17.1.26

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*

Tuesday 20th January	Mixed League Football Match (away) Bridgewater Primary School
Friday 23rd January	Girls Football Match (home) Hobletts Manor Primary School
Tuesday 27th January	Mixed League Football Match (home) Cuthbert Mayne Primary School
Tuesday 27th January	**Drama workshop for EYFS and KS1 AM**
Wednesday 28th January	SATS Parents meeting 5:30pm
Wednesday 28th January	**PTA AGM Meeting**
Friday 30th January	Mixed League Football Match (away) Chamberbury Primary School
Tuesday 3rd February	Girls Football Match (away) Bovingdon Primary School
Wednesday 4th February	**Parent Consultations - virtual 3:30pm-7pm**
Thursday 5th February	**Parent Consultations - virtual 3:30pm-7pm**
Friday 6th February	**Number Day! - Dress up as a number**

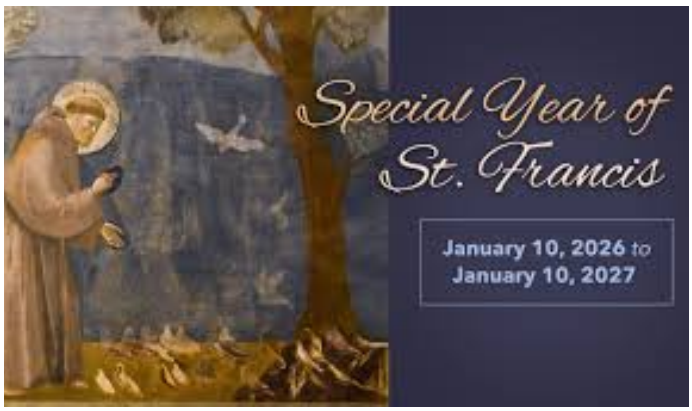
Please check the calendar on our school website here for updates and future dates.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 98.1 %	THIS YEAR - 95.1 %

As the Church's Jubilee Year 2025 has now come to an end on 6 January 2026, Pope Leo XIV is inviting Catholics to continue this spirit of hope through a special Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, running from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027 to mark the 800th anniversary of St Francis' death.

This focus on St Francis reminds us to live simply and joyfully, to be peacemakers, to show compassion to those in need, and to care for God's creation as our common home. In school, this links beautifully to our mission and daily life: helping children to be grateful, to notice the wonder of the world around them, to treat others with dignity, and to make small, meaningful choices that protect creation, such as reducing waste, caring for our environment, and serving our community with kindness.



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

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting

A SATs parent meeting for Year 6 will take place on Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 5:30pm. We will outline the SATs timetable and test format, explain how we are preparing pupils in school, and share practical ways you can support at home.

Year 4 MTC Parents Meeting

A Year 4 MTC parents meeting will take place on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 3:30pm. We will explain what the Multiplication Tables Check is and why it matters, share what we are doing in school to build fluency and confidence, and outline what children need to do at home to practise effectively.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February. Children are invited to dress up as a number or wear number themed clothing for the day. We will be enjoying lots of fun maths activities in school while raising money to support the NSPCC.

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 24th February to Friday 27th February. Children will have the chance to browse and buy books during the week, and every purchase helps us to earn free books for school.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week - 6-15th March 2026

The theme for Science Week 2026 is "Curiosity: what's your question?" and it is all about putting our children in the driver's seat, encouraging them to ask big questions and explore how we can find answers about the world around us.
Following the success of previous years, we would love to invite members of our wonderful parent community to volunteer and help bring science to life for our pupils again. If you work in science or a science related career, or have a strong interest in the subject, we would be delighted if you could share your experiences, career pathway and enthusiasm with the children.
If you are able to help, please email the school office to let us know whether you would prefer to talk to the children or support with workshops.

Thank you in advance for your time and support

Spring 1 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Year 4	**SWIMMING** Year 3

LOCAL ACADEMY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Governors of St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School and St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Federated Board are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Alan Walsh to serve on the Federated Board as the new Parent Governor for St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (STM).

As a parent to three children all attending STM, many of the school community will already be aware of Alan's commitment and enthusiasm for our school and of the very strong support given by Alan and his wife, Lauren, to the St Thomas More School Association.

As Parent Governor, a vital role on the Federated Board, Alan will bring the voice of our children's parents and carers to the attention of the LAC. Alan will also share the full responsibilities of all the Federated Board members, for overseeing the Faithful Stewardship and Ethos of our schools, for being an Advocate and Ambassador for the schools and monitoring their Impact and Accountability.

Please join us welcoming Alan to this important role and wishing him every success as STM parent governor at a time of great change and evolution at our school.

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.

STMSA News

AGM - Wednesday 28th January at 7:30pm

We would like to warmly invite all parents to the STMSA AGM on Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm at school.

As parents and carers of children at the school we are all automatically members of the PTA and this is a great chance to learn more about what we do, where our fundraising goes, to share any new ideas, or get more involved.

We'll also be electing new co-chairs and vice chair, as well as re-electing committee members.

We hope to see you there!

Spring 1 REMINDERS:	FOREST SCHOOL Year 4	SWIMMING Year 3