14.02.25

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	Half Term - school closed
Tuesday 25th-Friday 28th February	Book Fair - sales after school Tues/Weds/Thurs/Fri
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday - Mass in school @ 2.15pm - all welcome
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day - children to wear pyjamas. More information to follow
Friday 7th March-14th March	Science Week - see letter **here** for further information
Monday 1st April	Year 3 & 4 Easter Play - Dress rehearsal @ 9.30am - limited capacity due to the rest of school also watching
Tuesday 2nd April	Year 3 & 4 Easter Play @ 6pm - all welcome

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 94.97%	THIS YEAR - 96.25%

THANK YOU AND GOOD-BYE

This week, we said a great big thank you and good-bye to Mrs Round. We are very grateful for all of her help and support and wish her all the best.

STAY AND PLAY - TEDDY BEARS' PICNICS

Thank you to all who were able to join our Nursery and Reception children this week at their Teddy Bears' Picnics. Our Reception children have been fundraising for the Catholic Children's Society, recognising that Jesus took care of people and still takes care of us today. One of the ways in which He does this is through us - how we look after one another. If you wish to support their efforts, their fundraising page can be found **here**.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who took part in our House Captain Hustings earlier this week. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic all the children were to take part in the democratic process and to listen to the thoughtful and emotive speeches shared. All candidates received numerous votes and we are thrilled to add the following pupils to our student leadership:

	St Cecelia	St Martin de Porres	St Josephine Bakhita	St Giles
House Captain	Sophia	Nathaniel	Niamh	Milo
Deputy House Captain	Munich	Alice	Rafe	Abi

YEAR 6 SATS INFORMATION SESSION

Thank you to all who joined us for our SATS Information Evening on Wednesday. It is great to see the support given to our pupils at home by their families. We will be in touch when the additional support materials mentioned are available to order through the MCAS app.

BOOK FAIR

We are delighted the Book Fair is returning to St Thomas More this year. Books will be available to buy in the school hall after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (25th-28th February). Click **here** to see the event poster. Sales from the book fair help school to buy and replenish our book selections. All payments will be made via QR code or online.

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource, reflecting on social justice, can be found **here.**

CLUBS OVERVIEW

Click **here** to see an overview of clubs and activities available after half term.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

Happy Valentine's day to our wonderful community! Thank you to those who donated towards the STMSA today - it was lovely to see so many children wearing a touch of pink or red and spreading the love! We hope they enjoy their little gift from the PTA.

Upcoming Events

The planning for events for next half term are underway - don't forget to pop the below dates in your diary and watch out for more info in the class WhatsApp groups or in upcoming newsletters.

- St Patrick's Day Event - Sunday 16th March
- Mother's Day Event - Friday 28th March
- Easter Trail - Friday 4th April

February 100 Club Winners

1st (£100) Rachel Cole 2nd (£50) Caroline McLoone 3rd (£25) Jo Cosgrove

If you would like to be a winner, please sign up via **this link.**

We are also excited to announce the date for this year's Summer Fair and Footballathon! Block out **Friday 20th June** for a fun filled afternoon! More details to follow!

Have a fantastic half term!

Spring 2 **REMINDERS:**	**FOREST SCHOOL** Mondays Year 5	**EYFS FOREST SCHOOL** Tuesdays TBC start date	**SWIMMING** Thursdays Year 3