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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....

Monday 18th Nov 2024	Reception Class Tour (2025 Cohort) @ 10am
Tuesday 19th Nov 2024	Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements
Saturday 23rd Nov 2024	STMSA Christmas Forest Craft
Friday 29th Nov 2024	Occasional Day - School Closed
Monday 2nd Dec 2024	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd Dec 2024	EYFS & Year 1 Panto - Search for Santa (in school)
Thursday 5th Dec 2024	Reception Class Tour (2025 Cohort) @ 10am
Thursday 5th Dec 2024	STMSA Wreath Making
Friday 6th Dec 2024	Christmas Music Concert @ 9am
Saturday 7th Dec 2024	STMSA Christmas Fair @ 2pm to 5pm
Sunday 8th Dec 2024	School Choir performing at St Albans Abbey
Monday 9th Dec 2024	Year 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation
Monday 9th Dec 2024	Key Stage 1 Nativity Dress rehearsal @ 9:30am
Tuesday 10th Dec 2024	Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 9:30am - **change of date**
Wednesday 11th Dec 2024	Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Panto Trip
Wednesday 11th Dec 2024	EYFS Nativity Dress rehearsal @ 9:30am
Thursday 12th Dec 2024	EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am - **change of date**
Friday 13th Dec 2024	Year 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation
Tuesday 17th Dec 2024	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - Scared Heart Church @ 6pm
Wednesday 18th Dec 2024	Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumpers
Friday 20th Dec 2024	End of Term - School finishes at 1:30pm
Sat 21st Dec 2024 - Sun 5th Jan 2025	Christmas Holidays - School Closed
Monday 6th Jan 2025	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 7th Jan 2025	Inset Day - School Closed

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

REMEMBRANCE

On Monday, we marked Armistice Day and Remembrance in a special way in school. We offered up our school Book of Remembrance and prayed for all the names included in it as well as all our loved ones and people who died during World Wars and other wars, both past and present.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

CONSIDERATE PARKING REMINDER

Following on from our message earlier in the week, please ensure when parking near school to drop and collect children, you are doing so in a considerate manner which is mindful of our neighbours. During peak times, parents are encouraged to park further away and walk the remaining distance. Thank you for your understanding on this important matter.

ANTI-BULLLYING WEEK 2024

This week, children took part in Anti-bullying week. This year's theme was 'Choose Respect'. Children were invited to wear odd socks on Tuesday as a reminder of how each of us is unique and completed PSHE tasks linked to respect throughout this week. Thank you Ms Gabbitas for all your work on this.

GYM & DANCE DISPLAY

Our Year 5 children were blown away on Tuesday when they went to see the John F Kennedy school Gym and Dance display. Thank you for the staff who accompanied the children.

TERM DATES 2024-2025

Term dates for the current academic year can be found on the school website. Please note that term dates for 2024-2025 are subject to changes. You can access all term dates by **clicking here.**

WELCOME

We are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Round to our EYFS team as a member of staff this week. We know she will be made to feel very welcome.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS - ENGLAND ROCKS COMPETITION

4,493 schools took part in the times tables competition this week. St Thomas More finished in 692nd place. Out of the 30,188 classes who took part, our Year 4 class came in 2,344th (in the top 8%) and our Year 6 came 4,168th (in the top 14%). Well done to Nathaniel, Marcus and Elijah who were our top 3 players across school.

Attendance	**Whole School 97.36%**	Well done to Years 2, 3 and 4 who all had attendance exceeding 98% this week

STMSA NEWS

Glow Party

Friday 8th November

A huge thank you to all the families who attended this year's phenomenally successful Glow Party. We raised a record breaking £900. Thank you to Aisling and team for their hard work putting on this outstanding event.

November 100 Club winners

1st (£100) Jo Cosgrove 2nd (£50) Jacqueline Kelly 3rd (£25) Cath Hammond

Pond Fundraiser – Christmas Forest Craft and Campfire with Colleen – Saturday 23rd November 1.30-3.30pm

We have a handful of tickets still available for our festive outdoor adventure with cosy campfire, hot chocolate, pancakes and Christmas themed nature crafts. £9 per child. To book tickets please contact Terri-Ann Nichol on -07306 610590. All proceeds going to the pond restoration.

Christmas Wreath making - Thursday 5th December 7pm

Join our wreath making evening to craft your own stunning Christmas Wreath. £38 per adult. Bring a friend and enjoy a mince pie and a glass of prosecco on arrival. RSVP by Friday 22nd November to contactstmsa@gmail.com

STM Christmas Bake Off - Entries to be brought in to school Friday 6th December. The cakes will be judged and then sold at the event.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 7th December 2-5pm

Festive fun for all the family to enjoy featuring Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, fun with science, Elfridges gift room, raffle, food & drink, festive Stalls, facepainting. We need your help to make the Christmas Fayre a success.

Raffle - Tickets are in your child's bag. The class that sells the most tickets will win a box of chocolates to share. As part of the raffle prizes we will be making up themed hampers. Please check your class WhatsApp group for details of your contribution.

Items needed for Christmas Fayre stalls: Lucky Jars (a jar filled with sweets), decorations or lights that you no longer need, Elfridges gifts (new / unused regifted items for adults), Bottle Tombola (from shampoo to whiskey!). Please bring in your donations to the school office between Wednesday 20th and Thursday 28th November.