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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*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

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| **w/c 12th May** | Year 6 SATs Week |
| **Friday 16th May** | STMSA International Event (after school) |
| **w/c 19th May** | Other Faiths learning (Y1-6) - Sikhism |
| **Tuesday 20th-Wednesday 21st May** | Year 5 Residential Trip |
| **Thursday 22nd May** | ASCAT Year 4 Dance Festival |
| **Monday 26th-Friday 30th May** | Half Term - school closed |
| **w/c 16th June** | Healthy Living Week |
| **Monday 16th June** | Sports Day |
| **Thursday 19th June** | EYFS Farm Trip |
| **Friday 20th June** | STMSA Summer Fair and Football-a-thon (after school) |
| **Monday 23rd June** | St Thomas More Feast Day Celebrations - Mass in school at 2.15pm, all welcome |

*Year 6 Leavers' dates and activities can be found on the next page*

**Please check the calendar on the school website for updates and future dates.**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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| SCHOOL TARGET - 97% | THIS WEEK - 97.06% | THIS YEAR - 96.17% |

## POPE LEO XIV

This week, as a school, we have greatly anticipated the 'white smoke' from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel to indicate that the conclave have elected a new Pope.

We give thanks for the Cardinals involved in the election process and pray for Pope Leo as he begins his journey as leader of the Catholic Church.

**Let us pray:**

Faithful God,

You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion. Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church. Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ. May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.

Amen.

## MAY DEVOTION

This afternoon, as it is the month of May, we gave thanks to Mary our Mother and Mother of the Church, recognising her courage and faithfulness as she said 'yes' to God's will. We sang and prayed as we processed out to our Prayer Garden and crowned the statue of Our Lady, hopeful that we too can be as courageous and loving as Mary.

## CARE FOR CREATION - BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Seed packets have been sent home today as part of the Butterfly Project. These need to be planted before the end of May to encourage more butterflies. More information about the project can be found **here**.

## LOST PROPERTY

Final call for items to be claimed from the Lost Property bin before unclaimed items are donated to the clothing bin. Please do look through if you are missing something.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DATES

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| Tuesday 8th July | Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal | 9.30am - all welcome (limited capacity) |
| Wednesday 9th July | Year 6 Play | 6pm - all welcome |
| Tuesday 15th July | Year 6 Leavers' Mass | Sacred Heart Church - 2pm - all welcome |
| Thursday 17th July | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly | In school - 2.40pm - all welcome |

## PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource, which was shared yesterday morning due to its time sensitive nature, prayed for the conclave. If you wish to still access the resource, it can be found **here**.

## TERM DATES 2025-2026

The term dates for 2025-2026 are available **here** on our school website.

## ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

We look forward to welcoming as many children and families as possible at our forthcoming Summer events!

**Race Night - Friday 9th May (adults only)**

As this goes to press, we are excited to welcome parents and friends of the school to our first ever STMSA Race Night this evening! Thank you to everyone that has bought tickets - we are looking forward to a fun night of fundraising!

**International Day - Friday 16th May**

Just one week to go until the return of International Day! The event is a chance for children and families to celebrate the diversity that makes our school so unique.

Please book your tickets **here**.

All children are invited to wear their traditional clothing to school on Friday 16th May, whether it's a kilt, sari, colours of a country's flag

Bring a plate of your traditional (nut-free) food to share with others (e.g. Scottish shortbread, Spanish Churros or a French Tarte Tatin)

Weather-permitting we hope to hold the event on the lower playground, so please collect your child from their classroom as usual, then join the fun!

| Summer 1 **REMINDERS:** | **FOREST SCHOOL** Mondays Year 1 | **EYFS FOREST SCHOOL** Tuesdays Nursery and Reception | **SWIMMING** Thursdays Year 5 |
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# STMSA NEWS CONTINUED

**Summer Fair & Footballathon - Friday 20th June**

Get ready for one of the highlights of the summer! Join us for our much-loved Summer Fair & Footballathon - open to the local community and surrounding schools.

**Footballathon**: We have over 30 teams signed up for the tournament already (the majority from other schools) so if you are intending to enter a team this year and haven't done so yet, please could we encourage you to get your entry in as soon as possible: We'd love to see as many STM teams as possible taking part!

- Teams to have 5 to 7 players
- Entry fee: £4 per player
- Register your team **here**

**Summer Fair**

Planning is underway for another fantastic Summer fair with: stalls, games, raffle, BBQ, bar, bouncy castle... fun for all the family!

It takes an army of volunteers to make this event a success - from selling raffle tickets to flipping burgers to refereeing a football match - even 30 mins of your time on the day makes a huge difference! Please look out for communications from Class Reps in the coming days with more information on how you can help.