



MORE NEWS 12th June 2026



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Corpus Christi

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*To mark the Feast of Corpus Christi, the children have spent time in prayer reflecting on the gift of the Eucharist and what it means to have Jesus present with us. They have been thinking about how we are called to follow His example by showing love, kindness, and compassion to others in our daily lives. Through quiet reflection, shared prayers, and thoughtful discussion, the children have considered ways they can be "living signs" of Christ's love in our school and wider community, remembering that just as we receive Jesus, we are also sent out to share His goodness with everyone we meet.*

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### ***Adoration and Benediction***

*To celebrate the beautiful feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the school community gathered with our Parish in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 12th June. In church, we knelt before the blessed Sacrament, in the presence of Jesus himself to feel close to Him and filled with His love for each and every one of us. We recalled the words of St Carlo Acutis who had an absolute devotion to The Blessed Sacrament, "When we face the sun, we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."*

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## Catholic Social Teaching - Family and Community



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### ***OPEN GARDENS! A celebration of families and community working together.***

*On Sunday our school gates were open for this first time in Stivichall's Open Gardens. We were amazed by the number of visitors...263 adults, 17 children and 14 dogs! The visitors were wowed by the beautiful grounds hidden behind our perimeter fence. We had two visitors who started our school in 1953 and found themselves in our school log book and shared some memories. It was lovely to see past members of our school community too. We had some wonderful quotes from visitors. Mrs Staines wore her 'garden owner' badge with pride and loved sharing all the things we have been doing.*

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- *"What an amazing resource you have!"*
  - *"That is a wow factor- this is creation at its best!"*
    - *"Incredible!"*
  - *"You have brought back childhood- no AI in sight!"*
    - *"Absolutely brilliant!"*
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*A huge thank you to all the many hands who have contributed towards what we have achieved in our Prayer Garden, Forest School, Allotments and Outdoor Play and Learning provision for our children.*

*Next year we plan to have a Community Day each term and next year get our children selling plants and produce from our garden.*

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## Year 3 - First Holy Communion celebration

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*Our children have had a wonderful time celebrating their First Holy Communion today. They spent time in church along with the whole school during Adoration, praying, reflecting and spending time with Jesus.*

*In the afternoon they enjoyed a special celebration together to celebrate this important sacrament in their faith journey.*

*A special thank you to our wonderful PTFA for providing the delicious cake and helping to make the celebration even more memorable.*

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## GIFT Team News

# BAGS OF HOPE

*Supporting our diocese.  
Supporting our community.*

**SOLIDARITY & THE COMMON GOOD**

We are all part of one family.  
By sharing what we have, we stand in solidarity with others and help build a community where everyone can live with dignity and hope.



PLEASE DONATE ITEMS  
BY FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

PLEASE DONATE ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW

### REFUGEES

- Socks
- Wipes
- Hat
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Water
- Chocolate
- Deodorant Spray
- Bar of Soap
- Flannel



### DISABILITY

- Wipes
- Tissues
- Fidget Toy
- Hand Cream
- Lip Balm
- Stress Ball
- Tote Bag
- Face Cream
- Fluffy Socks
- Soft Tooth Brush



### HOMELESSNESS

- Socks
- Hat
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Water
- Tissues
- Wipes
- Gloves
- Cereal Bar
- Bar of Soap



### OLDER PEOPLE

- Tissues
- Wipes
- Tin of Soup
- Blanket
- Word Search
- Denture Tablets
- Chocolate
- Denture Pot
- Deodorant Spray
- Flannel



### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Colouring Book
- Crayons
- Food Voucher
- Shower Gel
- Children's Toothpaste
- Small Game eg Uno
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Bed Socks
- Water Bottle
- Cereal Bars



WE WOULD ALSO LOVE DONATIONS OF RUCKSACKS!



As a Catholic school, we are called to love our neighbour and work for the common good. Every donation you make is an act of kindness and hope.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



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### ***Bags of Hope***

*During June, we shall be collecting items to create **Bags of Hope** for the poor and vulnerable. The GIFT Team will be packing each bag with a range of items to help those who need it most. Please take a look at some of the items we are in need of and thank you for your generosity!*

### ***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**.*

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### **Year 4 Visit St. Columban's!**

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*Year 4 had a fantastic trip to St Columban's for a 'Flourish' Eco day, looking at our care of the planet and God's gift of Creation. They learned about the bees, endangered animals, drew inspiration from art to make nature collages and icons, and identified creatures from their pond dipping. In Vinny's words, "We did lots of eco-friendly activities. The pond-dipping was the best - David caught a Great Crested Newt!"*

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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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*We are so proud of our Year 4 children who completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. They have worked so hard and they all had an air of confidence as they completed their timed online test. Some clearly enjoyed the whole process! Keep using TTRS to get your facts up to speed especially before September as you go into Year 5.*

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## Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School 75th Anniversary- Non uniform day

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*On Monday we are holding our non- uniform day for our Summer 'Feast'ival offerings.*

*Instead of having our traditional Bottle stall we are having a **S T M tombola**. We are asking children to bring in new items starting with the letters **S, T or M**. Some suggestions are*

***S-** soap, shiraz, sherry, shampoo, silverware, sweets, slippers, salt, Starbucks voucher,*

***T-** Teacher's whiskey, tonic, teddy, tea, tray, tights, trowel, tricycle, toffee, Toblerone, tea cakes,*

***M-** merlot, milk chocolate, mini toys, marshmallows, modelling clay, magnets.*

*We are also asking for mugs of excellent condition filled with goodies or some description or empty mugs that we can fill.*

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## Other Notices

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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...

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>.

## THE BIG FUTURE

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people to take part in a national survey called **The Big Future**. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their experiences, opinions and hopes for the future in their own words.

The survey explores what children enjoy, the challenges they face, and what they would like to see change in their communities. The responses will help shape national discussions and decisions about children's lives in the years ahead.

We encourage parents and carers to support their children in taking part to discuss the survey together at home if possible. You can find out more and access the survey here:

## Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

<b>DATE</b>		<b>VENUE</b>		<b>TIME</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026		STM / MST		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
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### **May Lotto Draw Winners**

*1st prize - No. 92 - Ann Mills*

*2nd prize - No. 77 - Liss Jose*

*3rd prize - No. 58 - Lyn Geraghty*

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## 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 95.3%**

*Attendance this week is as follows:*

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- Year Reception - 96.55%
  - Year 1 - 97.67%
  - Year 2 - 99.33%
  - Year 3 - 98.75%
  - Year 4 - 98.75%
  - Year 5 - 97.33%
  - Year 6 - 93.33%
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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**JUNE**

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- *Sunday 14th June- Children's Mile- meet at visitor Centre 8:45am*
  - *Monday 15th June - Non-Uniform Day donating items for Festival- New items beginning with S, T or M and mugs with new items inside.*
  - *Friday 19th June- Children's Mile Runners come to school in coloured T shirts and take part in a celebratory lap of the playground.*
  - *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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