

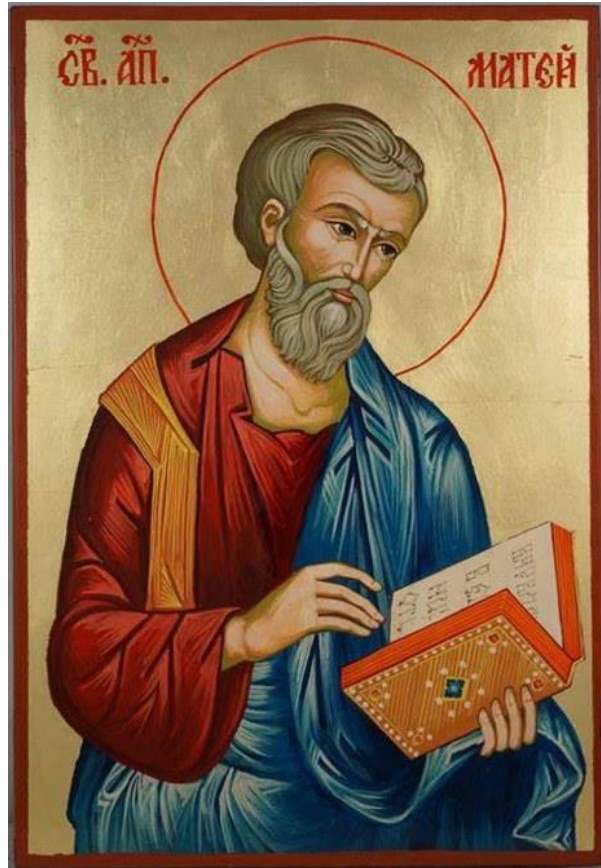


MORE NEWS 25th SEPTEMBER 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Celebration of the Word- Saint Matthew 21st September



Monday was the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle. The children found out lots about him so ask what they remember. Many of them knew he had been a tax collector and that he then became one of Jesus' disciples and wrote one of the Gospel's. We reflected on how, as a tax collector, he was greedy and cheated people out of money so he became rich. But then following an encounter with Jesus he dropped everything, left his money behind and followed Him. We decided that Jesus must have been truly inspiring and transformational. We also thought about how Jesus came for sinners to get them to change their ways. Jesus forgave Matthew and gave him a second chance so as our mission this week we were to forgive and give others a second chance. I have witnessed many of examples of children forgiving and giving others a second chance this week so well done all.

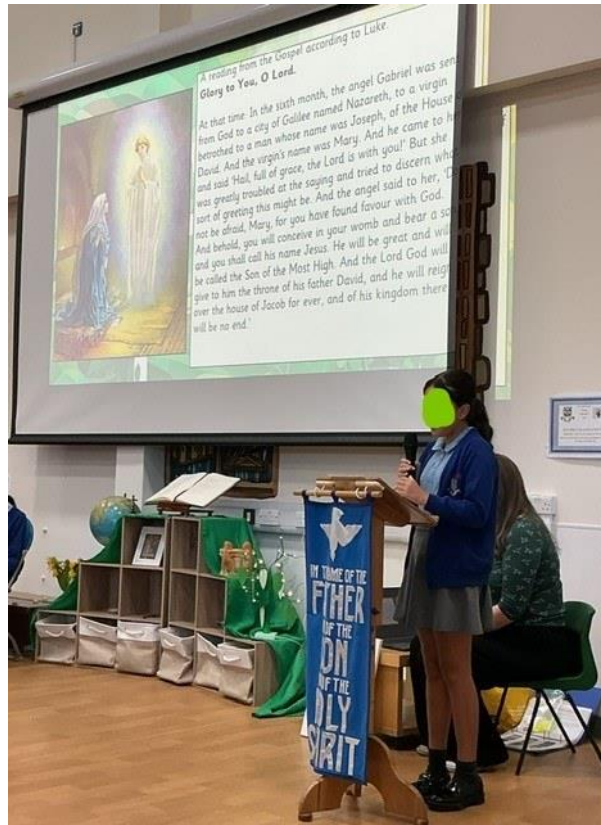
Mission



Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Celebration

On Thursday, 24th September, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. The GIFT Team Leaders led the school in a beautiful assembly where we all reflected on saying 'yes' to God's call like Mary.

Children in Walsingham house then created a green finger print tree and added leaves of what they were saying yes to on our Walsingham tree. Our Lady of Walsingham. Pray for us.







Celebrate Creation Day - Saint Francis of Assisi

CELEBRATORY LUNCH

As part of our Season of Creation we will be marking the very special feast day of one of our favourite Saints; Saint Francis of Assisi. On Sunday, 4th October the Catholic church will celebrate 800 years since his death. Saint Francis loved everything God created. To celebrate this wonderful Saint in the season of creation we are having a special 'Celebrate Creation Day' lunch on Thursday 1st October.

- If your child is already pre-ordered for a school meal, they will be provided with this lunch. No action needed.*
- **If your child is already pre-ordered for a Sandwich but would like a chicken nugget instead then, please let the office know.** However, if they would like to have the sandwich then no action needed.*

- *If your child normally brings a home packed lunch but would like to have a school meal on Thursday 1 October, please let the school office know by **Tuesday, 29th September.***
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≡ SPECIAL MENU ≡

CELEBRATE CREATION DAY - CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday, 1st October 2026

CHICKEN NUGGETS

OR

VEGETABLE FINGERS

SERVED WITH CHIPS
SWEETCORN OR COLESLAW

DESSERT
SPRINKLE CAKE
FRESH FRUIT OR JELLY



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CLASS MASS INVITATION

*Year 1 have chosen Saint Francis as their class Saint. They are all invited to a class mass on **Sunday 4th October 9am** to celebrate the feast of their class Saint. Mrs Staines will be*

leading 'Little Church' that week and would love to see as many Year 1 children there as possible.

Loving and Compassionate

Our virtues this half term are 'loving and compassionate'. These are appropriate for the beginning of the school year when we review our school mission and school rules. We know we need to love one another and we show this by being safe in school, being kind, caring, helpful. Many children have been showing their love for others by the way they have been playing and talking to one another.



Running the London Marathon for CAFOD!

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 2nd October in return bring some money to purchase raffle tickets at £1 each.

*This year as well as supporting **CAFOD's Annual Family Fast Day** we will be supporting one of our own family, School Governor and parent Louise O'Rourke, who is running the London Marathon.*

"In April 2027, I will be taking on the London Marathon to raise money for CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

CAFOD is a wonderful Catholic charity that works alongside communities in some of the poorest places in the world, providing vital support such as education, healthcare, food, clean water and other basic needs to those who need it most.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of our school community. All money raised through our non-uniform day will go towards supporting CAFOD's vital work and helping communities around the world.

If you would like to make an additional donation, you can support my marathon fundraising page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/louiseorourke>

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference.

Thank you so much for your support! ♡"

Please let us know if you are doing anything for charity so we can support you with a mention in our newsletter.



Year 4 Coventry Blaze Ice Hockey Visit

Last Friday, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit to the Coventry Skydome to watch the Coventry Blaze ice hockey team during a training session. The children had a fantastic opportunity to see the players in action, learn about the dedication and hard work involved in professional sport, and ask the team lots of interesting questions. They were particularly inspired by Zaine, who is from Coventry, as he shared his journey to becoming a professional ice hockey player and spoke about what it is like to represent his home city. It was a memorable experience that motivated many of the children to believe that with determination and perseverance, they too can achieve their dreams.



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 1st October 10am** we will open the **Parish Eucharistic Festival called Quarant'ore – Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** by celebrating whole school mass together. This year is a very important year for our Year 3 children who will be preparing to receive Jesus for the first time and so they will be leading this special mass. We warmly invite all to join us for this occasion.*

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- Sunday 9am- *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.



Quarant'ore- Eucharistic Adoration Festival

Quarant'ore – Eucharistic Adoration - 1st to 4th October

*We warmly invite our school families to take part in **Quarant'ore – Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration**. Our children will attend the **whole school mass on Thursday, 1st October 10am** led by **Year 3** to commemorate this Eucharistic Adoration Festival.*

This beautiful tradition offers an opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and spend quiet time in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. During the forty hours there will also be themed Holy Hours, the Divine Office and the Holy Rosary.

*Everyone is welcome to come along and spend some time with the Lord. **Leaflets with the full timetable and details are available at the back of both churches (STM and SJW).***

Quarant'ore Candles

*Candles can be sponsored for a particular intention and will burn for the forty hours before the Blessed Sacrament. Candles are **£5**. Forms are available at the back of the churches.*

*On **Friday 2nd October** classes will be spending 15 minutes before the Lord in Adoration. See times below. You are very welcome to come and sit in the presence of Jesus with your children.*

10:45-11:00 Year 5 and Year 6

1:30-1:45 Year 1 and Year 2

1:45-2:00 Year 3 and Year 4

Year 6 Confirmation

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORMS

*Thank you to those Year Six children who came to Mass last Saturday and Sunday to collect their enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A gentle reminder that children are asked to collect a form on either **26th/27th September** and **3rd/4th October** and return them to Fr Simon (at the Presbytery) by **Friday 9th October**. The Mass of Enrolment with Act of Commitment will take place on **Sunday 18th October at 9.00am**.*

Dates for the Saturday Sacramental Preparations are as follows;

Saturday 3rd October 4pm Session 1

Sunday 18th October 9am Sunday Mass of Commitment

Saturday 14th November 4pm Session 2

Saturday 5th December 4pm Session 3

Saturday 9th January 4pm Session 4

Saturday 27th February 4pm Session 5, 5pm Vigil Mass followed by rehearsal with sponsors

Thursday 4th March 7pm Confirmation

Sports News

School Holiday Fun Days - 27th to 29th October



School Holiday Fun Days

2026-27

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

 **Football**

 **Multi Sports**

 **Performing Arts**

Arts & Crafts - Disco Bingo - Movies - Quiz's
 **And so much more...**
Awards to be won!!! 

 **For more information or a booking link please email**
admin@sportdevelopmentukltd.co.uk

 **Facebook - @sportdevuk**

 **Instagram - @sportdevelopmentuk**

*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.

September Lotto winners

1st prize £50 - Number 11 Jenny Farmer

2nd prize £10 - Number 78 Emma Abberley

3rd prize £5 - Number 34 Charlotte Wilkinson

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

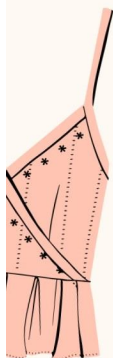
ALL CHILDREN TO BE SIGNED IN & COLLECTED BY AN ADULT
NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS MUST STAY



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

Starting school?

**Due to start primary school
in September 2027?**

Take action now

You can find out all you need to know about
school admissions and apply online from
September 2026 at
coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions
or call **024 7697 5445**.

Apply on time to give your child the best chance
of getting one of your preferred schools.



Closing date: 15 January 2027
Offer day: 16 April 2027

coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Apply for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

- If your child attends a school nursery you still need to apply
- If you have an older child at the school you must still apply

Many of the schools have specific admission arrangements and it is important that you consider these carefully when making your application.

Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas

To find all the information you need, go to our website coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Starting Secondary School in September 2027

Apply online at
coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions
by **31 October 2026**
for children born between
1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

31 October 2026	Closing date for all applications
31 December 2026	If you move house before the 31 December 2026 you MUST contact the School Admissions Team to update your address
1 March 2027	Result emailed by 5pm or details available in your online account



Key facts about the application process

- All parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for a school place through their Local Authority (the city where you live)
- Non-Coventry schools and Grammar schools can be listed on your application
- Even if you already have an older child at the school you must still apply for your younger child
- You should list three schools in order of preference, by not including three realistic preferences, it could result in your child being allocated a school some distance away. There is no advantage in listing fewer than three schools or including the same school more than once.
- If you live within a school catchment area you have more chance of your child being offered a place at that school if you request it and make your application on time. Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas

**School Open Days
are advertised at
[coventry.gov.uk/
openevenings](http://coventry.gov.uk/openevenings)**

**Make your application on time
to increase your chances of
getting the school you want**

Increase your chances of getting the school you want

A copy of the secondary school admissions booklet is on our website at coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissionsbooklets. Please consider each school's specific admissions arrangements carefully when making your application.

- Look at the over-subscription criteria in the policy to work out which priority would be given to your application
- Check how places have been allocated in the last 3 years
- Check your distance from the school. The Admissions team can confirm this for you, please email: 11plus@coventry.gov.uk stating 'distance query' in the subject box
- Compare your priority and distance with how places have been offered in previous years to get an indication of how successful your application might be
- Please check the details on applying for a faith school as they may require you to provide additional information as part of the application process

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 96.17%.

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year Reception - 95%
- Year 1 - 92.76%

- Year 2 - 98.97%
- Year 3 - 100%
- Year 4 - 90.32%
- Year 5 - 97.87%
- Year 6 - 96.83%

IMPORTANT DATES

October

- **Thursday 1st October Whole School Eucharistic Festival Mass 10am** led by Y3
 - **Friday 2nd October- CAFOD Family Fast Day- *Non- uniform day*** and bring some money for CAFOD. £1 a raffle ticket to be entered into a prize draw.
 - *Friday 2nd October Adoration- Class times see above*
 - **Saturday 3rd October 4pm Confirmation Preparation Session 1**
 - **Sunday 4th October 9am Year 1 St Francis of Assisi 800th Anniversary Mass**
 - *Monday 12th October PTFA AGM- All welcome 6pm*
 - *Friday 16th October PTFA School Disco*
 - **Sunday 18th October 9am Mass of Commitment Year 6 Confirmandi**
 - *Friday 23rd October PTFA Tuck Shop after school*
 - **Half Term Break (26th to 30th October)**
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November

- *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*
 - *Saturday 14th November 4pm Session 2*
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