



MORE NEWS 11th SEPTEMBER 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Celebration of the Word- Mary's Vocation

On Monday we celebrated Our Lady's birthday where we thought about that very special vocation God had for Mary- to ask her to be the mother of God. We listened to the story of the Annunciation when Mary put all her trust in God and said yes to one of the most important questions ever asked. We then considered what vocation God has for each of us. We of course also sang 'Happy Birthday' to Our Lady!

Mission- to use the example of Mary our Mother and say yes to God's plan for us.



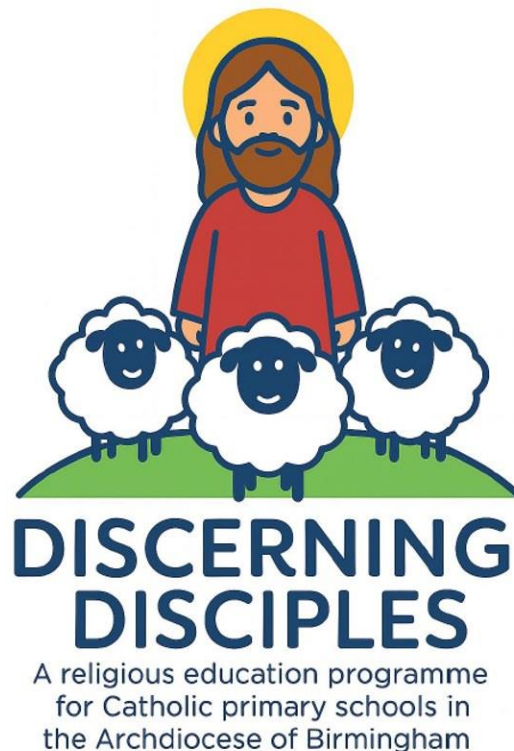
Discerning Disciples- New RE Directory



During our assembly we also launched the new Religious Education Directory called Discerning Disciples. The children were shown how large the the diocese of Birmingham was and how we were part of this wider family of Birmingham diocesan schools. The Birmingham Diocese has its own Mission statement.

"Forming Christ-centred Pilgrims of Hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice"

This week all year groups have started the new RE directory and all year groups are finding out about The Story of Creation. They children, as Discerning Disciples, are questioning their understanding and through this new directory deepening their relationship with God and finding out what vocation God has for each of them.



Education Sunday - 13th September

*This **Sunday, 13th September** is Education Sunday, when we give thanks for our schools, teachers, children and families and pray for our school communities as we begin the new academic year.*

*As part of our celebrations, Father Simon extends a warm welcome to the children and their parents/carers in **Nursery and Reception** to our **9:00 am Sunday Mass**. (Children should sit with their families and do not need to wear school uniform.)*

We would also love to welcome your child to **Little Church**, our Liturgy of the Word for children, where they explore the Sunday Gospel through stories, reflection, song and activities at an age-appropriate level. Children return to Mass at the Procession of Gifts.

We look forward to welcoming you and your families.



Catholic Social Teaching- Stewardship



Stewardship

To link with the beautiful Season of Creation in the Church's year, this half term we will be focusing on how we can be good stewards. A steward is someone who takes care of something that has been entrusted to them. As stewards of God's creation, we are all called

to think carefully about how our actions affect the world around us. By making thoughtful choices and caring for our environment, we can help to protect and cherish the beautiful world that God created for us to share and enjoy.

We would love for you to share some actions you are making to demonstrate how you are being excellent Stewards. (We will only be able to publish photos that do not show faces but can share others in assemblies).

Parish Mass Times

*On **Thursday 17th September 10am**, there will be the **Year 6 class mass**. All are welcome to join.*

A reminder weekend Mass times are:

Saturday

5:00pm - Vigil Saint Thomas More

Sunday

9:00am - Saint Thomas More (includes Little Church)

11:00am - Saint Joseph the Worker

***Little Church** will begin again on Sunday 6th September in both STM and SJW. This is the Liturgy of the Word with children, offering them the opportunity to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel at an age appropriate level. The Children and a Prayer Leader are called forward at the beginning of Mass and process to their sacred space where the scriptures are explored through reflection, discussion, song and other appropriate activities. An adult may accompany a very young child until they are settled. All return to Mass at the Procession of Gifts for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*



Year 6 Confirmation

Father Simon has written to the Catholic children in Year 6 about the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the letter he explains how receiving this Sacrament, should in a real sense, be the decision and undertaking of the child, and not the parent/carer as was the case at Baptism. Next week, parents and carers will also receive a letter explaining how the preparation will take place and the key dates which will be held in the coming months.

*There will be an **initial meeting for all children and parents/carers at 6.00pm on Thursday 17th September in the Margaret Roper Room.***

*Over the next few weeks **Enrolment Forms** can be collected from Sunday Masses. These must be collected by the child wishing to be confirmed and need to be returned by **Friday 9th October** to the **Presbytery**.*

Safeguarding- Use of AI

The Holy Cross Catholic Mac has made the difficult decision to cease the sharing of children's photos on social media, website and school newsletter. As part of the MAC that effects St Thomas More. This is due to the risk of children's images being used as deep fakes. Whilst this is disappointing, we will endeavour to share the lovely activities we still get up to without showing faces. Safeguarding is always our first priority.

Allergy Awareness & Benedict's Law

New statutory government guidance, known as **Benedict's Law**, has been introduced for schools regarding the management of allergies. To support the safety and wellbeing of our children, we have strengthened our procedures:

- We now have a dedicated **School Allergy Policy** and clear procedures for responding to allergic emergencies.
 - **Mrs Hoare** is the named member of staff responsible for overseeing the policy and the management of prescribed allergy medication.
 - We have **spare adrenaline auto-injectors**, as well as a spare asthma inhaler and spacer, available in school.
 - All staff have received updated **allergy awareness and emergency response guidance**.
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A reminder for parents/carers:

- Please inform school of **any medical condition** your child has, even if medication is not required in school.
 - If your child requires **medication or an inhaler in school**, the appropriate paperwork and care plan must be completed.
 - Please check your child's details on **Arbor**, particularly medical information and telephone numbers.
 - Please ensure we have **at least two emergency contacts** for your child and that their details are up to date.
 - **We are a nut-free school.** Please check all packed lunches and snacks carefully. Products containing nuts, including foods such as Nutella and Kinder Bueno, must not be brought into school.
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Meet the teacher from Y1 to Y6

We invite all parents and carers to our important meet the teacher sessions at the beginning of the school year. This gives you a chance to experience your child's classroom, meet their teacher and hear about the year ahead. It is a valuable opportunity for us all to share vital information.

This year we have had various improvements made in school with a refurbished Sport's Hub, a new Art and Design Technology Room and newly decorated Year 1 and 2 classroom with new flooring along with more religious art work painted on walls. Our lower learning avenue depicts the beginning of Jesus' life including The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus, Epiphany, Escape to Egypt and Presentation in the temple.

This then develops into a immersive mural in our staircase 2 up to Year 3 and Year 4 where the beginning of Jesus' ministry is captured at the moment of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.

We would therefore invite you to come 20 mins before your teacher's presentation so that you have an opportunity to walk around school and see the new developments.

Tuesday 15th September

Year 6 - 5:00pm This will include vital information about the Educational visit to Plas Dol y Moch in December 2026. It is essential that all children are represented.

Year 5 - 5:30pm

Thursday 17th September

Year 1 and Year 2 - 5:00pm

Year 3 and Year 4 - 5:30pm

Coventry Children's Boot Fund

The Coventry Children's Boot Fund may be able to provide support towards the cost of footwear for children who meet the eligibility criteria.

If you would like to apply, please contact the school office for an application form.

Completed applications need to be submitted by Tuesday 22nd September.

For more information, please visit the Coventry Children's Boot Fund website: [Coventry Children's Boot Fund](#)

Sports News

We are excited to announce that **football trials for our school girls' teams** will be taking place on Thursday, 17th September. **Sign ups close on the 16th Sept.**

If your child is interested in representing St Thomas More, please click the link below for further details and to register. Please note this is for Year 05 and Year 06 only.

[Girls Football Trials](#)

We're delighted to be a **2026–27 Junior Parkrun Primary School!** Encourage your child to get involved and enjoy the fun of being active every Sunday. 🏃‍♀️🏃‍♂️🏃‍♀️🏃‍♂️

Click here to join the fun: [parkrun](#) | [join us](#)



Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

The PTFA will be holding their annual general meeting on **Monday 12th October**. All parents and carers are automatically part of the PTFA. Please come and support the wonderful work they do in raising money and giving our children enriching opportunities.



AGM

DATE



12th Oct 2026

VENUE



STM / MST

TIME



18:00 - 19:30

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

STM PTFA Lotto

*If you haven't already signed up for the **STM PTFA Lotto 2026–27**, there's still time to join!
For just **£1 per month**, you'll have the chance to win prizes while helping to raise valuable
funds for our school.*

Sign up or renew your membership here:

<https://forms.gle/KZASWVGaDud9UeDm6>

You can also scan the QR code on the attached poster.

STM PTFA PRESENTS



**FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP
SCAN / PRESS THE QR CODE**

**£1 month
11 draws a year
Sept-July
Allocated number
No number limit
Must be aged 16+**



**1st prize £50
2nd prize £10
3rd prize £5
Amazon e-Gift
Voucher**

**ANY QUERIES EMAIL
stm-ptfa@hccmac.co.uk**

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 16TH OCTOBER 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



STM PTA

Tuck Shop

Friday 23/10/2026
@ 15:20 on the playground



St Thomas More
Catholic School

Bag 2 School

Donation Dates:

Mon 9th Nov to Wed 11th Nov

Collection Date:

Thursday 12th November

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

Other Notices

Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening

**Soli Deo**

**BISHOP
ULLATHORNE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Open Evening
Thursday 24 September 2026
5pm to 7pm



 www.bishopullathorne.co.uk  02476414515

Rugby Session

Girls Rugby Fun Session Wednesday 16th September 2026

6pm-7pm ish



- **this session for**
- school years 4 to 7
- no experience necessary
- already at Barkers - bring a mate!
- FREE session
- FREE hot chocolate post training!
- **why Barkers Butts**
- long established girls section
- successful at national level
- qualified coaches
- dedicated girls only u9s and up
- plenty more reasons!



Barkers Butts RFC
Pickford Grange Lane
Allesley
Coventry
CV5 9AR

for more details of this session
email mattianbull@hotmail.com

* If signed up as a member for '26-'27 season, doesn't include boots, gum shields



♥ your team
♥ rugby

Get involved at
findrugby.com

COVENTRY MUSIC GROUPS

Coventry Music offers a range of music groups and choirs outside of school hours for children who enjoy music and would like to develop their skills.

Families interested in joining a Coventry Music group for the 2026/27 school year can complete the [registration form](#) . Further information about the groups available can also be found on the [Coventry Music website](#).

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!

As you are aware attendance is crucial for your child to achieve their maximum potential. We aim to achieve 95% or more each year. It would be wonderful if we aim for each child was able to improve on last attendance by 1%. 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 95.65%.

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year Reception - 85.65%
 - Year 1 - 99.02%
 - Year 2 - 96.77%
 - Year 3 - 95.42%
 - Year 4 - 98.19%
 - Year 5 - 98.79%
 - Year 6 - 97.92%
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IMPORTANT DATES

September

- Tuesday, 15th September - **Meet the Teacher (Y6 at 5:00pm) and (Y5 at 5:30pm)**

- Thursday, 17th September - **Year 6 class mass** at 10 am
 - Thursday, 17th September - **Meet the Teacher** (Y1 & Y2 at 5:00pm) and (Y3 & Y4 at 5:30pm)
 - Friday 18th September Year 4 to visit Coventry Blaze Training session
 - Tuesday 22nd September 9am Parent/ Carer Tour- please book place by contacting the school office
 - Thursday 24th September 5-7pm **Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening**- A must for all Year 6 pupils.
 - Thursday, 24th September - Year 5 class mass at 10 am
 - Thursday 24th September- Walsingham Feast Day
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October

- Thursday 1st October Whole School Eucharistic Festival Mass
 - Friday 2nd October Adoration- Class times tbc
 - Monday 12th October PTFA AGM- All welcome 6pm
 - Friday 16th October PTFA School Disco
 - Tuesday 20th October Parent/ Carer Teacher Consultations
 - Thursday 22nd October Parent/ Carer Teacher Consultations
 - Friday 23rd October PTFA Tuck Shop after school
 - **Half Term Break (26th to 30th October)**
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November

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- *Sunday 8th November -Community Day 1- 10am-3pm All hands welcome.*
 - *Wednesday, 11th November - Individual and sibling photo session*
 - *Friday 13th November Parent. Carer Tour of school - please book place by contacting the school office*
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