



MORE NEWS 5th June 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Feast of the Holy Trinity

This week we gathered for our Celebration of the Word assembly to reflect on the mystery of the Holy Trinity – one God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Through prayer, scripture and reflection, the children explored how God’s love is shown in different ways: God the Father the Creator, as Jesus who came to teach and save us, and as the Holy Spirit who guides us in our daily lives.

The Gospel reading from John reminded us of God’s immense love for the world, shown through the gift of His Son, and encouraged pupils to think about how they can live out this love in their own actions.

*As part of our school mission to “learn and grow as God’s Holy People,” pupils reflected on our half-term values of being **attentive and discerning**—taking time to notice others, make thoughtful choices, and follow God’s guidance.*

Mission for the Week

The children were set a special mission to:

- *Explore and identify different symbols or artwork that represent the Holy Trinity*
 - *Be more attentive and thoughtful when making the sign of the cross*
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We look forward to seeing how pupils live out this mission in school and at home.

Mission

To be attentive when we make
the sign of the cross.

To find out different symbols or art
that the Church have used to
illustrate the Holy Trinity.



Catholic Social Teaching - Family and Community



OPEN GARDENS!

*This Sunday 7th June the school will open our gates to **The Stivichall Open Gardens from 12-3pm**. Many have worked hard to renovate our Prayer Garden and redefine our forest school.*

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 or phoning 024 7684 9910.

Stivichall 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 Stivichall and Earlsdon and come in all shapes and sizes. We are very proud that our prayer and 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

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

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

- *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.

GIFT Team News

*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 final total of **£290, feeding 14 children** - thank you!*

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!*

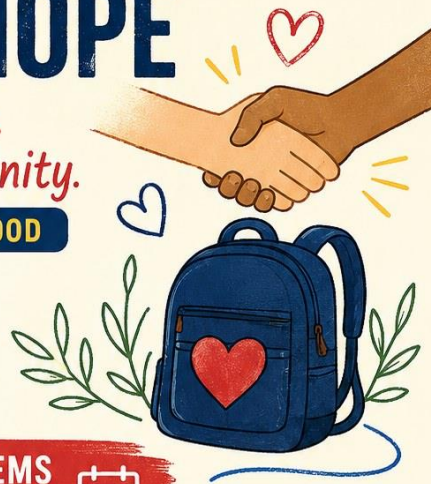
BAGS OF HOPE

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!



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.

Year 2 - Trip to Aston Hall

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Aston Hall! They toured the hall, built their own version of the building and tried on costumes. The children were beautifully behaved and we couldn't be prouder!

















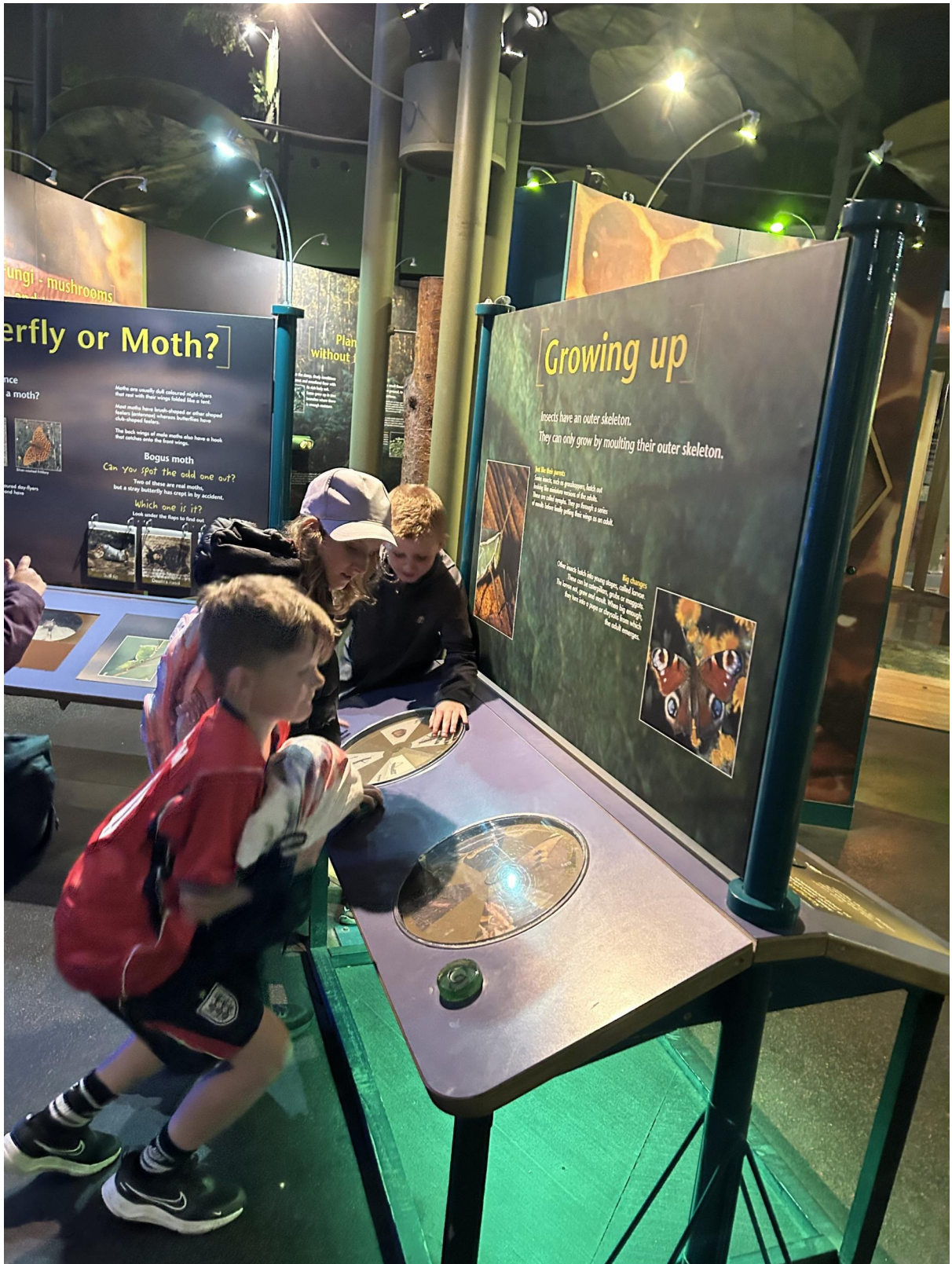


Year 4 - Trip to Conkers

Our Year 4 children had a day full of fun and nature on Wednesday when they visited Conkers. The children really enjoyed the barefoot walk, learned all about the reclaimed land, and had lots of fun exploring the site. They were great ambassadors for the school and we were very lucky that the rain stayed away!









Year 6 - Performance and other End of Year Dates

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.

- *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

A huge thank you to all those children who have managed to attend the Times Tables pre-school sessions. Thank you parents for dropping them earlier and for your enthusiasm too.

The following children; Nel, Blake, Oryn, Mia in Y4 and Ryan in Y3, have average speed rates of less than 2 seconds; this is amazing!

Great news for the latest TTRS battle: Year 3 beat Year 4 .

Keep going Year 4 - a days to go to make all progress you can!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School 75th Anniversary

Please make sure you have read the 75th Anniversary Newsletter that was sent out earlier this week. It contains many important dates for lots of exciting events we have planned!

*We have received lots of applications for STM's Got Talent - final applications must be in by **Monday 8th June.***

*There will also be a football tournament at the festival. Entries must be submitted by **Friday 12th June.***

Other Notices

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>.

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:

SPORTS NEWS

Chess In Schools and Communities

Some of our Year 6 pupils now lead a Chess club that takes place in our St Dymphna Room 3 lunchtimes a week which has become very popular.

Please read the write up in the Double Header Competition 6 of our children entered as our first Chess Competition.

Such was the demand from primary schools that we split the event into two separate competitions, one held in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Over the course of the day, 160 pupils from 16 different schools took part, each playing in a 5-round Swiss tournament, with medals being awarded for the highest scores and a trophy for the winning teams.

*In the morning event, it was **St Thomas More** that led the way, scoring an incredible **104 points** ahead of Coundon (92) and Sidney Stringer (91). **Timmy from St Thomas More** had the **distinction of achieving the only perfect score of the day**, winning all five of his games - congratulations! The afternoon tournament was a much closer affair, with Stivichall Primary just finishing on top with 84 points, closely followed by Earlsdon (81) and Courthouse Green (80). Only six points separated the top five teams - every competitor really played their part.*

Our thanks to all the players for their excellent chess and for displaying such a competitive but sporting spirit throughout the day.

Double Header in Coventry — Chess in Schools and Communities



INDOOR BOWLS

Well done to all our Year 5's who were challenged with a new sport last week as they took part in an indoor Bowls lesson and match vs St Gregory's. They all enjoyed trying out a new sport.









UPCOMING EVENTS



St Thomas More
Catholic School

Bag 2 School

Donation Dates:

Monday 8th June to Wednesday 10th June

Collection Date:

Thursday 11th 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



6th 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

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 95.3%

Attendance this week is as follows:

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- *Year Reception - 93.79%*
 - *Year 1 - 96%*
 - *Year 2 - 89%*
 - *Year 3 - 98.44%*
 - *Year 4 - 98.75%*
 - *Year 5 - 97.33%*
 - *Year 6 - 93.33%*
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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- *Sunday 7th June- **STM's Open Gardens** 12-3pm- All Welcome*
- *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 **11:15am(not change of time)** 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- New items beginning with S, T or M and mugs with new items inside.*
- *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

- *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

- *Tuesday 1st September- INSET DAY (School closed to students)*
 - *Wednesday 2nd September- Pupils return*
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