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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....

Friday 20th Dec 2024	End of Term - School finishes at 1:30pm
Sat 21st Dec 2024 - Sun 5th Jan 2025	Christmas Holidays - School Closed
Monday 6th Jan 2025	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 7th Jan 2025	Inset Day - School Closed
Wednesday 8th Jan 2025	Children back to school
Weds 8th Jan - Friday 24th Jan	St Thomas More have the ASCAT Torch of Hope - *further details to come*

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

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

This week, we marked the third and fourth weeks of Advent with our end of term liturgy. With 4 of the candles now lit on our Advent wreath, we can see there is not much longer left for us to prepare as we wait patiently and joyfully to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas day.

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into our world as a humble child. Help us to approach You with childlike faith and wonder this Christmas. May the promise of Your coming bring comfort to the weary and strength to the weak. As we look forward into the new year, guide our steps and open our hearts as we enter into the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope. Amen.

KS2 CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to all those who were able to join us on Tuesday evening for the KS2 Carol Service. It was wonderful to see the church so full. Thank you to the children for their professionalism and festive joy and to the staff for preparing them for this Advent event. Thanks again to Fr Joseph and Sacred Heart church for hosting us.

If you would like to support our school Advent fundraising for the St Vincent De Paul Society you can find our fundraising page **here** with all proceeds going directly to the charity.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE FOR THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

On **Sunday 22nd December at 4pm**, Sacred Heart parish are hosting their own Carol Service to raise money for the Hospice of St Francis. It would be lovely to see representatives from our school community there.

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource has been created by Mr Wheatley, ASCAT CEO, for the fourth and final week of Advent. The resource can be found **here**.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has decided 2025 will be a jubilee year in the Catholic Church. This year's theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pilgrimage and journeying, both physically and spiritually, is often a large part of a jubilee year. To mark this special year, All Saints Catholic Academy Trust are having a 'Torch of Hope' which will journey around all of the schools within our academy trust. We are honoured to be the first school to receive the torch on its journey, beginning in our first week back after Christmas. We will have the torch for 3 weeks before passing it on to the next school. We look forward to sharing more with you about this.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA)

We raised £170 across all three Christmas school performances. Thank you for your kind donations. This concludes a successful term of fundraising with £900 from the Glow Party, £830 from wreath making and £2850 at the Christmas Fair. What an incredible way to end 2024!

Our AGM will be held in January 2025. Please look out for the date. All parents are automatically members of the PTA and welcome to come to the meeting. We will be electing a new Treasurer and a new Secretary.

December 100 Club Winners:

1st (£100) Frances Flynn 2nd (£50) Suzanne Furmston 3rd (£25) Rachel Cole

If you would like to sign up please go to **https://forms.gle/p6w6TZoL76wpEvFc7**