



MORE NEWS 1st May 2026



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Mission - Good Shepherd Sunday

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*During Monday's Celebration of the Word, the children focused on Good Shepherd Sunday and how Jesus leads us. The children focused on how Jesus leads us as a shepherd to his flock and guides us in our journey of faith.*

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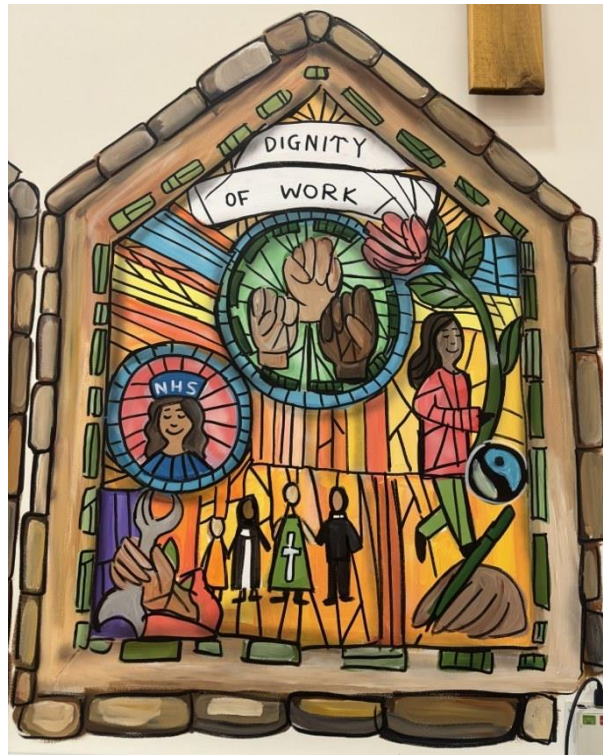
Try and listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

- Making one good choice when it's hard.
- Helping someone who needs it.
- Taking a quiet moment to pray each day.

*"Is this the voice of Jesus guiding me?"*



## Catholic Social Teaching - Dignity of Work



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### *Feast of St Joseph the Worker 1st May*

*Happy St Joseph Day to all Josephs in our school community. Year 2 attended Mass this morning to celebrate their class saint: St Joseph the Worker. Saint Joseph the Worker does not speak in the Bible and yet we hear how he stayed with Mary and as a step father, he brought up Jesus as his own dear son. St. Joseph the Worker was the Holy Family's provider and protector, and we give thanks for all those who provide and protect us.*

*Saint Joseph the Worker, **Pray For Us.***

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## **Farewell to Mrs Webster- 'Go well go safely'**

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*The school gathered on Thursday to celebrate Mrs Webster and all she has done in our school over the 9 years she has been here. As a SENDCo it was lovely to see children expressing themselves how they liked , inside out, back to front, odd socks etc. We are truly an inclusive school who believes we are all made in the image and likeness of God and that God never makes mistakes. We are just who He wants us to be and it is so important for us all to accept and enjoy all our differences and similarities.*

*The theme was Yellow- Happiness for all the joy Mrs Webster has brought to our school community over the years. We will miss her greatly but wish her blessings as she shares her happiness in her new school much nearer to her own family who she may be able to see even more.*

*Please keep the school in prayer as we hope to recruit a new Inclusion Lead in the upcoming weeks.*

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## Community Day

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*A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who came on Sunday and worked tirelessly to make big improvements to our school prayer garden, allotments and forest school as well as feeding our helpers! The improvements have continued this week with more support after school once all the children have gone home. It was a wonderful opportunity not only to give something back to a chance to make new connection with people in our local community.*

*Take a look at the photos below!*

### **HELP REQUIRED**

*Does anyone have any bags or half bags of compost or manure that we can have to complete the preparation of our flag ship bed in our allotment? Please deliver to the gate on Knoll Drive and leave by fence. Thank you in advance.*

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## R.E. Books

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*From September, we will be implementing a new Religious Education curriculum in line with the mandate from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. As part of this transition, we are reviewing our previous practice to ensure the highest possible quality of teaching and learning.*

*To support this, we kindly ask that any **R.E. books from previous academic years are returned to school** if your child still has them at home. This will greatly assist us as we develop and embed the new curriculum.*

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## GIFT Team News



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### *Ukrainian Candle Appeal*

*As we reflect on the light Easter brings us, the GIFT Team have been inspired in collecting **used and unused candles** for the **Ukrainian Candle Appeal**. This can include candles in any*

*form, such as used tealights or even a scented candle (which might not be to your taste!). The wax and candles are melted to create "trench candles", providing essential light, heat and cooking sources to fuel soldiers and civilians without power.*

### ***Wheelbarrow of Hope***

*After the success of the GIFT Team's Wheelbarrow of Hope initiative, **the children will continue to collect food donations for Cheylesmore Community Food Hub.** The wheelbarrow will be available for donations in the **mornings at the Watercall Avenue gate.***

### ***Carriers of Hope Baby Project***

*During the **Marian month of May**, the GIFT Team will be supporting the **Carriers of Hope Baby Project**, which provides essential items for local expectant families in need.*

*Through this project, we are invited to show compassion and generosity, following the example of Mary, our Mother.*

*Please refer to the poster below for a list of requested items, but please note, Carriers of Hope do not need donations of clothes. Donations can be dropped off at the school office, and all contributions - large or small - are very welcome. Thank you for your support!*

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**CARRIERS OF HOPE**  
AND DELIVERERS OF HELP  
Circle of Friends

**THE GIFT TEAM**  
is collecting items to support  
**CARRIERS OF HOPE**  
**BABY PROJECT**

Your donations help us provide essential items to babies and families in need.

**ITEMS WE NEED:**

- MOSES BASKETS
- COTS
- PRAMS AND PUSHCHAIRS
- HIGHCHAIRS
- BABY BATHS
- BABY MONITORS

NEW AND GENTLY USED BABY EQUIPMENT

PLEASE BRING ANY ITEMS THAT ARE CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER TO THE OFFICE.

Thank you for helping us share hope and care with families in our community!

## Walk to School Week - Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May

We are very excited to be taking part in Living Streets' Walk to School campaign! This fantastic initiative encourages pupils to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot, or 'park and stride' to school. Class teachers will be recording how many children travel to school this way each day from Monday to Thursday. The class with the highest participation will win a special prize - the chance to wear their own shoes to school on **Friday 22nd May**. Let's get moving and make every journey count!



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# WALK TO SCHOOL

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

We're excited to announce the date for this year's Walk to School 2026! This year, our challenge takes place between **18 and 21 May** and we can't wait for you to take part.

Pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school.

Everyone can take part!



**Live far away?**

You can take part and enjoy the benefits of walking to school. If families drive, park a ten-minute walk from school and complete the rest of your journey on foot. It reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around the school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active.

**Competition:** Your class teacher will record the data each day for your class. The class that walked the most over the four days will be able to wear their own favourite shoes to school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.

**Good luck everyone!** From Mrs Hill



## Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School 75th Anniversary

### *Day of celebration*

*Tuesday, 23rd June at 10:30am there will be a Special 75th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley.*

*Following the mass there will be a procession down to the school grounds and a blessing of St Thomas More. Then all are invited to join with the school in a picnic on the field (weather permitting).*

*At the end of the day the School and Parish will then continuing the fun by holding the '**STM 75th Festival**'.*

***A big thank you to all the memories and photos that have been shared so far. They are fascinating to read and I know will help make our rich history come alive for our children. The photographs are amazing. So please keep sending them in.***

*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<sup>1</sup> we would be very grateful. The sooner the better please so lessons can be planned. If anyone would be willing to come in and speak to the children about a particular decade in the life of our school you would be very welcome. Please contact the school office. It would be lovely to get someone from each decade the school has existed.***

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## **Other Notices**

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***Parents' Guide: Growing Up with Phones and Taking Photos***

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk>

### Parents' Guide: Growing Up with Phones and Taking Photos

Many children do not realise that photos they take, even if never shared, can be automatically stored online.



**Your Phone Saves More Than You Think**

Most smartphones can automatically save photos online if backup is switched on and the phone has Wi-Fi or mobile data.

**This means:**

- Photos can be uploaded as soon as they are taken
- They are no longer just on the phone
- They can stay online even if deleted from the device
- If someone gets into the account, they can see and download these images.

**Avoid taking images you would not want shared.**



A trusted resource that supports open, honest conversations between parents and children about sensitive topics and how to stay safe.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

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### SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL

*Please see below NHS guidance*

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UK Health  
Security  
Agency



# 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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# Adult Education Service

## Find out more about supporting your child with reading and writing

Join our free 9-week course – ‘English in the Primary School’

### This course is for:

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

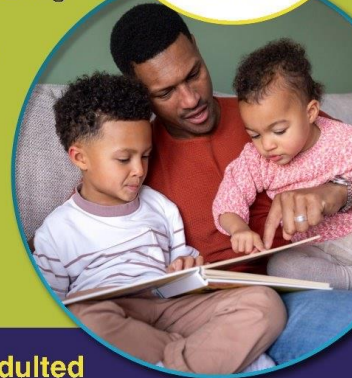
### What we do:

- › 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 28 April, 6-8pm
- › Adult Education Centre, Telfer Road, Radford, Coventry CV6 3DR

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



- › To enrol visit [coventry.gov.uk/adulted](http://coventry.gov.uk/adulted)
- › For further details email [aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk)



## SPORTS NEWS

### *Balance Bike*

*Our Year 1, Reception and Nursery had a great day developing their balance, coordination and control on two wheels.*





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### *Archery*

*Bullseyes, big smiles and a full day of focus. Amazing experience for a few pupils to participate in today's Archery Competition.*

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### ***Gymnastics Competition 2026***

*An amazing performance from all 12 of our Year 4 pupils in this years Holy Cross Catholic MAC Gymnastics Competition. Gymnasts were required to create their own floor routine, perform two vault routines along with a trampoline routine.*

*Best Boy and Best Girl Gymnast on each apparatus were awarded medals. Our pupils efforts did not go unnoticed as we recorded a clean sweep of all 6 medals for individual performances.*

*A huge congratulations to Vinny and Orlaith, who have also been invited back to the Grand Finals later on this year.*















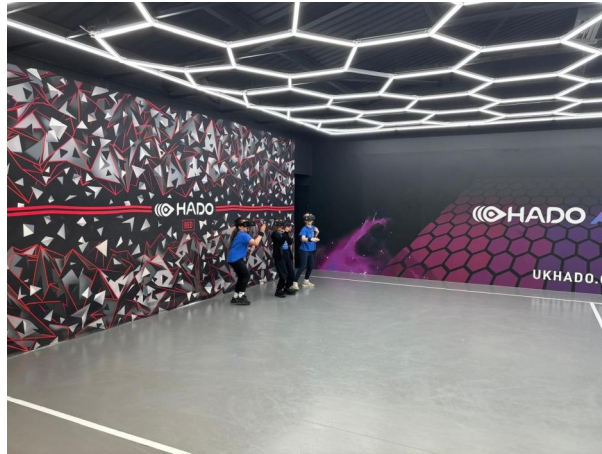
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## HADO

*Well done to our Year 3's who represented us at the HADO competition*

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### **May Sports Holiday Camp**

*To book please scan the QR code below or complete the booking form [here](#)<sup>2</sup>. If you are having issues please email [admin@sportsdevelopmentukltd.co.uk](mailto:admin@sportsdevelopmentukltd.co.uk)<sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>2</sup>[https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEiajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAN\\_hzUZfpUQTFaVEVCUKQxSkNXSfg4UkhVNTI20EhVvYQIQCNjPTEu&origin=QRCode&route=shorturl](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEiajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAN_hzUZfpUQTFaVEVCUKQxSkNXSfg4UkhVNTI20EhVvYQIQCNjPTEu&origin=QRCode&route=shorturl)



**MULTI SPORTS & ACTIVITY FUN DAYS**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May

Year 1 - 6    09:30-15:00

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

[BOOK NOW](#)

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

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/hhhkc1MXcM>

 [admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk](mailto:admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk)

## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

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*UPCOMING EVENT*

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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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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



St Thomas More  
Catholic School

# Bag 2 School

## Donation Dates:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## Collection Date:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

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





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE**



6<sup>th</sup> July 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

*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/Huw9CCvrtqzdg5k47>  
ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL: [stm-ptfa@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:stm-ptfa@hccmac.co.uk)

	<p>£1 month 11 draws a year Sept-July Allocated number No number limit Must be aged 16+</p>		<p>WINNER 1st prize £50 2nd prize £10 3rd prize £5 Amazon e-Gift Voucher</p>
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## 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 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.*

*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 95.26%**

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- *Year Reception - 95.19%*
    - *Year 1 - 97.33%*
    - *Year 2 - 98.33%*
    - *Year 3 - 98.44%*
    - *Year 4 - 92.5%*
    - *Year 5 - 93%*
    - *Year 6 - 94%*
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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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### **MAY**

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- **Mon 04 May - Bank Holiday**
- *Friday 8th May Year 3 First Holy Communion Retreat Day*
  - *Monday 11th- Friday 15th May Year 6 SATs week.*
- *Thursday 14th May- Ascension Day- Holy Day of Obligation - Mass at 10am*

- *Friday 15th - PTFA 'End of SATS' School Disco*
  - *Sunday 17th May 9am First Holy Communion*
  - *Monday 18th - 22nd May Walk to School Week*
  - *Tuesday 19th May 10:30am in Church- Marian Procession*
    - *Friday 22nd May- PTFA Tuck Shop*
    - *Mon 25 to Fri 29 - Half Term Break*
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## **JUNE**

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- *Sunday 7th June- STM's Open Gardens 12-3pm*
  - *Monday 8th June to Wednesday 10th June - Bag 2 School donation.*
  - *Friday 12th June- Feast of Sacred Heart- Adoration in church at 10:30am followed by Corpus Christie Procession and then Benediction in school grounds. Children from **Year 3** are invited to wear their First Holy Communion clothes and will lead the procession.*
    - *Sunday 14th June- Children's Mile*
  - *Tuesday 23rd June 10:30 75th Anniversary Mass followed by picnic*
  - *Tuesday 23rd June Saint Thomas More 'Festival' 3:30-5:30pm*
  - *Thursday 25th June Open Evening 5:30pm for children's families joining Nursery and Reception in September 2026.*
  - *Friday 26th June Sport's Day Morning (all classes in the afternoon) followed by The Colour Run at the end of the day.*
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## *JULY*

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- *Wednesday 1st July- Transition Day*
  - *Thursday 2nd July 75th Anniversary STM's Got Talent- more info to follow*
    - *Fri 03 July- INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
    - *Friday 17th July Leavers Mass 9:15am*
  - *Mon 20 Jul - INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
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