



MORE NEWS 22nd May 2026



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Receiving Jesus for the first time

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*On Sunday 17th May, our Year 3 children and Edwin from Year 5 made their First Holy Communion. In his homily, Father Simon shared that we are what we eat - we are what we receive and the more times we receive Jesus as Holy Communion, the more help and love we are filled with to be the best version of ourselves on earth. Holy Communion fills us with love so that we can then share God's love with others through our acts of kindness.*

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## Our Marian Procession

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*On Tuesday, we joined our Parish family to honour Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, in our Marian Procession. Despite the weather forecast, the children led the Parish in a procession from church down to our recently renovated prayer garden where Mary was crowned by the youngest and oldest member of our school family. It was at this point that the clouds parted and the sun shone.*

*Our garden has had a recent 'make over' thanks to our community volunteers. A big thank you to all the donations of flowers that were laid in honour of Our Lady. These were then taken to Bevan Court for residents and staff, along with some of the sick of our own Parish.*

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OUR LADY OF  
THE ROSARY  
PRAY FOR US





OUR LADY OF  
THE ASSUMPTION  
PRAY FOR US



OUR LADY OF  
LOURDES  
PRAY FOR US



OUR LADY OF  
MOUNT CARMEL  
PRAY FOR US





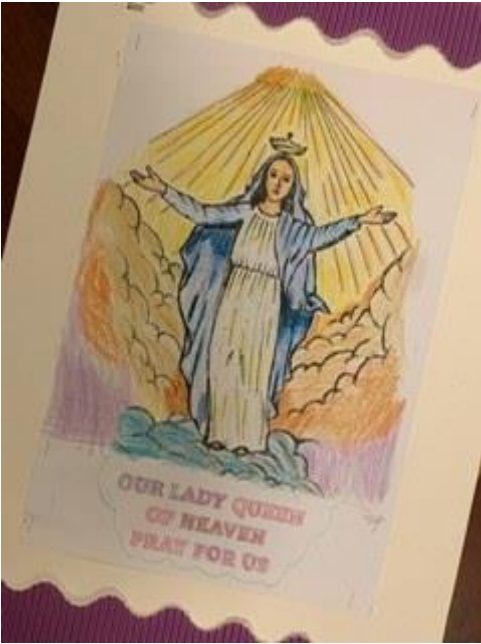
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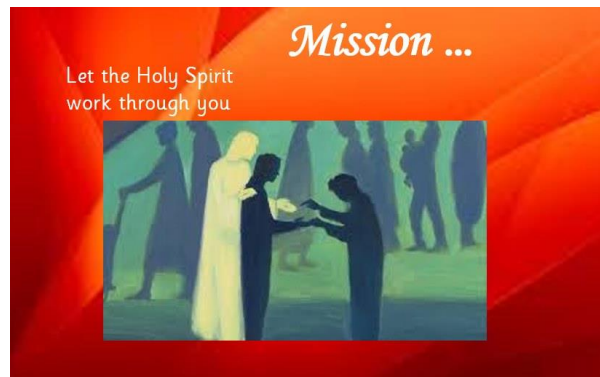


## Pentecost

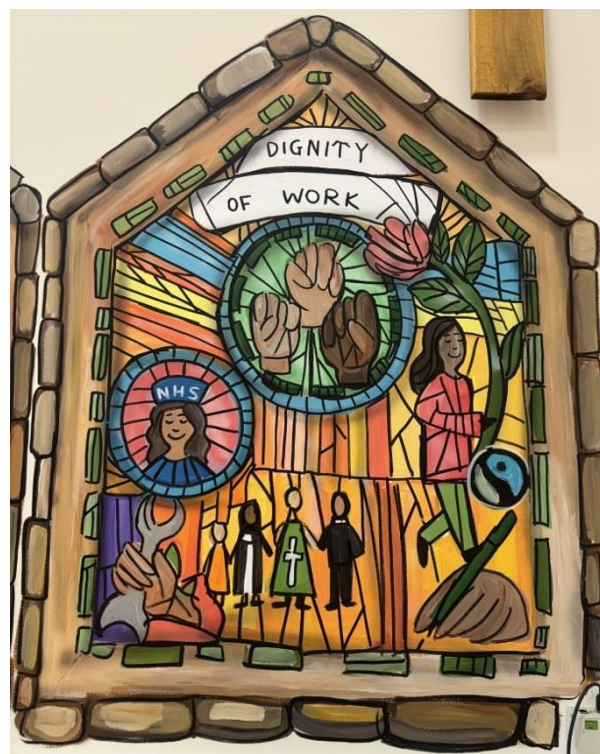
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*The feast of Pentecost takes place on Sunday 24th May. Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and celebrates the birthday of the church. As we will be on half term, the Pentecost story was shared in our Celebration of the Word Assembly on Monday. We remembered how the Holy Spirit transformed the disciples to go out and share God's Good News with everyone. We also reflected on how the Holy Spirit that we received when we were baptised can help all of us in the choices we make. The children were all encouraged to ask the Holy Spirit to work through them to make the best choices and share God's love with others.*

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## Catholic Social Teaching - Dignity of Work



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*We are so proud of how hard the children have worked, especially as we head towards the end of the year. Our next Catholic Social Teaching focus will be Family and Community.*

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## GIFT Team News

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*A BIG thank you to all who have donated to our fundraising for Mary's Meals. This is such an important charity in providing vital support around the world: providing daily school meals to children in poverty. We have raised a total of **£270, feeding 14 children** - thank you!*

### ***Ukrainian Candle Appeal***

*Thank you for your support in collect used and unused candles for the Ukrainian Candle Appeal. We have collected a grand total of **281 candles**. If you have any more candles, please donate at St. Thomas More Church.*

### ***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***

*Thank you for all donations towards the Carriers of Hope Baby Project! We collected many items, from travel cots to pushchairs to baby baths. Thank you all for these donations, which will support local expectant families in need.*

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## Year 5 - Cheylesmore Food Hub Visit

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*Six children from Year 5 were chosen to visit Cheylesmore Food Hub and support in packing bags of food for families in need. The children collected donations from our Wheelbarrow of Hope initiative and St. Thomas More Church, and then learned about what happens to these donations. It is wonderful to see our children giving back to the community, and so, different children will be chosen for each monthly visit.*

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## Year 6 Performance and other End of Year Dates

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*We can't believe our Year 6s have only one half term left with us, but what a fun-packed half-term we have planned including celebrating the 75th Anniversary of St Thomas More Primary School. Please take note of some of the significant dates pertinent to Year 6.*

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- *Wednesday 1st July - Transition Day*
- *Thursday 9th July 1:30pm - Performance of 'Mission Implausible'*

- *Thursday 9th July 6pm - Performance of 'Mission Implausible'*
  - *Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party*
  - *Friday 17th July 9:15am - Leavers' Mass followed by Governor Awards*
  - *Friday 17th July afternoon - Year 6 Soak and Smile Fun followed by guard of honour at approximately 3:15pm*
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## **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check**

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*Keep going Year 4 - a few weeks to go to make all progress you can! We have had between 20-25 children coming in at 8:30am three mornings a week to practise and have made superb progress, as well as having lots of fun. Practice makes perfect! As well as enjoying yourself and resting over the holiday, keep practising your times table facts. Lots of inter-year competitions have been set up on TTRS. Year 4's across the country will be taking the MTC in June after half term. It is the only external assessment where children are expected to achieve 25 out of 25. No room for human error or miss typing numbers, so the more they practice, the more confident they feel. Keep up the great work Year 4!*

*The following children have a mind blowing average speed of per correct question:*

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- *Blake 1.17secs*
  - *Nel 1.24 secs*
  - *Oryn 1.46 secs*
  - *Mia 1.54 secs*
  - *Reece 1.57 secs*
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## Open Gardens- Sunday 7th June

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*This year our school will be opening our grounds as part of the Open Gardens from 12 to 3pm on Sunday 7th June. Come and see our wonderful school site and all the work our volunteers, Eco Heroes and keen gardeners have created. We are so lucky to have such grounds but we would always welcome any green fingered volunteers to help as part of our maintenance team. Let the office know if you are interested in helping by emailing [STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:STM-Admin@hccmac.co.uk) or phoning 024 7684 9910.*

*Styvechale Gardens has been going for over 25 years. This year the event is going LARGE!!! There are 21 gardens opening as part of the NGS which is the largest group opening in Warwickshire. The gardens are in both Styvechale and Earlsdon and come in all shapes and sizes. We are very proud that our peace garden, woodland trail and vegetable garden is joining this major charity event. Many hands have been busy over the last few months getting the gardens ready and we are very grateful for the overwhelming community support.*

*Within the mix of gardens, one was on on Gardeners World during COVID and another that has won a major national garden award.*

*Our gardens include*

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- *Courtyard*
  - *Cottage*
  - *Prairie*
  - *Vegetable*
  - *Wildlife*
  - *Exotic*
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*And much. much more.*

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*As well as the garden trail there is a central hub: United Reform Church Baginton Road where you can enjoy the following:*

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- A craft fair - the best of the best of local crafts.*
  - A "pop Up" nursery - plants galore. People all over Coventry are propagating plants.*
  - A refreshments station - yummy homemade cakes.*
  - A horticultural themed raffle.*
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*As well as supporting National charities the local charity we will be supporting is Myton Hospices.*

#### ***Important details***

***Date:*** Sunday 7th June 2026

***Time:*** 12 noon - 6pm

***Venue:*** United Reform Church Baginton Road CV3 6FP

***Event:*** Styvechale Open Gardens & CRAFT FAIR

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

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*Well done to all those who managed to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school this week. Every little bit has helped reduce carbon emissions along with improving mental health. Year 2 had the most children walking, cycling or scootering to school so were able to wear shoes of their choice on Friday. Well done all those who managed to take part.*

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## Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School 75th Anniversary

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### *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**'.*

*As part of our Mission Assembly the children are being informed about the amazing history of our Parish school. This week they have been told about the start of the school in the church hall and then the move into a brand new building in Sept 1952. Children were shown the commemorative trowel and school key and heard a wonderful memoir from Peter Townend who attended with his sister Patricia in the 50s.*

### **History Homework**

This week each child will be bringing an A3 sheet of paper home for them to record something about the period of history during our school's history starting in the 1950s up to the present day.

We would like the sheet returned into school by **Wednesday 3rd June**.



**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS 1951-2026**

**OUR SCHOOL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT**

**—★— A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES! —★—**

Over half-term, create an A3 poster all about your special decade! Explore the past and share what made it memorable.

**WHAT COULD YOU RESEARCH?**

- MUSIC** – Popular songs, bands or music styles
- FILMS & TV** – Famous films, TV shows or cartoons
- IMPORTANT EVENTS** – Big world or UK events
- FAMOUS PEOPLE** – Celebrities, leaders, athletes or inventors
- FASHION** – What people wore and style trends
- TOYS & GAMES** – Popular toys and games
- TECHNOLOGY** – Key gadgets and inventions
- TRANSPORT** – Cars, trains, planes or travel
- FUN FACTS** – Strange, funny or surprising facts!

**YOUR DECADE**

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|-----------|-----------|
| NURSERY   | 2021–2026 |
| RECEPTION | 2011–2020 |
| YEAR 1    | 2001–2010 |
| YEAR 2    | 1991–2000 |
| YEAR 3    | 1981–1990 |
| YEAR 4    | 1971–1980 |
| YEAR 5    | 1961–1970 |
| YEAR 6    | 1951–1960 |

**TOP TIPS FOR A GREAT POSTER!**

- Use bright colours
- Include pictures or drawings
- Find interesting facts
- Write clear, short sentences
- Make it eye-catching and fun!

**BRING YOUR POSTER BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF-TERM!**

*We can't wait to see your amazing work!*

### 75th Anniversary Tea Towels

We are delighted to share that the 75th Anniversary tea towel design has now been finalised and the online shop is officially open for orders. Your child would have come home with a poster of the portrait which has instructions on how to place the order.

As part of this special celebration, a range of commemorative items are available to purchase, including tea towels, mugs, coasters etc. all featuring the children's wonderful designs. Please note the **deadline to place orders is Monday, 1st June** and the estimated delivery to school would be the week beginning 15 June.

*These items will make lovely keepsakes to remember this milestone year in our school's history.*

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## Other Notices

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

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**Skips Safety Net** Keeping children safe online

### 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.**



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



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

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### **SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL**

*Please see below NHS guidance*

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# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

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| 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   |



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### Advice and guidance

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

FREE NETBALL TASTER DAY

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# FREE NETBALL TASTER DAY

AGE GROUP

**YEAR 5-10\***

LOCATION

**KENILWORTH  
SCHOOL  
CV8 2AL**

DATE & TIME

**6TH JUNE 2026  
10AM - 12PM**

**JOIN US FOR FUN TRAINING, SKILLS AND DRILLS,  
MINI GAMES AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO  
THE COACHES AND OTHER CLUB MEMBERS**




**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ELISE (JUNIOR  
COACH) ON 07361 215249**

**\*YEAR 8+ SCHOOL NETBALL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

## SPORTS NEWS

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### *Cross Country 26*

*A big well done to some of our boys from Year 6 and Year 5 who competed in the Coventry Schools Cross Country race at Bablake Playing Fields. Top effort from everyone in a very challenging event* 

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## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

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*UPCOMING EVENTS*

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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](mailto:STM-PTFA@hccmac.co.uk)

## ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

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*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 95.33%***

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- *Year Reception - 98.47%*
  - *Year 1 - 94.67%*
  - *Year 2 - 93.33%*
  - *Year 3 - 98.44%*
  - *Year 4 - 98.75%*
  - *Year 5 - 96%*
  - *Year 6 - 87.33%*
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## IMPORTANT DATES

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### MAY

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- *Mon 25 to Fri 29 - Half Term Break*
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### JUNE

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- *Monday 1st June- pupils return to school, Year 2 Aston Hall Visit*
- *Wednesday 3rd June return decade homework.*
- *Sunday 7th June- STM's Open Gardens 12-3pm*
- *Monday 8th June to Wednesday 10th June - Bags 2 School donation.*
- *Tuesday 9th June Year 4 visit to Columba's House*
- *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*
  - *Monday 15th June - Non-Uniform Day donating items for Festival*
  - *Tuesday 23rd June 10:30 75th Anniversary Mass followed by picnic- all families welcome*
    - *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 Afternoon (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)*
  - *Thursday 9th July afternoon and evening performances of Year 6's 'Mission Implausible'*
    - *Tuesday 14th July- Year 6 Leavers' Party*
    - *Friday 17th July Leavers Mass 9:15am*
  - *Mon 20 Jul - INSET DAY (School closed for students)*
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## ***September***

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- *Tuesday 1st September- INSET DAY (School closed to students)*

- *Wednesday 2nd September- Pupils return*

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