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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...

Monday 1st September	Start of Autumn term - children in school
Friday 5th September	**INSET Day - School closed to children**
Monday 8th September	Start of Term Mass - in school at 2.15pm - all welcome
Wednesday 10th September	Meet the Teacher meetings - after school
Wednesday 24th September	OPAL Parent Workshop 3.20-4pm in the hall
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September	Parent Consultation Evenings - virtual 3.40-7pm
Wednesday 1st October	Learning Showcase - children's work out on display

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 95%	THIS YEAR - 96.23%

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

Today we said a big thank you and goodbye to Mrs Cohen as she leaves to begin her new job in September. We are incredibly grateful for her hardwork and dedication as a member of our staff team over the past two years and wish her all the best in her new role.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 6 pupils led us beautifully and confidently in their Leavers' Mass. Thank you to all the parents, family and members of our school community who were able to join us at Sacred Heart church for this. Thank you also to Fr Joseph for your support and to Jane Lavin for providing the musical accompaniment.

LET US PRAY

As this school year ends, we thank you, God, for lessons learned and gifts shared, for friendships formed and faith lived, for hope that lifts and love that holds.
Bless our students, families and staff as they journey on, fill our families with joy and rest, renew our hearts to walk as one. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the regular volunteers who give of their time so generously and willingly to our school to support in a range of capacities: Mrs Kerrigan, Mrs Moshakis, Mrs Duggan, the PTA Committee. We were pleased to be able to share a small token of our appreciation which will come home with your child/children today.

WE'RE SOCIAL!

Parents/carers, follow us on social media for future updates and insights:
Instagram - @stmorecps Facebook - St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

UNIFORM AND WALKING PERMISSION

As we look ahead to September, please see **here** a reminder of the school uniform policy which can be found on the policies page of our website. This includes black shoes or trainers and no smart watches.

Year 5 and 6 Walkers

For children who will be in Year 5 or 6 in September, they have the option to be given permission by a parent or carer to walk home unaccompanied. Please complete this form **here** to notify us if you would like your child to do so.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Please be advised that there is no requirement for children to bring their own stationery to school. Children will be asked to keep any pencil cases in their bags / lockers if they do choose to bring them into school. All necessary equipment for learning will be provided by school such as pens, pencils, rulers etc., thank you.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

A Heartfelt Thank You from the STMSA - What a Year!

As we wrap up the 2024/25 school year, we want to take a moment to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to every single member of our wonderful school community.

Thanks to your incredible support, generosity, and enthusiasm, we raised a phenomenal **£17,325** this year *(final figures tbc as we wait for a few last July amounts to be tallied)*!

This is an outstanding achievement that reflects the strength and spirit of our school community. Through this collective effort, we have been able to fund a wide range of enriching experiences, resources and opportunities for our children. Here's a snapshot of what your fundraising has helped make possible:

- Christmas Pantomime Trips – £3,138
- Forest School Equipment & Storage – £4,505
- Interactive Screen for the Hall – £3,018
- Science Week Workshops – £800
- School Trip Contributions – £2,100
- Y6 Leavers' Party – £350
- Subscriptions, Admin and other items – £933

You can see the full breakdown in the attached visuals **here** and **here**.

It's truly inspiring to look back on everything we've accomplished together and we'd like to give a very special thank you to the amazing STMSA committee for their tireless dedication throughout the year. From organising events to managing logistics, they have worked so hard behind the scenes to bring joy to our children and raise vital funds for the school.

To every parent, carer, grandparent, teacher, volunteer and child who baked, donated, helped out or turned up - thank you. You are what makes this school community so special.

We wish you all a joyful and restful summer, and we can't wait to see what we achieve together next year.

Cath, Terri and Sarah
The STMSA Chairs

Autumn 1 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Year 2	**SWIMMING** Year 4