



MORE NEWS 2nd OCTOBER 2026



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Celebration of the Word- Feast of the Archangels



This week we celebrated two special feast days;

- *Tuesday 29th September- The Feast of the Archangels; Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*
 - *Friday 2nd October- Feast of our Guardian angels.*
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On Monday's celebration of the word the children found out all about the three Archangels. We have all been encouraged to pray to them and our own Guardian angels to protect and help us in our daily lives. Many of our classes end the day after their evening prayer with the following prayer which is a beautiful one to say before bedtime

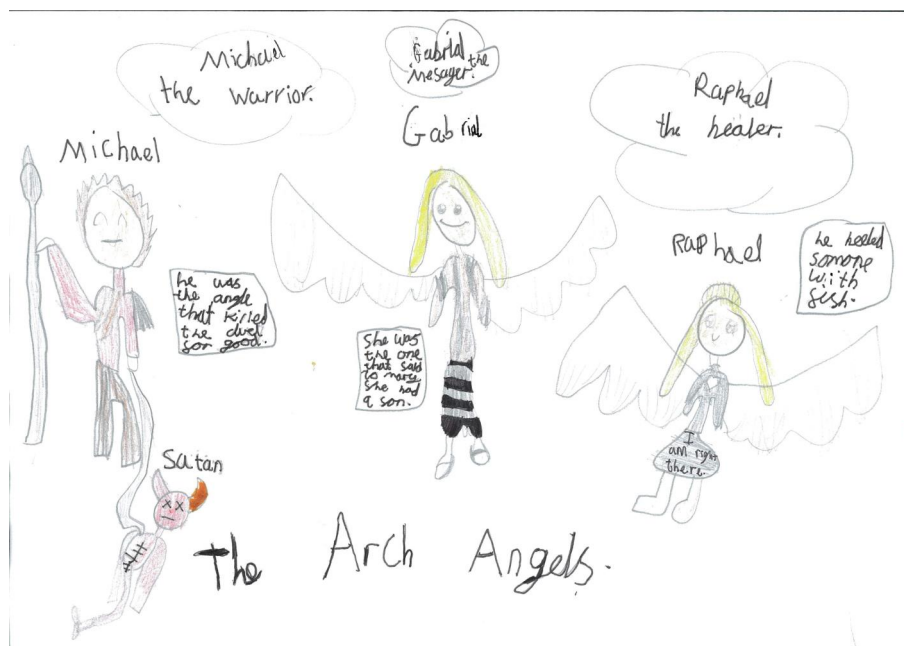
Angel sent by God to guard me

Be my light and walk beside me

Be my guardian and protect me

On the path of life direct me.

It was wonderful to be shown a lovely poster on Thursday evening by a child in Y4 had created following the assembly. Well done Chloe.



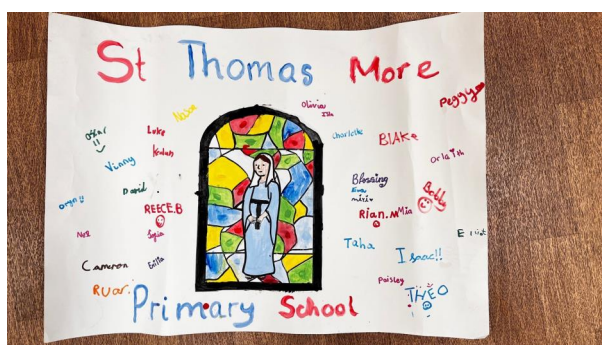
Celebrate Creation Day - Saint Francis of Assisi

CLASS MASS INVITATION

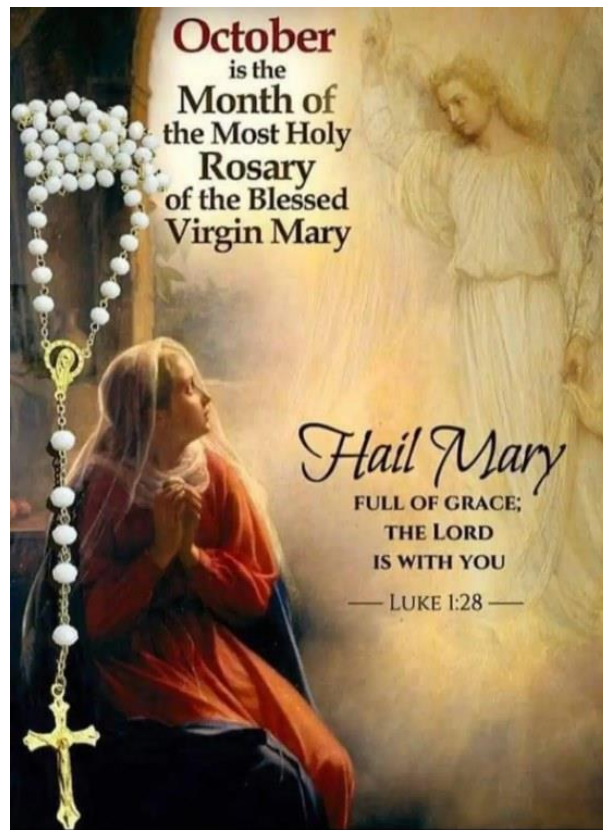
*Year 1 have chosen Saint Francis of Assisi as their class Saint. They are all invited to a class mass on **Sunday 4th October 9am** to celebrate the feast of their class Saint. **Mrs Staines will be leading 'Little Church' this Sunday and would love to see as many Year 1 children there as possible. Of course all are welcome are attend.***

This Sunday the church marks the 800th anniversary since St Francis died. During Praise celebration today the children all found out about St Francis of Assisi and how he is the shining example of what a good steward of creation looks like.

Walk with Mary Pilgrimage Rosary Challenge



*This week our Year 5 children had a wonderful opportunity to take part in the **Holy Family 'Walking with Mary' pilgrimage**, joining together with other schools in a joyful celebration of faith. The children proudly represented our school by taking part in the **Celebration of the Word**, presenting our pilgrimage banner and helping to lead the closing celebration. They also joined together in praying the **Rosary**, reflecting on Mary's example of faith, love and trust in God. It was a very special occasion and a lovely opportunity for the children to experience what it means to journey together as part of our wider Holy Family community.*



ROSARY CHALLENGE 2026

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and we invite all our children and families to take part in the Rosary Challenge 2026 i.e. to pray a decade of the Rosary daily from Monday to Friday during this month . This is a lovely opportunity to pray along with Mother Mary, grow closer to Jesus and make time for prayer each day. Children can use the [Rosary Challenge Record Sheet](#) to keep track of their progress throughout the month. Let us come together in prayer and grow in faith as a school community.



THE ROSARY CHALLENGE

RECORD SHEET

The Rosary Challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, each weekday in October.

SCAN ME



JOYFUL MYSTERIES

☐ THE ANNUNCIATION
 ☐ THE VISITATION
 ☐ THE NATIVITY
 ☐ THE PRESENTATION
 ☐ FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

☐ THE RESURRECTION
 ☐ THE ASCENSION
 ☐ DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 ☐ ASSUMPTION OF MARY
 ☐ CROWNING OF MARY

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

☐ AGONY IN THE GARDEN
 ☐ SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR
 ☐ CROWNING WITH THORNS
 ☐ CARRYING OF THE CROSS
 ☐ THE CRUCIFIXION

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

☐ BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN
 ☐ WEDDING AT CANA
 ☐ PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM
 ☐ THE TRANSFIGURATION
 ☐ INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Academisation Development Consultation

*HCCMAC is currently consulting parents, carers, parishes and communities as part of the proposed next phase of the development of St Raphael the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. The proposal is for Pope Francis CMAC, Holy Cross CMAC, Romero Catholic Academy and eleven Voluntary Aided schools to join St Raphael the Archangel on 1 September 2027. The consultation runs until **Friday 16 October 2026**, and further information about the proposal and how to submit comments can be found on [our website](#).*

Loving and Compassionate- CAFOD Family Fast Day

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!

*A huge thank you for everyone's generosity towards CAFOD's Family Fast Day. **We raised £332 today.** Thank you for being loving and compassionate to those vulnerable overseas especially those who do not get enough to eat each day. .*

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle draw: Michalina, Freddie, Leo, Keeva, Leia, Eithne, Bobby.

*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.



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

There is no class mass next week.

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

*Our whole school family gathered and celebrated mass together to mark the opening of our Parish **Quarant'ore – Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.***

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.*

Wheelbarrow of Hope – Supporting Our Local Community

*This week, six of our **Year 5 School Ambassadors**, nominated by their class teachers, visited **Cheylesmore Food Hub** to deliver and help sort food donations, ready to support people in our local community who need a helping hand.*

It was a really fulfilling experience, and the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. The volunteers at the Food Hub were extremely impressed by their enthusiasm and just how efficiently they worked!

*We hope to visit the Food Hub **each month** as we continue our **Wheelbarrow of Hope** initiative. **Any donations of food, toiletries or other essential items are always gratefully received.** Thank you for helping us to make a positive difference within our community.*



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

St Thomas More got their season off to a fantastic start with a convincing 7–0 victory at home against St Mary & St Benedict's.

It was a brilliant team performance from start to finish, with the boys showing great teamwork, energy and determination throughout the game.

Goalscorers:

 Oryn x3 – Hattrick!

 Vinny x1

 Arty x1

 Ignacy x1

 Caleb x1

A fantastic way to begin the season — well done to the whole team!   



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.

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 PTF

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



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that children must not be left unattended in vehicles in the school car park, even with the windows open, while dropping off other children.

*For the safety of all our children, Nursery and Reception pupils **must** be accompanied by a parent or carer to their respective drop-off points. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep all our children safe.*



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

*A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that, in line with our school attendance policy, **evidence of medical or other appointments should be provided to the school office** when a child needs to leave school during the school day.*

*If you are planning a holiday during term time, please email the school office in advance, stating the dates your child will be absent, their expected return date and the reason for the request. Please remember that **term-time holidays will not be authorised** and, in many cases, will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) being issued.*

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring good attendance at school.

RECEPTION ADMISSION INFORMATION

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



SECONDARY ADMISSION INFORMATION

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

Coventry Libraries presents Big Book Bash



"Book" the date!

The Coventry Libraries' BIG book bash is coming to the Transport Museum on Wednesday 28 October, 10am to 3:30pm!

Library free event for children and their families this half term, expect yoga, stories, activities and much more.

Keep a look out for more information.

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 96.73%.

Attendance this week is as follows:

- Year Reception - 95%
 - Year 1 - 94.48%
 - Year 2 - 100%
 - Year 3 - 98.33%
 - Year 4 - 93.55%
 - Year 5 - 100%
 - Year 6 - 95.33%
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IMPORTANT DATES

October

- **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

- ***Tuesday 3rd November Parent/Carer Consultations 3:40-5:40pm***

- *Thursday 5th November 10am Mass of Remembrance Led by Y5*

- ***Thursday 5th November Parent/Carer Consultations 3:40-5:40pm***

- *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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*Please note an additional Teacher Training Day on **Friday 12th February** to enable all Holy Cross Staff to gather together.*
