



MORE NEWS 27TH MARCH 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Holy Week - Stations of the Cross

As a school this week all year groups have been learning about Holy Week. This is one of the most important weeks in the churches liturgical year when we remember when Jesus showed us just how much he loved us by sacrificing himself. The week starts with Palm Sunday when a triumphant Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey and by the end of the week is condemned to death.

*On Thursday **Year 4 led the whole school** in a beautiful prayerful presentation of the Stations of the Cross. We reflected about all Jesus went through and how we can be inspired by his life in our daily challenges and interactions with others.*

In our church next week there are many services during Holy Week.

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

9.00 am - Mass - Children are invited to be part of the procession into Jerusalem following a real donkey!

Thursday, 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

11.45 pm - Compline

Friday, 3rd April - Good Friday

10.00 am - Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7.00 pm - Maria Desolata Devotions

Saturday, 4th April - Holy Saturday

8.00 pm - Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter when a fire is lit and the Paschal candle blessed.

Sunday, 5th April - Easter Sunday

9.00 am - Sung mass of the day (STM)

11.00 am - Sung mass of the day (SJW)







Lent - Growing Closer to God through prayer



Come and Pray in Lent

This week we had our last of our Come and Pray Sessions for Reception and their prayer partners in Year 6. We hope parents/ carers enjoyed being part of these sessions and growing in faith together.





Lent Bags

The last week of our Lent Bags. Thank you so much to all who have enabled our children to grow in their faith at home sharing the Lent Bags. We hope you have enjoyed and been proud of how confident your children are leading prayer. Here are some of our final pictures of children leading their families in prayer.





LENTEN CHARITY- Growing closer to God through almsgiving

Almsgiving

Thank you for all the generous contributions you have donated during Lent. Not only have we collected many wheel barrows of food but also financial money supporting various charities.

*From all the almsgiving over Lent including Family Fast Day, Water Aid, Charity Road Show and Easter Egg Competition and Staff donating to Birmingham Children's Hospital we have raised a whopping **£1,109.16***

This is an unbelievable amount. Thank you so much. This has reflected the work on our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable.

A special thank you to SVP

Our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society have most generously donated some amazing food bags to some of our families who have conveyed their deepest thanks for this wonderful gesture, so thank you so very, very much to the SVP.

Easter Egg Colouring Competition Winners

We were so impressed with the standard of the Easter Egg Colouring Competition. Here are the winners that were announced in the phase award assemblies. All winners have received an Easter Egg.

St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School
Design an Easter Egg Competition - £1.00 per entry

Can you design an Easter egg, that reflects Jesus' resurrection. The winning design will receive an Easter egg and will be published on the school's Easter card. All designs must be related to prayer. Deadline: Monday 16th March.



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Class: 5M

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Name: Ana
Class: 3

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Name: Felicity Davis
Class: 2

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Names
Class:

Madeline
Reception

Goodbye Chicks



On Thursday Nursery waved farewell to their 7 chicks that had grown and started developing their characters. It has been beautiful to watch the awe and wondering on the children's faces. Most classes also managed to visit and witness the joy that 7 chicks can bring.

Year 4 - Mousike Ensemble

Year 4 had a fantastic morning at St Patrick's for Mousike Ensemble. They performed their party piece brilliantly, singing and signing 'The Climb' by Miley Cyrus for the theme of 'Journeys'. Well done year 4!





Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School 75th Anniversary

During the summer term our Parish and Primary school will be celebrating their 75th anniversary (1951-2026). We will be marking this occasion in many ways over the term.

Requesting Memories of St Thomas More Primary school

We would appreciate if past pupils, staff and Governors were able to write some memories of their time at STM including the dates they were there. It is our intention that each Year group will focus on one decade of the school's life and wider events in Coventry and Britain. The primary sources will allow pupils to get a sense of how school life has changed from the uniform, subjects, discipline etc and help the history of the school come alive.

We would welcome memories from those who remember the different buildings of the school - the KS1 building, KS2 School and life in the portacabins prior to the new school build.

If you could hand your memoirs to the school office or email them to

*STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk we would be very grateful. **Ideally we would like them by Friday 17th April so we can use them in lessons.***

If anyone has a time line of the school from July 1951 to the Millennium it would be very useful.

Community Day

*Following the huge success of our Big Build we will be holding our second Community Day on **Sunday, 26 April from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm**. The focus will be getting our grounds and garden area ready for our 75th Anniversary celebrations.*

Important Notices

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

You may have seen coverage in the news about the outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease (this is a form of meningitis) in Kent.

The UKHSA have produced a helpful blog which provides more information about meningitis which you may want to share with parents and carers.

[What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

This includes information about the vaccinations that are available which provide protection against some forms of meningitis and septicaemia.

If parents and carers are unsure whether their children are up to date with their vaccinations, please advise them to contact their GP practice. They can confirm their vaccination status and advise whether any catch-up doses are needed either at the practice or through the School Aged Immunisation Service.

If you have any queries, please contact the Public Health team by emailing hpteam@coventry.gov.uk

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>.

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Family Learning Courses offered by Coventry City Council

Adult Education Service

Find out more about supporting your child with reading and writing

Join our free 10-week course – 'English in the Primary School'

This course is for:

- › all parents and carers with children aged 2-10 years at Hill Farm

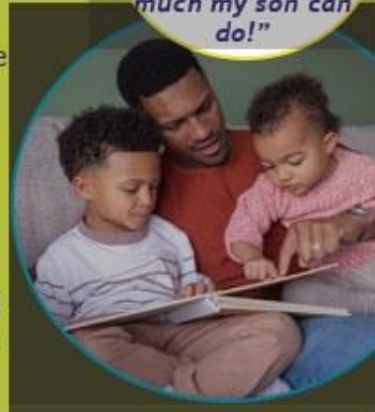
What we do:

- › learn the correct phonics sounds
- › explore ways to help your child with reading
- › focus on the grammar, spelling and handwriting taught in modern English primary schools
- › give you fun games to take home
- › share a drink and snack

Where and when:

- › Every Tuesday from 21 April, 9-11am
- › Hill Farm School – come to the main office

"The games have helped make phonics fun. I am amazed by how much my son can do!"



- › To reserve a place contact the school office
For further details talk to Ms Smith in school, or email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk



Find out more about supporting your child with primary school maths

Join our **free** 10-week online course **Maths in the Primary School**

This course is for

All Coventry mums, dads and carers with children aged 3-10

What you'll learn

The maths words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home

What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

Where it is

A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like

When it is

Online, from **Monday 20 April** for **10 weeks**

How to join

View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at coventry.gov.uk/adulted

Or scan the QR code to enrol

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Assume you have a place unless you hear from us

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Find out more about raising happy, secure and well-behaved children

Join our **free** 10-week online course **Positive Family Foundations**

This course is for

All Coventry mums, dads and carers
with children aged 0-10

What you'll learn

How children develop with practical
examples to support behaviour,
well-being and mental health

What we do

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Positive Family Foundations

This course is for

All Coventry mums, dads and carers
with children aged 0-10

What we do

- share information about child development and parenting styles
- give out practical resources and activities
- provide a welcoming and inclusive group
- have a drink and a snack

Where it is

Families for All Family Hub
454 Foleshill Road,
Foleshill, Coventry

When it is

1-3pm every Wednesday starting 22 April

How to join

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coventry.gov.uk/adulted

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SPORTS NEWS

KS1 Gymnastics

Well done to our little superstars from Year 01 and 02 who represented us at the recent KS1 Gymnastics competition at Tribe Coventry.

















NFL Flag 

A great experience to play NFL Flag in the recent tournament held at Alan Higgs. The team finished 4th overall. Proud of everyone's efforts and teamwork.

A new sport to us at STM that's being introduced into PE lessons as well. 

























Dance Showcase

Our Year 01 and 02 dance stars lit up the stage on Wednesday.

Year 01 wowed us with their toy-themed dance and year 02 had everyone smiling with their Bhangra performance. Amazing effort from all our young dancers!











Girls Cross Country

Well done to all girls who participated in the girls cross country this week at Bablake playing fields. Every one of them gave it their all. We are so proud of them.





EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

Please see poster below for details. To register your child, either scan the QR code or use [this link](#).



MULTI SPORTS & ACTIVITY FUN DAYS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Week 1 - 31st March - 2nd April
Week 2 - 7th - 9th April

Year 1 - 6 09:30-15:00

****Wraparound available 08:45-15:30****

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School,
Knoll Drive, Coventry, CV3 5DE

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Xca55QU2iE>



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 admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk



Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

UPCOMING EVENT

**DROP OFF: COMMUNITY ROOM
PICK UP: STUDIO DOORS**

**£3 PER CHILD
CASH & CARD PAYMENT**

STM PTFA PRESENTS:

SCHOOL DISCO

WITH @RAFFERTY_DJ

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE POCKET MONEY TREATS

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026

DISCO 1: 17:15-18:15 – NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
DISCO 2: 18:30-19:30 – YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
PLEASE NOTE: NO PHONES / DEVICES ALLOWED
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SIGNED IN & COLLECTED BY AN ADULT
NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS MUST STAY

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@hccmc.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!

As the summer months approach please remember that term time holidays will not be authorised and fines issued. Whilst we know how important holidays are we are very aware of the missed learning children experience. We held an attendance meeting this week and so many of the children's attendance has improved. We thank you for all your efforts. 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 95.21%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- *Year Reception - 87.67%*
 - *Year 1 - 98%*
 - *Year 2 - 97.33%*
 - *Year 3 - 96.56%*
 - *Year 4 - 99.38%*
 - *Year 5 - 96.5%*
 - *Year 6 - 97.67%*
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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 2026

- **TERM BREAK (30 Mar to 10 Apr)**
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APRIL

- **Year 5 Residential Retreat to Alton Castle Mon 13th - Wed 15th April**

- *Tues 14th April Parent Consultations 3:40-5:40pm (Y5 will be rearranged as staff on Residential)*
 - *Thurs 16th April Parent Consultations 3:40-5:40pm*
 - *Thurs 23rd April Whole School Easter Mass and celebration of St George's Day*
 - *Sun 26th April - Community Day (10 am to 3pm)*
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MAY

- *Mon 04 May - Bank Holiday*
 - *Monday 11th- Friday 15th May Year 6 SATs week.*
 - *Friday 15th - PTFA School Disco*
 - *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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