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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...

***New dates in green**

Monday 13th October	Harvest Bring and Sing @ 2.30pm - parents welcome
Thursday 16th October	**Author Visit - Sandie Reyhani (Y4,5,6)**
Monday 20th October	Y3 Rugby Tournament - Divine Saviour
Thursday 23rd October	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Tiggywinkles
Friday 24th October	Cross country Y3-Y6
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half Term - ***school closed***
Wednesday 5th November	Reception School Tour
Friday 7th November	STMSA Glow Party - after school
w/c Monday 10th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14th November	Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6
Friday 24th November	Reception School Tour
Friday 28th November	Occasional Day - ***school closed***
Monday 1st December	INSET Day - ***school closed***

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96.1%	THIS YEAR - 95.5%

HARVEST BRING AND SING

On Monday 13th October, we will be having this year's 'Harvest Bring and Sing'. As part of this, we are asking children and families to bring in donations to support the local **Kings Road foodbank** who support families in our local area. Items they are currently most in need of include:
peas, carrots, pasta sauce, curry sauce, tinned tuna, tinned ham / other tinned meats, coffee, hot chocolate, pasta, rice (inc. microwaveable pouches), washing up liquid, washing powder, custard, rice pudding, tinned fruit. We ask for any donations to be brought in on the day (Monday 13th).
All are welcome to join us at **2.30pm** on **Monday 13th October** for the children's performances.

GOD BLESS MRS BAKER ON HER MATERNITY LEAVE

This week, we bid farewell for now to our Executive Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Baker, as she begins her maternity leave. We will greatly miss her guidance, kindness, and the wonderful example of faith and service she has shared with our school community. We thank her for all she has given to our pupils, staff, and families, and we keep her and her growing family in our prayers during this special time. May God bless her with joy, good health, and peace as she welcomes her new baby.

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

SACRED HEART PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Sacred Heart Church is exploring the idea of starting a Friday evening youth group for children and young people in Years 3–11. The group would provide a safe, fun space for kids to make friends, try new activities, and enjoy positive experiences outside of school. Before moving forward, the church would love to hear from parents to see if this is something families would use. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the short questionnaire—the feedback will help guide whether the group goes ahead and what it might look like. The link to the questionnaire can be found below.
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YEAR 6 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

Last week, the Year 6 children travelled to Camelot RFC to participate in Dacorum Sports Tag Rugby Festival. The afternoon session brought 45 teams from across Dacorum. Our children were excellent ambassadors for the school on and off the pitch. After a defeat for all three teams, two teams went on to win two of the next three matches with one team winning all three. There were some excellent individual and team performances with tries aplenty leaving the staff incredibly proud of our children.

BERKHAMSTED FIREWORKS

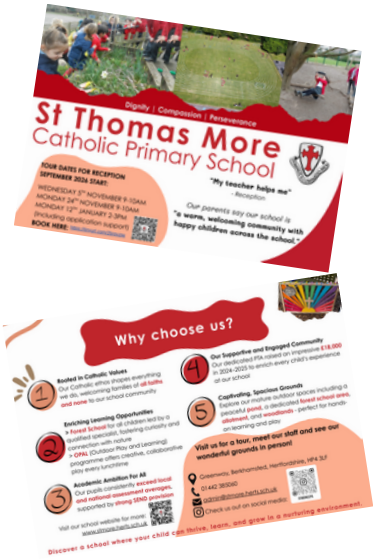
Berkhamsted Cricket Club is hosting its annual fireworks night on Saturday 8 November. Gates open at 5:30 PM, with the display starting at 7:00 PM. It's a great community event with food, fun, and fundraising for local charities. Please buy your discounted tickets from the office as we receive a commision on ticket sales.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday 16th October, Sandie Reyhani, author of 'A Series of Cosmic Accidents', will be visiting our school to work with our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. As part of this, children will have the opportunity to buy her book for £7.99.

"If you would like to purchase the book 'A Sequence of Cosmic Accidents', please visit the 'Products' section of the school app.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD



If you know families with young children (particularly those in local nurseries or toddler groups), we'd love for you to take a few of our school flyers and share them. Whether it's at a nursery, playgroup or just in conversation with friends, you can help introduce others to the our warm and welcoming community. **Flyers are available from the school office - please take as many as you need!** Thank you for helping us grow and strengthen our school family.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

New STMSA Chairs needed in January!

Our current Chairs are reaching the end of their term, so we're looking for a new Chair(or Co-Chairs) to step in!

The role involves working with a brilliant committee of parents to plan and support events, and chairing around six meetings per year.

You won't be doing it alone - a new Vice Chair is already in place, alongside our Treasurer, Secretary, and a strong committee. Plus, the current Chairs will stay on the team to ensure a smooth handover.

If you are interested, please contact Cath Hammond, Terri-Ann Nichol, or Sarah Hennis at contactstmsa@gmail.com, or chat to us in the playground.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Quiz Night – Friday 10th October, 7pm

With eight teams ready to compete and an enigmatic new quiz master at the helm, we're looking forward to welcoming parents and friends of the school for a fun-filled evening of quizzing and delicious food tonight!

STMSA Christmas Planning Meeting - Tuesday 21st October, 8pm

All parents are warmly welcome - come along, share ideas, and help us plan a fantastic Christmas season for the children! Details to follow.

Glow Party – Friday 7th November, after school

Don't miss our glow-in-the-dark extravaganza - disco, hot dogs, arts & crafts and marshmallow toasting. Tickets will be on sale soon!

Christmas Wreath Making evening – Friday 5th December, 7pm

Kick off the festive season at our popular wreath making event! Everything you need to craft your own beautiful Christmas wreath will be provided, along with expert guidance. It's the perfect opportunity to get creative, meet other parents, and get into the spirit! Details on how to book to follow.

100 Club

1st - Theresa Kelly

2nd - Jules Yeomans

3rd - Chris Fielden

Autumn 1 REMINDERS:	FOREST SCHOOL Year 2	SWIMMING Year 4