17.4.26

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**

Wednesay 22th April
Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May
Tuesday 28th April
Monday 4th May
Wednesday 6th May
Thursday 7th May
Monday 11th May -Thursday 14th May
Thursday 14th May
Thursday 14th May
Friday 15th May
Monday 18th May
Tuesday 19th May - Wednesday 20th May
Friday 22nd May
Friday 22nd May
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Thursday 18th June

Boys Football Cup Final at Hemel Hempstead School
Arts week
Y5 Retreat @JFK
May Bank Holiday - Schiool Closed
Y4 Retreat @JFK
Reception Trip to St Albans Cathedral
SATS Week
Mass for the feast of Ascension at school - parents are welcome
STMSA Race Night - adults only
Class photo day
Year 5 Residential to Phasels Wood Root'd
International Day - PTA
Last day of term
May Half Term
Sport Day

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 95.44%	THIS YEAR - 95.5 %

Welcome back to school for the start of Summer term. We hope all of our families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and were able to spend some special time together. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive half term ahead, with lots of learning and special opportunities planned for the children.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, BERKHAMSTED

New Baby & Toddler Group – Now Running!
Join us every Monday from 9:00–10:30am in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church, Park Street, HP4 1HX. This is a drop-in session offering a relaxed and welcoming space where babies and toddlers can play, while parents, grandparents, and carers enjoy tea, coffee, friendly conversation, and the chance to connect with others. Please help spread the word!

Sacred Heart RC Church Youth Mass and Social - Our next Youth Mass and social is on Saturday 25th April at 5pm.
Everyone is welcome to the Mass and we would like to invite all those in Year 7 and above to come to both the Mass and social in the hall.
Look forward to seeing you there for pizza and games!

FOLLOW US

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

PRAYER AT HOME

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

DACORUM YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION 2026

Congratulations to **Dexter in Year 5!**
The Adjudication of entries for Dacorum Young Artists 2026 took place on 9th April, 2026. 22 schools successfully entered the competition, and Dexter was judged to be Best in School for St Thomas More School. Out of all Best in School entries, 3 will be announced at the Exhibition at Ashlyns School on 2nd May, 2026, as Best Overall: 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

YEAR 6 DACORUM SPORTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Earlier this week, Year 6 travelled to the Dacorum Sports Football Tournament. The class were split into 3 teams. Throughout the day, Year 6 were an absolute credit to our school, playing with pride, teamwork, dedication and determination. The two teams in the Friendly tournament worked exceptionally hard scoring goals, saving penalties and playing with great skill. The team in the Compete tournament also played very well and went on to finish 3rd on the day. We are incredibly proud of the efforts of all of children.

SCIENCE RESOURCES REQUEST

With the warmer weather arriving, our Laudato Si' Squad is beginning to plan how we can further develop our eco garden. We would love to create a welly wall filled with plants and a spiral herb garden to enhance the space. We would also love to hear from any parents, carers or family members who may be willing to support the Laudato Si' Squad as we continue our work towards sustainability.
We are currently looking for:

- **Small spare wellies**
- **Spare bricks**
- **Parent or family volunteers to help support our eco projects**

OPAL RESOURCES REQUEST

We are continuing to develop our OPAL playtimes and would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted items from home.
If you have any of the following in good, safe condition, please consider bringing them in:

- **Kitchen utensils and equipment such as pots, pans, baking trays and mixing bowls**
- **Buggies or doll pushchairs**
- **Action figures and small character toys**
- **Dress up items**
- **Suitcases**
- **Old electronics**
- **Laundry basket**

Thank you for your support in helping us enrich playtimes for all children.

Summer 1 REMINDERS:	FOREST SCHOOL Year 3	SWIMMING Year 5

Summer 1 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Year 3	**SWIMMING** Year 5

STMSA News

Welcome to the last term of the school year! It is our busiest time of year and look forward to seeing many of you at our exciting events in the coming months! Join us for the next committee meeting at the Old Mill on Weds 22nd April at 7:30pm. All welcome!

Race Night - Friday 15th May (adults only!)

Following last year's successful event, we will be hosting another exciting STMSA Race Night where we bring the thrill of the Grand National to you! For just £10 a ticket, you'll get ownership of a horse for the evening (with a chance to win your ticket price back if it wins!), and a free drink and nibbles when you arrive.

Book here ***https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=116032***

Bets start from just £1 per race (cash bets only for the 6 races) and doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a bar available, and a great opportunity to mingle and be merry!

International Day - Friday 22nd May

This wonderful celebration of our school's culture, heritage and diversity is back! Join us straight after school for arts and crafts, food and games. International Day is a joyous celebration for all the children and families to enjoy! We hope to see you there!

Summer Fair & Footballathon - Friday 12th June

Get ready – the much-loved Footballathon and Summer Faire returns for another year! Join us for a fantastic day of football, fun and community spirit. Whether your child is playing or cheering from the side-lines, there's something for everyone:

BBQ & Bar – Delicious food and drinks to keep you fuelled all day

Stalls – Browse a great selection of goods and games

Raffle – Amazing prizes to be won! Tickets available in advance and on the day

Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss it!

Easter Egg Trail & Clothing Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped at this event, and a special mention to Sarah Hennis for all her hard work setting this fun event up for our children!

We are also very grateful for the generous donation and ongoing support from Tesco who supplied the gorgeous clothes!

HUGE Congratulations to our March STM Club 100 Winners!

1st Place - Sorcha Kerrigan £100

2nd Place - Clare Trowbridge £50

3rd Place - Ann Harte £25

Want to be in with a chance of winning? Email stm100club@gmail.com

Summer 1 REMINDERS:	FOREST SCHOOL Year 3	SWIMMING Year 5