as well as guidance and suggestions.

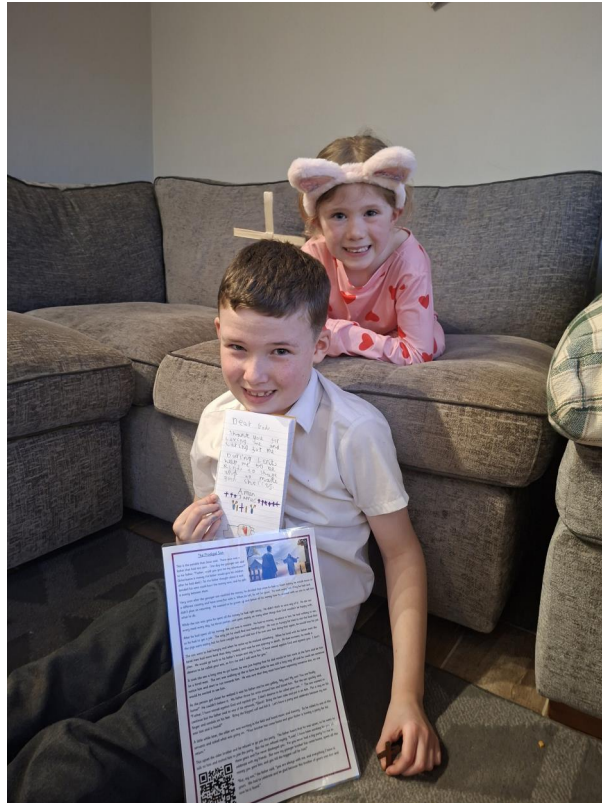
*Each day, the Lenten prayer bag is sent home with a different child. We ask that you take a few minutes away from your busy lives to support your child in leading prayers. Afterwards, we ask that each child draws or writes a reflection about their prayer time at home in the book provided. **Please ensure you child returns the Lenten prayer bag the next day, so that another family may use it.***

Some families may not feel it is appropriate to use the Lenten bag, such as those observing Ramadan. You may wish to explore the bag with your child to learn about Catholicism, and your child may wish to share how they worship in their faith with the class instead. Please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

If you do take any photos of your child's prayer time, please do send them to the office for Miss Allison's attention - please take a look below!







First Holy Communion Session with Father Simon

*Those in Year 3 whom are receiving the Sacrament of First Communion, are expected to attend a preparation session with Father Simon in the Margaret Roper Room adjacent to our church on **Saturday 28th February at 4pm.***

LENTEN CHARITY

CAFOD Family Fast Day

*A BIG thank you to our school community in fundraising for CAFOD's Family Fast Day. So far, we have raised a total of £438.14, with **Year Reception** winning the extra 15 minutes of playtime, with a class total of **£70.50**. We will let you know the final total next week.*

Wheelbarrow of Hope

As part of our focus on fasting, our GIFT team have designed the initiative of the Wheelbarrow of Hope. Every morning, the GIFT team will be waiting by the Watercall Avenue

gate, to collect items for the foodbank. These items will be donated to Cheylesmore Community Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Colouring Competition!

Our GIFT team are running a colouring competition to fundraise for Father Hudson's Caritas. The children are invited to design an egg, focusing on Jesus' resurrection. **Entry forms are available from the office for £1.** The winning entry will receive an Easter egg and will be published as the school's Easter card.

Deadline for entries: Monday 16th March.

Parish News



In addition to the usual mass times during Lent we have several extra things happening in our Parish. Try and take advantage of them and fully enter into the season of Lent by dedicating more time to God and growing in faith.

- *Every Tuesday- 6:45am Mass STM*
- *Every Wednesday 11am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross STM*
 - *Every Friday 6:30pm Stations of the Cross STM*
 - *Monday 30th March 7pm 'The Passion' Film STM*

- *Tuesday 31st March 7pm Penitential Service STM*
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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

Catholic Social Teaching

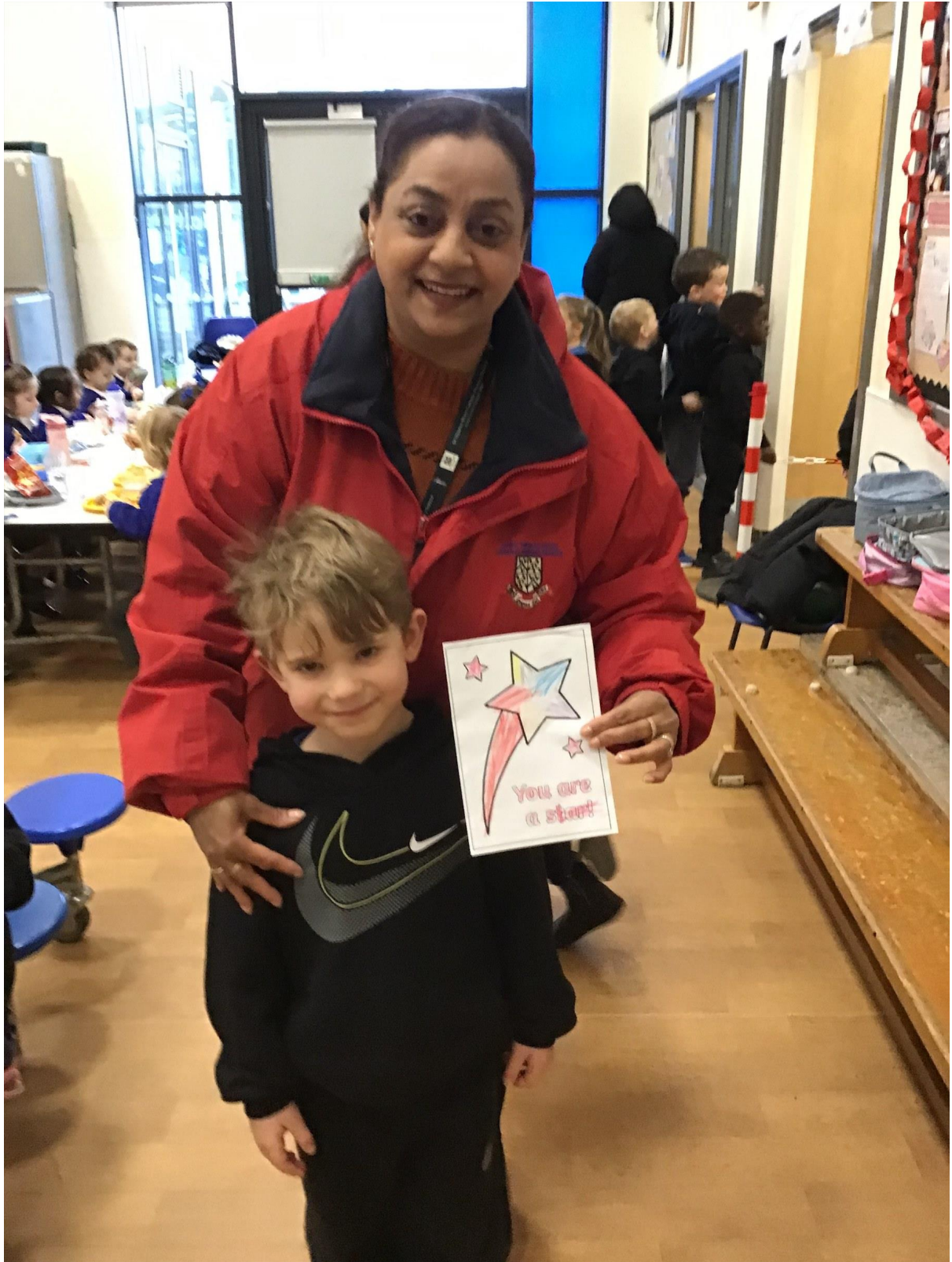
Last half term we focussed on the Catholic Social theme of Rights and Responsibilities. Here are some lovely photos of the beautiful things Reception did. " We learnt about the God given gifts of kindness and helping. We talked about how we can help adults in school to feel better and know how much we love them. We used our creative talents to make cards and motivational notes for some of the adults in our school community whose work we felt sometimes goes unnoticed. We wanted them to know how grateful we are for all that they do to help us."

This half term we are considering what it means to Care for the Poor and Vulnerable. It would be wonderful to hear about some activities you have done as a family to show how you have cared for the poor and vulnerable.





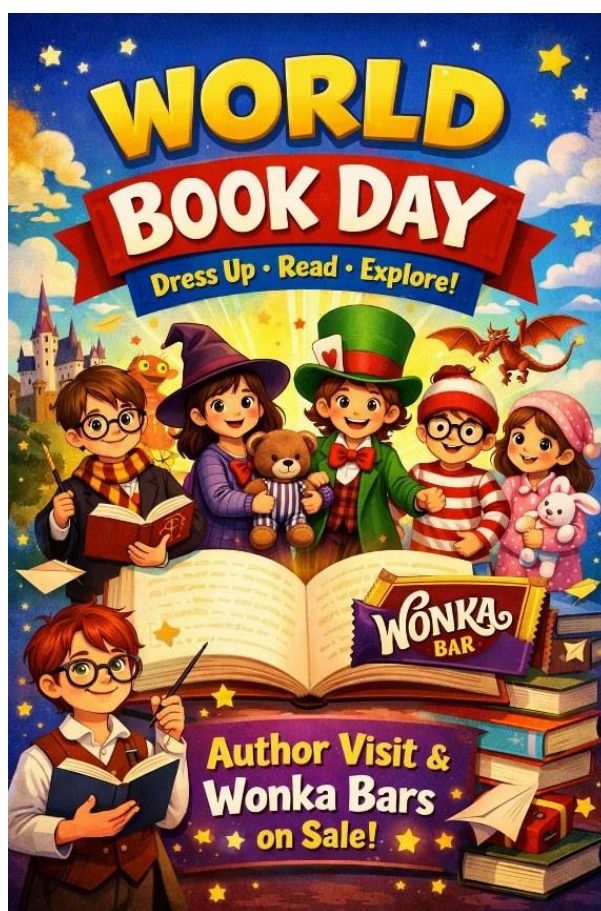








World Book Day - Thursday 5 March



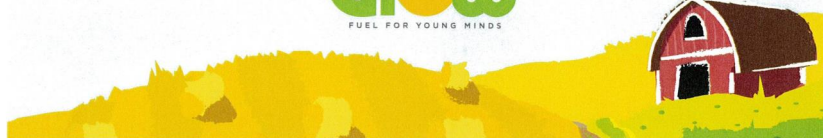
*To celebrate **World Book Day** at school, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite author or book character, in their own clothes, or even in their pyjamas for a fun and relaxed day of reading and storytelling. We are also delighted to be welcoming a local author into school on World Book Day to inspire the children and share their love of books. If you wish your child to purchase a signed book please send a named envelope into school with your book choice and money. In addition, pupils will have the opportunity to purchase Wonka bars from Monday, adding an extra bit of excitement to our World Book Day celebrations.*

Spring 2 to Summer Term 2026 Menu

*Parents are kindly requested 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



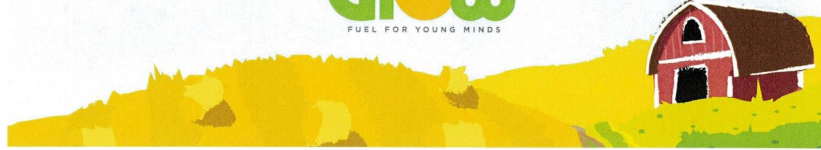
Week 1 Menu

	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
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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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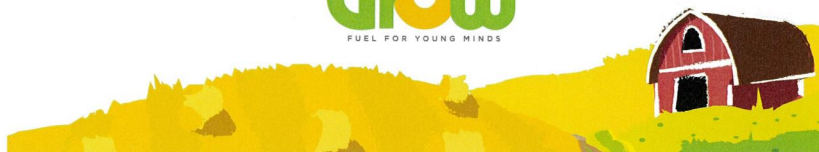


Week 2 Menu

	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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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>.

SPORTS NEWS

STM Team Kit Sponsorship Appeal

We are looking for sponsorship of our Girls Football Team kits. Our current kits have been used for about 5 years and are in need of a refresh. Do you own a business or work for someone who would be willing to partly or completely sponsor a new kit? If yes, please contact the school office.



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:

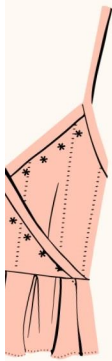
Thursday 5th March

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

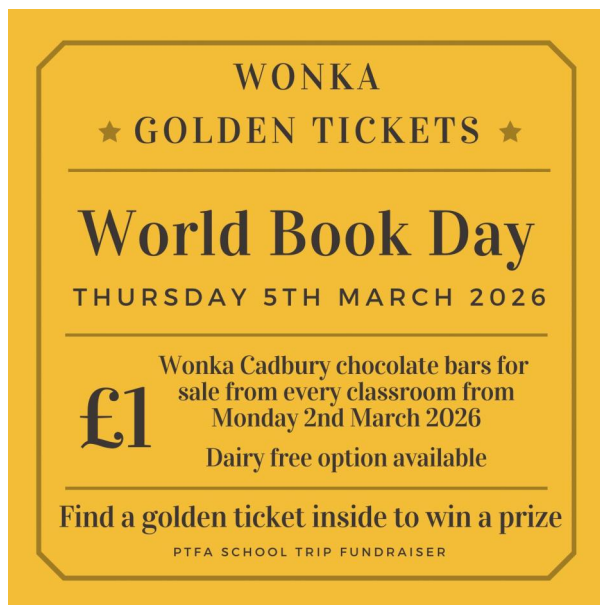
VENUE STM / MST

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/Huw9CGvriqzq5k47>
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

HAF Spring Holiday

Bookings are now live for the **HAF Spring Holiday Programme**, offering a fantastic range of **free, bookable activities** for children and young people across Coventry. Activities include sports, creative workshops, STEM sessions, coding, dance, forest school, swimming, trampolining, ice-skating, and much more — there is something to suit every interest.

For eligible children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), additional experiences are available at venues including Ash End Farm, British Motor Museum, Perkisound, Red Kangaroo, Spencer's Retreat, Twycross Zoo, Coventry Transport Museum and Coventry Outdoors.

Families can find full details and book directly via the HAF programme website. For further information, please contact HAFprogramme@coventry.gov.uk



Coventry HAF
Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2026

28 March - 12 April 2026

Be inspired and try some **free** activities this school holiday

Activities including: archery, coding/gaming, cooking, crafts, dance, media, sports, theatre, trips and more - **all with free food**

Book now
No HAF code required



For more information visit coventry.gov.uk/haf or email hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk

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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 - 96.6%
 - Year 1 - 90.67%
 - Year 2 - 97%
 - Year 3 - 96.88%
 - Year 4 - 96.56%
 - Year 5 - 96.17%
 - Year 6 - 94.67%
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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 2026

- *Monday 2nd March to Wednesday 4th March - Drop off Bags to School*
- ***Monday 2nd March - Come and Pray in Lent (Years 4 & 5) 9.00am***
 - *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)*

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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