



THE MORE MESSENGER

18.9.26

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.

Monday 21st September

PTA Committee meeting at The Old Mill – all are welcome
8pm

Monday 5th October

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day (4th October)

Tuesday 6th October

Perform drama session with EYFS, Yr 1 and Yr 2

Thursday 8th October

Rosary Day with the chaplaincy team

Friday 9th October

PTA Quiz and curry – doors open at 7pm and starts at
7:30pm

Monday 12th October

St Carlo Acutis Feast Day

Monday 12th October

Individual Photo Day – Winter Uniform

Wednesday 14th October

Parent Consultations – virtual

Thursday 15th October

Parent Consultations – virtual

Monday 19th October

Harvest Bring and Sing – parents are welcome 2pm

Tuesday 20th October

Learning Showcase – parents are welcome 3:20pm

Friday 23rd October

Last Day of Autumn 1 Term 3:15pm

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th

October Half term

October

Friday 6th November

PTA Glow Party – after school

Tuesday 10th November

Reception Tour 9:15–10:15 AM

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET – 97%

THIS WEEK – 97.84%

THIS YEAR – 95.6%

This week, we were delighted to take part in the St Carlo Acutis Heart to Heart Mission Week. We began the week with a beautiful Mass at JFK, celebrated with the Archbishop, which some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were fortunate to attend.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the mission team to St Thomas More for a special assembly, where the children learnt more about the life of St Carlo Acutis and his deep faith and love for Christ. It was a very meaningful experience for the children, who were also given the opportunity to come forward and see the two relics of St Carlo. Our Key Stage 2 pupils wrote their own prayers, which were given to the mission team to be taken back to Assisi and offered to St Carlo. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were also given the special opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics.

We would like to thank the mission team and Father David for bringing such a prayerful and uplifting week to our school community.



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.

SPECIAL FRIENDS ASSEMBLY

On Monday, we held our lovely Special Friends Assembly, where our Reception children and Year 6 pupils marked the beginning of their special friendship for the year ahead. Our Year 6 children were so excited to meet their Special Friends and take on the important role of supporting, encouraging and looking out for them throughout the year. As part of the assembly, a candle was lit to symbolise the start of each friendship and the care and kindness that will grow between them. It was a really special occasion, made even more memorable by the parents and families who joined us to share in this important moment.



FOREST SCHOOL INFORMATION

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Week 1	WB 1st Sept NO Forest School	WB 2nd Nov Year 6	WB 4th Jan No Forest School	WB 22nd Feb Year 5	WB 12th April NO Forest School	WB 7th June Reception
Week 2	WB 7th Sept NO Forest School	WB 9th Nov Year 3	WB 11th Jan Year 6	WB 1st March Reception	WB 19th April Year 5	WB 14th June Year 2
Week 3	WB 14th Sept Year 2	WB 16th Nov Year 4	WB 18th Jan Year 1	WB 8th March Year 1	WB 26th April Year 6	WB 21st June Year 3
Week 4	WB 21st Sept Year 3	WB 23rd Nov Year 5	WB 25th Jan Year 2	WB 15th March Year 2	WB 3rd May BANK HOLIDAY NO Forest School	WB 28th June Year 4
Week 5	WB 28th Sept Year 4	WB 30th Nov Year 6	WB 1st Feb Year 3	WB 22nd March Year 4	WB 10th May Year 1	WB 5th July Year 5
Week 6	WB 5th Oct Year 5	WB 7th Dec Reception	WB 8th Feb Year 4		WB 17th May Year 2	WB 12th July Year 6
Week 7	WB 12th Oct Year 1	WB 14th Dec Year 1			WB 24th May Year 3	WB 19th July Reception
Week 8	WB 19th Oct Reception					

JOHN F KENNEDY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SECONDARY OPEN EVENT

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SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENT & APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ENTRY

We would be delighted to welcome prospective Year 6 pupils at our Open Evening on Tuesday 6th October, starting at 6pm.

All information, including booking for the Headteacher's presentation, are available on our website - www.jfk.herts.sch.uk - go to Our School / Admissions Policy

Please ensure you read the 2027-28 Admissions Policy and download the Supplementary Information Form to complete and submit to JFK with any applicable documentation e.g. baptism, certificate of Catholic practice by 31st October 2026

OPAL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the autumn term, we want to ensure that all children can continue to enjoy the full benefits of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme. OPAL play happens in all weathers, and the children gain so much from it – increased confidence, creativity, resilience, teamwork, and the freedom to explore and be active throughout the school day.

To make this possible, every child needs to have waterproof clothing in school, including:

- **A waterproof coat and waterproof trousers**
- **Or a puddlesuit**
- **Wellies**

Without appropriate waterproofs, children may not be able to access all areas of OPAL play, particularly on wet or muddy days. This can limit their experience and may mean they need to stay in a restricted area while others take part fully.

Please ensure your child has their waterproofs in school every day from the start of the autumn term, clearly labelled with their name. Many families choose to leave wellies and waterproofs in school throughout the term for convenience. This can be kept in your child's locker/peg.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide rich, active, all-weather play for every child.

Kind regards,
Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Johnson

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:

- **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.

Dress up items



Old electronics



Suitcase



Laundry basket



Action figures



Buggies



STORM IGNITE TIMETABLE

HEMEL STORM JUNIOR PROGRAMME

SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2-4 & 5-6

EACH 60 MINUTE SESSION COSTS £10 PER SESSION
BLOCK BOOKING AVAILABLE NOW FOR ALL SESSIONS
W/B 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - W/B 19TH OCTOBER 2026
ALL COACHES ARE DBS CHECKED AND FIRST AID QUALIFIED

OPEN SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2-4

MONDAYS: 5PM - 6PM @ ASTLEY COOPER SCHOOL, HP2 7HL
WEDNESDAYS: 6PM - 7PM @ ADEYFIELD SCHOOL, HP2 4DY
SUNDAYS: 9AM - 10AM @ HEMEL LEISURE CENTRE, HP1 1JS

OPEN SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 5-6

MONDAYS: 6PM - 7PM @ ASTLEY COOPER SCHOOL, HP2 7HL
WEDNESDAYS: 7PM - 8PM @ ADEYFIELD SCHOOL, HP2 4DY
THURSDAYS: 6PM - 7PM @ ADEYFIELD SCHOOL, HP2 4DY
SUNDAYS: 10AM - 11AM @ HEMEL HEMPSTEAD LEISURE CENTRE, HP1 1JS

GIRLS ONLY SESSION FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2-6

FRIDAYS: 5PM - 6PM @ ASTLEY COOPER SCHOOL, HP2 7HL

**SESSIONS IN ITALICS HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM ORIGINAL*

TO BOOK SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:

<https://hemelstormyouthbasketball.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login>

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

juniocoaching@stormbasketball.net



Visually Impaired Sports Day

Launching Hertfordshire's First Showdown Table!

Try Inclusive Sports • Meet New People • Have Fun

- Showdown
- Blind & Partially Sighted Football
- Blind Jiu Jitsu
- Herts Disability Cricket
- Gymnastics

All ages welcome
Bring Family & Friends

Saturday 26 Sep
11am until 3pm

Hatfield Leisure Centre
Travellers Lane AL10 8TJ



**FREE
EVENT**

Email tracey.hunter@hertsvisionloss.org.uk to
register or for more information.

BETTER

No Limits
2026

Hertfordshire
Cricket

BLOOMSBURY
FOOTBALL

STMSA

PTA committee meeting at The Old Mill

Monday Sept 21st @8pm - all are welcome

Annual PTA Quiz and Curry

Oct 9th doors @7pm Quiz at 7.30pm.

Tickets available - Speak to your Class Rep

Save the Date!!!

Glow Party - Friday November 6th 3.30pm

Wreath Making - Thursday December 3rd
@7pm

Christmas Crafternoon - Friday
December 11th

St Thomas More
Catholic Primary School

SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Drinks on sale at our in-house bar.
Plenty of prizes to be won!

QUIZ AND CURRY £20 PP

Join as a group or an individual

Friday 9th Oct Doors 7.00pm

Tickets available through class reps