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THE MORE MESSENGER

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ

Anything in The More Messenger that is red and underlined is a dynamic link. Click or tap the link to take you to further information or booking forms.

Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying week begins
Monday 23rd November	Reception Tour 9:15-10:15 AM - Doors open at 9AM
Tuesday 24th November	**Fire engine visit - Reception and Year 1**
Friday 27th November	Occassional Day - School Closed
Friday 4th December	Elfridges PTA Christmas shop
Sunday 6th December	Hospice Concert at St Albans Cathedral - School Choir
Monday 7th December	Advent Mass at Sacred Heart Church 10 AM parents are welcome
Monday 7th December	
Tuesday 8th December	**Stir Food cooking workshop - Reception and Year 1 -AM**
Tuesday 8th December	**Panto at Radlett Centre - Years 2 - 6 - AM**
Wednesday 9th December	**Reception nativity 2:15PM**
Thursday 10th December	**KS1 nativity 2 PM**
Friday 11th December	**Advent reconcilation with Father John and Father Joseph**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96%	THIS YEAR - 96.4%

STMSA

Save the Date!!!

Wreath Making - Thursday December 3rd @7pm

Christmas Crafternoon - Friday December 11th

🎁🎄 **Elfridges Gift Shop is coming! Friday 4th December** 🎄🎁

This festive season, let your children experience the joy of giving! Every child will be able to choose a gift for someone special. More details to follow soon!

We'll be accepting gift donations from Monday 23rd November – thank you in advance 🙏

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource can be found **here** to share with your families.

In this week's Gospel, the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids reminds us of the importance of being prepared, making wise choices and being ready to respond to God's call. In school, we encourage our children to embrace each day with a positive attitude, ready to learn and face new challenges.

We remind them that every day brings opportunities to make a difference, whether through helping others, showing kindness or persevering when things become difficult. Through these small but meaningful actions, we can let the light of Christ shine brightly in our school community and beyond.

FOLLOW US

Find us on social media:
Instagram - **@stmorecps**
Facebook - **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School**



We have placed our Remembrance Book by the school office for anyone who wishes to share a special message, write a few heartfelt words or leave a personal tribute.

You are very welcome to pop by and add your thoughts and memories.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCKS DAY



Anti-Bullying Week - 16th November 2026

This year, Anti-Bullying Week is centred around the theme 'Break the Silence', encouraging children to speak up if they are worried about themselves or others. Throughout the week, teachers will deliver a variety of engaging lessons and activities to help children explore what this theme means and consider how they can respond positively in different situations.

On Monday 16th November, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate individuality, uniqueness, and the things that make each of us special. During the day, we will discuss the significance of Odd Socks Day and launch the week with a whole-school assembly, where we will share this year's anti-bullying message and reflect on the importance of kindness, respect, and speaking up.

This learning forms an important part of our Relationships, Sex and Education (RSE) and Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE)curriculum, helping children to develop confidence, empathy, and positive relationships with others.

We look forward to an enjoyable and meaningful week of learning together.

VOLUNTEER DAY

A huge thank you to all the staff and families who generously gave up their time last weekend to support our Volunteer Day. We are incredibly grateful for your hard work and willingness to help improve our school environment and make it an even better place for our children. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together, working alongside one another and taking such pride in our school. Your continued kindness, generosity and support make a real difference, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school community. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

ASHLYNS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & CHILDREN'S CRAFT EVENT SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Join us at Ashlyns School for our annual Christmas Craft Fair! This festive community event is a wonderful, informal opportunity for future primary students and their families to look around the inside of the main Ashlyns School building .
Every penny raised by the Ashlyns School Association (over £40k last year!) funds sparkle to the classroom, 'wow' experiences and fantastic equipment and resources that will benefit our future incoming local primary students.
60+ Stalls: Handcrafted gifts, decorations, jewellery, artwork, and more.
Festive Café: Serving hot food, drinks, and homemade cakes.
Children's Creative Classroom: A fun Christmas eco-craft workshop for children, run by a local crafting business, Growing Bright. Just £3 per child—no pre-booking required, just turn up.



FOREST SCHOOL INFORMATION

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Week 1	WB 1st Sept NO Forest School	WB 2nd Nov Year 6	WB 4th Jan No Forest School	WB 22nd Feb Year 5	WB 12th April NO Forest School	WB 7th June Reception
Week 2	WB 7th Sept NO Forest School	WB 9th Nov Year 3	WB 11th Jan Year 6	WB 1st March Reception	WB 19th April Year 5	WB 14th June Year 2
Week 3	WB 14th Sept Year 2	WB 16th Nov Year 4	WB 18th Jan Year 1	WB 8th March Year 1	WB 26th April Year 6	WB 21st June Year 3
Week 4	WB 21st Sept Year 3	WB 23rd Nov Year 5	WB 25th Jan Year 2	WB 15th March Year 2	WB 3rd May BANK HOLIDAY NO Forest School	WB 28th June Year 4
Week 5	WB 28th Sept Year 4	WB 30th Nov Year 6	WB 1st Feb Year 3	WB 22nd March Year 4	WB 10th May Year 1	WB 5th July Year 5
Week 6	WB 5th Oct Year 5	WB 7th Dec Reception	WB 8th Feb Year 4		WB 17th May Year 2	WB 12th July Year 6
Week 7	WB 12th Oct Year 1	WB 14th Dec Year 1			WB 24th May Year 3	WB 19th July Reception
Week 8	WB 19th Oct Reception					

SCHOOL COUNCIL ART COMPETITION

The School council are calling all pupils from Reecption to Year 6, to get creative this christmas with our christmas art competition.

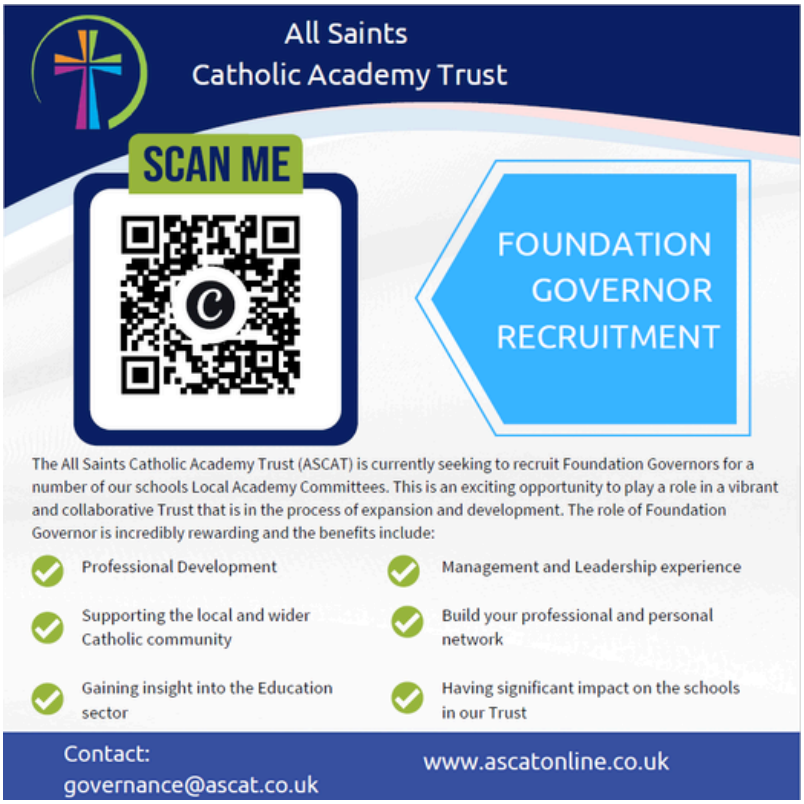
- **All entries need to be no bigger than A4**
- **A drawing, painting or collage with a christmas theme**
- **All entries in by Friday 4th December**
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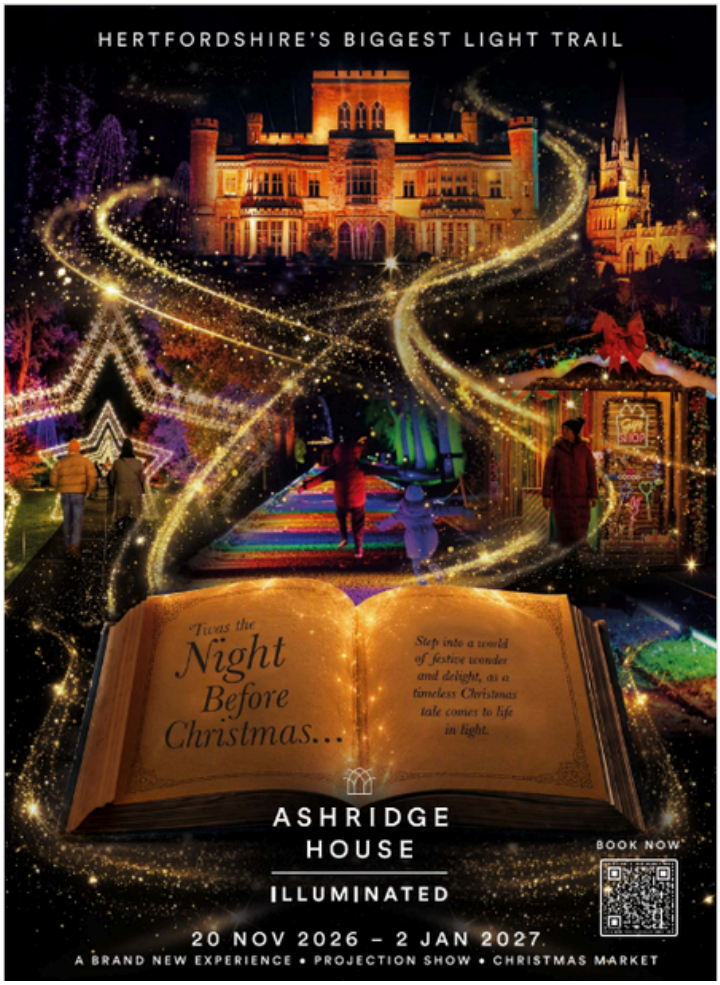
There will be a 1st and 2nd prize for every class and a big box of chocolates for the class with the most entries.

Get creative!



There will be a school council assembly on Wednesday 2nd December to celebrate our school's 90th Birthday at 2:40pm. All parents are welcome.





If you are interested in being a foundation governor within ASCAT, please read above.

St. Thomas More
Catholic Primary School

90 YEARS

1936 – 2026

Alumni Drinks Evening

Celebrating together

Friday 13 November
7.00 – 9.30 pm

At St Thomas More
Catholic Primary School

We warmly welcome former pupils, parents and staff, alongside current families and friends of the school, to reconnect and share memories.

Enjoy a relaxed evening with drinks, catch up with old friends and explore a display of school photos, memorabilia and special moments from throughout the years.

RSVP TO THE INVITATION

Please let us know you are coming by completing the form using the QR code or the link below:

forms.cloud.microsoft/e/gTbCNmbZHn

We are also planning a larger anniversary celebration later in the academic year and will share more details once these are agreed.

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Reception Tours for September 2027





- Supportive and engaged community
- Proud to be an OPAL Platinum school
- Rooted in Catholic values
- Academic ambition for all

Tuesday 10th November 9:15-10:15 am	Book here: https://forms.gle/L7encspGDmrLWCkd8
Monday 23rd November 9:15-10:15 am	
Monday 11th January 2-3pm	

"Leaders make early years a priority. They give children a happy and positive start to school."
- Ofsted Report June 2026

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