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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**

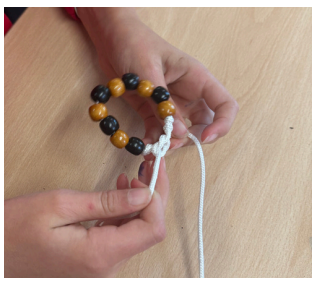
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half Term - ***school closed***
Monday 3rd November	**All Saints/All Souls Whole School Mass @ Sacred Heart Church 10am - Parents are welcome to attend**
Wednesday 5th November	Reception School Tour 9-10am
Friday 7th November	STMSA Glow Party - after school
w/c Monday 10th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10th November	**Odd Socks Day**
Wednesday 12th November	**Year 5 to attend JFK Gym and Dance display 9:15-12pm**
Friday 14th November	Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6
Monday 24th November	Reception School Tour 9-10am
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***
Friday 5th December	**Christmas Wreath Making Evening 7pm**
Tuesday 9th December	**KS1 Nativity performance for parents 2pm**
Thursday 11th December	**Panto - Cinderella (Yr 2-6) @ The Radlett Centre 10am**
Thursday 11th December	**Reception Nativity performance for parents 2:30pm**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 91.49 %	THIS YEAR - 95. 3%

ROSARY DAY AT ST THOMAS MORE



This week, we celebrated Rosary Day together as a faith community. Our Chaplaincy Team, along with students from JFK, kindly supported all year groups in making their own rosaries. Father Joseph led a beautiful assembly, reminding us of the importance of this special month dedicated to Our Lady and the power of prayer through the Rosary. Members of Friends in Faith shared a reading and led us in singing a new hymn, Regina Caeli, in Latin. Father Joseph then blessed all the rosaries made by our pupils. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Joseph, the Chaplaincy Team, the JFK students, and everyone who helped make the day so meaningful. We encourage all families to continue praying the Rosary at home this month and to take time to reflect on Mary's love and guidance in our lives.

FOLLOW US

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.

HCL WINTER MENU

Please find our new winter menu **here**.

YEAR 3 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Our Year 3 pupils showed fantastic team spirit at this week's Football Festival! Despite the wet and windy weather, they played with great enthusiasm, supporting one another. Well done to all our Year 3 players for representing our school so proudly and making the most of a fun (and muddy!) day out!

TIGGIEWINKLES TRIP

On Thursday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Tiggywinkles in Aylesbury, a wildlife hospital that cares for injured animals. The children were thrilled to meet a hedgehog up close, see a variety of owls and more. After an interesting talk from a volunteer, they returned tired but happy, having enjoyed a memorable learning experience that highlighted the Catholic Social Teaching of Care for Our Creation, encouraging everyone to respect and look after all living things.

BERKHAMSTED FIREWORKS

Berkhamsted Cricket Club is hosting its annual fireworks night on Saturday 8 November. Gates open at 5:30 PM, with the display starting at 7:00 PM. It's a great community event with food, fun and fundraising for local charities. Please buy your discounted tickets from the office as we receive a commision on ticket sales.

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.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those parents who have accompanied our children to various events this week: Mrs Kelly, Mrs Lacey, Mr Hammond, Mrs Tse, Mr and Mrs Walsh and Mrs Hennis.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

New STMSA Chairs Wanted – Starting January!

Our current Chairs are finishing their term, so we're looking for someone new to step up! It's a fun, team-focused role and you'll have loads of support from our Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and committee, plus the current Chairs will help with the handover.
Interested? Chat to Cath Hammond, Terri-Ann Nichol, or Sarah Hennis at contactstmsa@gmail.com, or catch us in the playground!

Thank You

Thank you to those who attended the Christmas planning evening. We can't wait to share all our new ideas with you. Thank you for all your wonderful support.
Have a lovely half term!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Glow Party – Friday 7th November, after school
Our glow-in-the-dark disco is back! Expect music, hot dogs, arts & crafts, and marshmallow toasting. Please book tickets via https://pta.events/82k9pzeg

Wreath Making Evening – Friday 5th December, 7pm
Kick off Christmas at our popular wreath-making night! Everything's provided - just bring your creativity and festive spirit. Booking info coming soon.

OTHER NEWS

St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School – Admissions Consultation
The school is consulting on their admissions arrangements for the school year 2027/28. A consultation letter, which outlines the changes, and the proposed policy documents can be found on our school website under Key Info - Admissions - Admissions Consultation 2027-28 or
please visit **https://cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/Admissions-Consultation**.

Autumn 1 REMINDERS:	FOREST SCHOOL Year 2	SWIMMING Year 4