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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...

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
Monday 2nd-Friday 6th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
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
Friday 11th July	Music Assembly (music lessons) 9.15am - all welcome
Friday 18th July	End of term 1.30pm

Check out our new website **here**!

Year 6 Leavers' dates and activities can be found below

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 97.33%	THIS YEAR - 96.21%

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This week, we reflected on our school values of **dignity**, **compassion** and **perseverance**. These values help us live out our school Mission Statement, 'learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ'.

We know that we all have dignity because we are made in the image and likeness of God. We recognise the compassion Jesus showed to others and try to follow his example and we reflected on times Jesus persevered in telling others about His Father's love, even at great cost.

When we recognise the dignity of every person, it helps us to be more compassionate towards them. When we face challenges in showing dignity and compassion, perseverance helps us to keep trying and to grow in our ability to love and serve others as Jesus did.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This weekend, we keep our Year 3 pupils in our prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this weekend as part of their preparation process for receiving their First Holy Communion later in the year.

WELCOME

We are pleased to have recently welcomed Miss Bedford to our staff team, supporting in our Reception class. We know she will be made to feel welcome.

WELL DONE

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who undertook their SATs this week with great focus and determination - your attitude was commendable. Thank you to Mr Brooks and all the staff who helped to administer these tests.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DATES

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 can be found **here**, prays for Vocations.

TERM DATES 2025-2026

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

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

Race Night

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made the inaugural STMSA Race Night such a great success! It was a fantastic evening, and we're delighted to report that an impressive £689 was raised for the school. Special thanks go to Sorcha Kerrigan and Jules Yeomans for their hard work in organising this exciting new fundraising event, and to Michael Muldoon for his charismatic emceeing of the horse-racing action!

International Day - Friday 16th May: Thank you to all those who celebrated International Day – a celebration of the wonderful diversity (and amazing baking skills!) in our school community.

Summer Fair & Footballathon – Friday 20th June

With an incredible 52 teams signed up, the Footballathon tournament is now at full capacity! We're thrilled to have a record-breaking 18 teams from St Thomas More – thank you to everyone who has registered their child to take part. To help the matches run smoothly, we are looking for volunteers to act as pitch delegates and referees. If you can help, please let your Class Rep know.

Planning is well underway for another fantastic Summer Fair, packed with stalls, games, facepainting, BBQ, bouncy castle – fun for the whole family! Please can we ask for your support in two ways:

1. **Donations:**

During the week beginning 9th June, please bring the following items to the school office:

- A lucky jar (a jar filled with sweets)
- Your hamper item (details to follow via class WhatsApp groups)

Summer 1 **REMINDERS:**	**FOREST SCHOOL** Mondays Year 1	**EYFS FOREST SCHOOL** Tuesdays Nursery and Reception	**SWIMMING** Thursdays Year 5

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2. **Your time**:
Join the fun and help run your class stall — it's a great way to be part of the action! If you can spare just 30 minutes between 3pm and 6pm, it would make a huge difference.

EYFS - Ice Cream & Snacks
Year 1 - BBQ
Year 2 - General Helpers for Busy Stalls
Year 3 - Clothing Stand
Year 4 - Garden Games & Candy Floss
Year 5 - Bouncy castle
Year 6 - Bar

Thank you. Let's work together to make this another incredible community event!

100 Club Winners:

£100 Chris Fielden £50 Lindsay Hubbard £25 Nadine Jackson