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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...

***New dates in green**

Monday 24th November	Reception School Tour 9-10am
Tuesday 25th November	Jesse Tree making day with the Chaplaincy team
Wednesday 26th November	Y1 attending Sportshall Comp at Ashlyns 12:15-2:45pm
Friday 28th November	Occasional Day - ***school closed***
Monday 1st December	INSET Day - ***school closed***
~~**Tuesday 2nd December**~~	**CANCELLED ~~Advent Mass Yrs 2,3 & 5 @Sacred Heart- Parents welcome~~**
Friday 5th December	Christmas Wreath Making Evening 7pm
Monday 8th December	**RESHEDULED Advent Mass Yrs 2,3, 4 & 6 @Sacred Heart- Parents welcome**
Tuesday 9th December	Panto - Cinderella (Yr 2-6) @ The Radlett Centre 10am
Thursday 11th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents 2pm
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity performance for parents 2:30pm
Friday 12th December	Advent Reconciliation Yrs 4-6 Fr Joseph & Fr John 10:45am
Friday 12th December	Elfridges @ 10:30 am
Monday 15th December	KS2 Carol Mass Rehearsal @ Sacred Heart 10:30am
Tuesday 16th December	KS2 Carol Mass @Sacred Heart 6pm Parents welcome
Wednesday 17th December	Reception and Y1 Panto @ Aylesbury 10am
Thursday 18th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Craft Fair @ 3:30pm
Friday 19th December	End of Term - Finish at 1:30pm

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 97.2%	THIS YEAR - 95.1%

RE INSPECTION

We are delighted to share that following our recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate RE inspection on 15–16 October, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School has been graded Good overall, including in Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. Inspectors praised the strong relationships across the school, the genuine sense of community where pupils feel safe and secure, our highly supportive partnership with parents, the many opportunities older pupils have to lead and serve others, and the way pupils participate reverently in prayer and liturgy. We are very proud of this outcome and will now build on the recommendations given to make our Catholic education even stronger in the years ahead.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

FOLLOW US

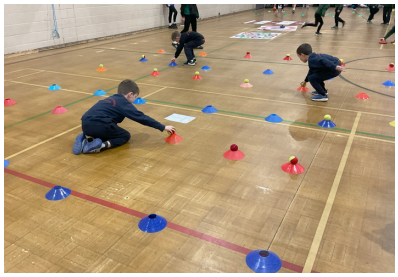
Find us on social media:
Instagram - @stmorecps
Facebook - St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

SERVANT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Thank you to all the children who applied for our Servant Leadership Programme this year – we were incredibly impressed by the number of thoughtful, enthusiastic applications, which made the decisions very difficult. We are so proud of every child who showed the courage and generosity to put themselves forward, and there will be more leadership opportunities throughout the year. Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected for each role:

Service Steward	OPAL Guardian	Laudato Si' Squad
Aum Jude Platon Callan Lyra Shiloh Cian Roseanna Chloe Elijah Harriet	Olivia Nicholas Orla Orla Renzo Nellie Eligh Edith Zachary Verity Lola Elsie	Emily Margot Delilah Marcus Rory Joseph Thomas Elise

YEAR 2 MULTI SKILLS



Year 2 had a fantastic time at the recent Multi-Skills event. The children were real superstars, taking part in a range of games that encouraged teamwork and tested skills such as dribbling, throwing and coordination. They cheered each other on, persevered when activities were challenging and made sure to give every task a try.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

If you know families with young children (particularly those in local nurseries or toddler groups), we'd love for you to take a few of our school flyers and share them. Whether it's at a nursery, playgroup or just in conversation with friends, you can help introduce others to our warm and welcoming community. **Flyers are available from the school office - please take as many as you need!** Thank you for helping us grow and strengthen our school family.

OTHER NEWS

Consultation of St Rose's Catholic Infants School Admissions Policy

St Rose's Catholic Infants School is a part of the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT), and collectively we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. We are contacting all our stakeholders to inform you of our plans to make some changes to the Admissions Policy of the school for the admitting year 2027/2028. All details regarding our admissions protocol can be found on our school website https://www.stroses.herts.sch.uk/Key-Info/Admissions/ If you have any questions relating to any aspect of our admissions policy, please contact Chair of Governors, by email at chair@stroses.herts.sch.uk.

Consultation on the admission arrangements 2027-28 of John F Kennedy Catholic School

Please find the following link to the School Admission Policy 2027-28 which includes the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) 2027-28 and Sixth Form Application Form. The governing body of John F Kennedy Catholic School is putting the above documents out for consultation between 27th October 2025 – 7th December 2025. The published admission number (PAN) for 2027-28 will be 180 and this has not changed from previous years. The changes on which we are asking your opinion are:

- Criterion 2 applicants to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to confirm children are practising Catholics
- Priority of siblings within criterion 7 - Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church

Please address your comments to Ms E Final, Clerk to Governors, at the school address, or by email to efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk . You can also reply by phone on 01442 266150. Please make sure to reply by 7th December 2025 as governors will be meeting in January 2026 to determine the admission arrangements 2027-28.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

STMSA Chairs Needed!

To date, no volunteers have come forward to be Chair(s) for next year. This means that from January 2026, we won't have a PTA. Without a Chair, we can't continue with events and fundraising that bring our school community together - like the Summer Fair, Christmas events, the Easter Hunt, or to subsidise enriching activities such as forest school and school trips.

We'd love to see a parent (or Co-Chairs) step forward. We already have a wonderful Vice Chair confirmed for 2026 and you'll have plenty of support from our Treasurer, Secretary, and wider committee. The current Chairs will also be on hand to ensure a smooth handover. It's a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference and help ensure these events and support for our children can continue.

Please consider helping - the school community would be so grateful! Contact Cath, Terri-Ann, or Sarah at contactstmsa@gmail.com or chat with us in the playground.

Autumn 2 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Year 5	**SWIMMING** Year 4

Festive Fun Incoming!

Our festive events are officially locked in and this year we're trying something a little different! Instead of our traditional Christmas Fair, we'll be hosting Elfridges during school, followed by our brand-new event, Christmas Crafternoon! We hope this new format will help ease some of the time and donation pressures that come with the busy festive season.

Dates to add to your diary:

Wreath Making – Friday 5th Dec, 7pm
Tickets are on sale now - reserve your place by emailing contactstmsa@gmail.com

Elfridges – Friday 12th Dec (during school)
The children will love shopping for a special gift for a loved one!

Christmas Crafternoon (new for 2025) – Thursday 18th Dec (after school)
A ticketed festive event packed with creative fun and seasonal cheer!

Tickets will include:
Festive arts and crafts
Biscuit decorating
Games and food

Plus, to add some extra sparkle (and fundraising!):
A Christmas raffle
A Bake Off competition
A bar for the grown-ups

Keep an eye out for more details on how to book tickets and let your class reps know if you would like to get involved!

Call for Donations!

To help make these events a success we just need three things from you:
1) Elfridges items: Any new / unused potential gift items (e.g. photoframes, candles)
2) A hamper item: Our themed hampers make popular raffle prizes – details on your class whatsapp groups
3) Raffle ticket stubs/money: Please check your children's bags for Christmas raffle tickets. We would love you to sell these to family and friends, or buy them yourself! If you would more tickets, please contact the school office or to purchase tickets online, please visit: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/index.cfm
Please bring these items to the school office between 24th November and 5th December

Thank you!

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