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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...

***New dates in green**

Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday - Schiool Closed
Wednesday 6th May	Y4 Retreat @JFK
Thursday 7th May	Reception Trip to St Albans Cathedral
Monday 11th May -Thursday 14th May	SATS Week
Thursday 14th May	Mass for the feast of Ascension at school - parents are welcome
Thursday 14th May	STMSA Race Night - adults only
Friday 15th May	Class photo day
Monday 18th May	Year 5 Residential to Phasels Wood Root'd
Tuesday 19th May - Wednesday 20th May	International Day - PTA
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term
Friday 22nd May	May Half Term
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	**Children return to school**
Monday 1ST June	**Y6 PGL Residential trip**
Monday 1ST June - Friday 5th June	Sport Day
Thursday 18th June	

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

ARTS WEEK

Our school has been full of creativity and imagination this week as the children have taken part in Arts Week. Pupils across the school have enjoyed sewing workshops led by our governors, creating fish that will become part of a special whole-school art installation. Each year group has also taken part in drama workshops, supported by our wonderful parent helpers, giving the children the chance to express themselves, build confidence and explore the arts in new ways. The children have also chosen an artist to inspire their own creative workshop, adding another exciting element to the week. We are very grateful to all of the governors, parents and volunteers who have given their time and support to help make Arts Week such a memorable and enriching experience for our children.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

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

YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

During this academic year, we have been involved with 'Young Writers' - an organisation that for 35 years have been working to inspire creative writing in a fun, engaging way. A few months ago, Upper Key Stage 2 submitted work for their 'I Have A Dream' poetry competition that was run. We are delighted that a number of children have had their work chosen for publication. This is a wonderful achievement for the children and their work will be published in a new book that is due to be published in late June 2026. We congratulate all of those who were chosen and we look forward to more success in further writing challenges.

EYFS RESOURCES REQUEST

As we continue to develop our EYFS environment and create more opportunities for imaginative, open-ended play, we are looking for donations of plain sheets, please.
These do not need to be fitted sheets, as we would like to use them to paint backdrops for our stage area. The children will be able to use the backdrops to transform the space into wherever their imagination takes them.

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**

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.

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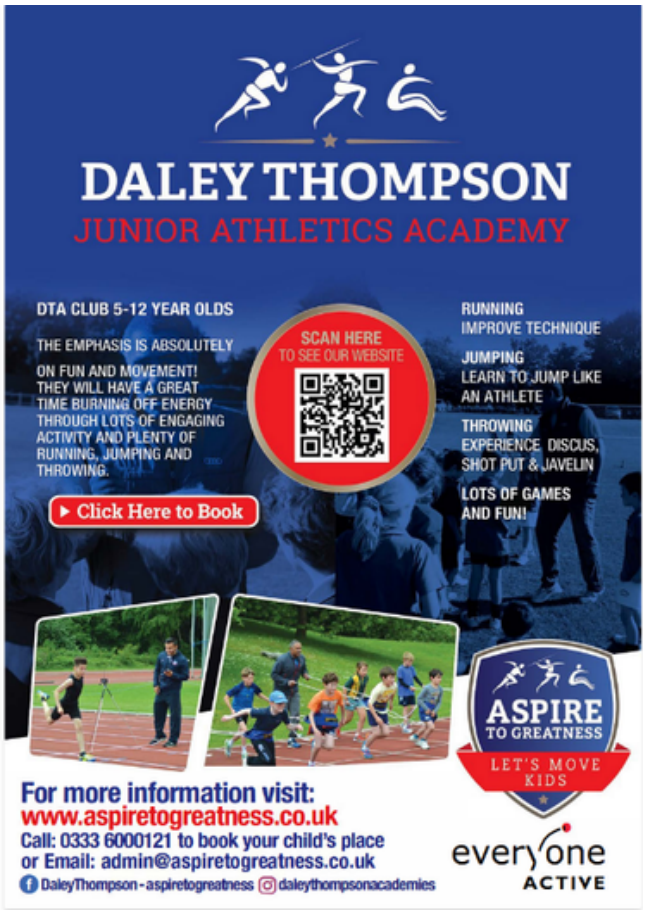

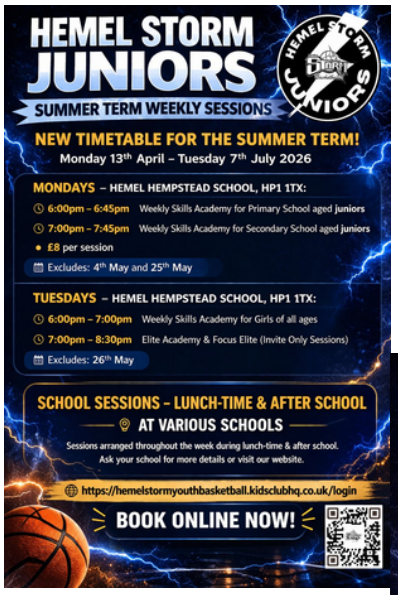

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STMSA News

🏇 They're off… to the STMSA Race Night! 🏇

Fancy a flutter, a laugh, and a brilliant night out? Come join us for a Race Night full of friendly competition, questionable horse names, and absolutely no experience in horse racing required (loud cheering helps though).

Back your winner, enjoy the fun, and help support our school at the same time — what's not to love?

🎟️ Grab your tickets before they bolt!

This event is not just for STM parents so please bring along friends, family and spread the word!

🌎 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! Booking will open next week!

☀️⚽ Summer Fair & Footballathon - Friday 12th June

Registration for Teams is now OPEN so look out on Whatsapp to join!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has already donated raffle prizes — your generosity is helping make our Summer Fair extra special! 🎉

We're still building our raffle and if anyone has a business, or family and friends who might be able to donate a prize or voucher, we'd be so grateful. Every donation, big or small, helps make a difference (and makes the raffle even more exciting!).

🍭We're also looking for a few volunteers to help with the **Candy Floss Stall** and **Face Paint** at the Summer Fair. These are always hugely popular (and gloriously sticky!) and we'd love a few extra pairs of hands to help make the magic happen.

If you can spare a little time on the day — even for a short shift — we'd be so grateful. No professional face-painting credentials required… butterflies with slightly wonky wings very much accepted. 🦋
Please contact Cat - 07545086114

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