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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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

***New dates in green**

Wednesday 19th November	**Year 2 Multi Skills @ Berkhamsted Leisure Centre 9am**
Thursday 20th November	CAFOD World Gifts Assembly to Recep, Yrs 1 and 2 9:30am
Friday 21st November	Book event @ Centenary Theatre 2-3pm
Monday 24th November	Reception School Tour 9-10am
Tuesday 25th November	**Jesse Tree making day with the Chaplaincy team**
Wednesday 26th November	Y1 attending Sportshall Comp at Ashlyns 12:15-2:45pm
Friday 28th November	Occasional Day - ***school closed***
Monday 1st December	INSET Day - ***school closed***
Tuesday 2nd December	Advent Mass Yrs 2,3 & 5 @Sacred Heart- Parents welcome
Friday 5th December	Christmas Wreath Making Evening 7pm
Monday 8th December	Advent Mass Yrs 4 & 6 @Sacred Heart- Parents welcome
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents 2pm
Thursday 11th December	Panto - Cinderella (Yr 2-6) @ The Radlett Centre 10am
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity performance for parents 2:30pm
Friday 12th December	Advent Reconciliation Yrs 4-6 Fr Joseph & Fr John 10:45am
Friday 12th December	**Elfridges @ 10:30 am**
Monday 15th December	**KS2 Carol Mass Rehearsal @ Sacred Heart 10:30am**
Tuesday 16th December	**KS2 Carol Mass @Sacred Heart 6pm Parents welcome**
Wednesday 17th December	**Reception and Y1 Panto @ Aylesbury 10am**
Thursday 18th December	**Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day**
Thursday 18th December	**Christmas Craft Fair @ 3:30pm**
Friday 19th December	**End of Term - Finish at 1:30pm**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96.26%	THIS YEAR - 94.9%

ANTI BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCKS DAY

This week we marked Anti-Bullying Week (Power for Good) with a launch assembly and Odd Socks Day on Monday to celebrate that everyone is different and valued. Classes took part in daily kindness and inclusion activities, and pupils reflected on who their trusted adults are in school. We also observed Remembrance, with children in Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers and similar groups wearing their organisation tops with school uniform as we paused to remember together.

PRAYER AT HOME

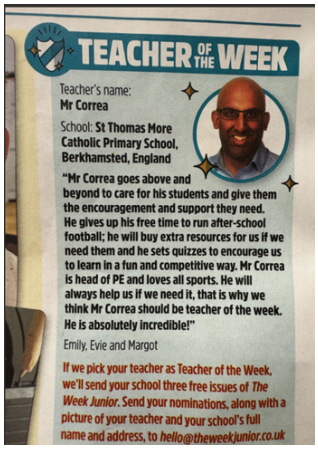
This week's resource can be found here to share with your families.

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

JOIN US IN OUR NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

This November, we invite all our families to join us in remembering and praying for loved ones who have passed away. Our Book of Remembrance is available in the school reception for you to add the names of those you would like us to pray for. Together, we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers throughout this special month.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK AWARD - FEATURED IN THE WEEK JUNIOR



We are incredibly proud of Emily, Evie and Margot in Year 5, whose wonderful nomination for their Year 4 teacher, Mr Correa, has been published in The Week Junior magazine as "Teacher of the Week". In their piece, the children wrote about how Mr Correa goes above and beyond for his class, giving up his time to run after-school football, organising fun quizzes and always being there to help. This national recognition is a fantastic celebration of both our pupils' thoughtful writing and the dedication of our staff – well done, girls, and congratulations, Mr Correa!

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 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

Glow Party – Thank You!

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteer team for all your help and support at last week's Glow Party! We're so grateful for everything you did to make the event run so smoothly — from planning and setup to running activities on the day. Special thanks to Aisling Hilsdon for organising such a fantastic event.

STMSA Chairs Needed!

To date, no volunteers have come forward to be Chair(s) for next year. This means that from January 2026, we won't have a PTA. Without a Chair, we can't continue with events and fundraising that bring our school community together - like the Summer Fair, Christmas events, the Easter Hunt, or to subsidise enriching activities such as forest school and school trips.

We'd love to see a parent (or Co-Chairs) step forward. We already have a wonderful Vice Chair confirmed for 2026 and you'll have plenty of support from our Treasurer, Secretary, and wider committee. The current Chairs will also be on hand to ensure a smooth handover. It's a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference and help ensure these events and support for our children can continue. Please consider helping - the school community would be so grateful! Contact Cath, Terri-Ann, or Sarah at contactstmsa@gmail.com or chat with us in the playground.

100 Club Winners

The 100 Club is STM's very own mini lottery. For just £5 a month, you'll be entered into a monthly draw with prizes of £100, £50, and £25.

October Winners:

1st (£100) Monique Shotton
2nd (£50) Anya Heath
3rd (£25) David Toorawa

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

Festive Fun Incoming!

Our festive events are officially locked in and this year we're trying something a little different! Instead of our traditional Christmas Fair, we'll be hosting Elfridges during school, followed by our brand-new event, Christmas Crafternoon! We hope this new format will help ease some of the time and donation pressures that come with the busy festive season.

Dates to add to your diary:

Wreath Making – Friday 5th Dec, 7pm - Tickets are on sale now - reserve your place by emailing contactstmsa@gmail.com

Elfridges – Friday 12th Dec (during school) - Start collecting any new or unused potential gift items. The children will love shopping for a special gift for a loved one!

Christmas Crafternoon (new for 2025) – Thursday 18th Dec (after school) - A ticketed festive event — think Glow Party meets International Day! — packed with creative fun and seasonal cheer. Tickets will include:

Festive arts and crafts
Biscuit decorating
Games and food

Plus, to add some extra sparkle (and fundraising!):

A Christmas raffle
A Bake Off competition
A bar for the grown-ups

Keep an eye out for more details soon on how to book tickets and let your class reps know if you would like to get involved!

Call for Donations!

To help make these events a success we just need 3 things from you:

Elfridges items: Any new / unused potential gift items (e.g. photo frames, candles)

A hamper item: Our themed hampers make popular raffle prizes – details will be shared on your class whatsapp groups

Raffle ticket stubs/money: Please check your children's bags for Christmas raffle tickets. We would love you to sell these to family and friends, or buy them yourself! If you would like more tickets, please contact the school office or to purchase tickets online, please visit: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/index.cfm

Autumn 2 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Year 5	**SWIMMING** Year 4