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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 27th April - Friday 1st May	Arts week
Tuesday 28th April	Y5 Retreat @JFK
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	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 - 94%	THIS YEAR - 95.4 %

DACORUM SPORTS A&D CUP FINAL

Dignity, Compassion, Perseverance. Our school qualities which were once again demonstrated in abundance on Wednesday as the boys football team played their A&D Cup final against Belswain school. As expected, the match turned out to be a hard-fought, keenly and closely contested game. On a glorious day, and after having fallen behind early on, the boys responded well to lead 2-1 at half time through two goals from Davyd. After half-time, we edged further ahead with a header from Nicholas before being pegged back to 3-2. A fourth goal, and a hat-trick goal from Davyd, gave us a 4-2 lead and despite conceding a third, the boys continued to press but also defended resolutely to hold on for a 4-3 win.

It was a truly wonderful and memorable evening for all involved, with acknowledgement of all of the players who have played their part in earlier games this year. We cannot stress enough how strong the team ethos and effort has been for both the boys and girls teams which makes us equally as proud as the result. Every single player played their part and put in a real shift for the team with some excellent football played. We congratulate all of the boys on their achievement.

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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.

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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, BERKHAMSTED

New Baby & Toddler Group – Now Running!
Join us every Monday from 9:00–10:30am in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church, Park Street, HP4 1HX. This is a drop-in session offering a relaxed and welcoming space where babies and toddlers can play, while parents, grandparents, and carers enjoy tea, coffee, friendly conversation, and the chance to connect with others. Please help spread the word!

Sacred Heart RC Church Youth Mass and Social - Our next Youth Mass and social is on Saturday 25th April at 5pm.
Everyone is welcome to the Mass and we would like to invite all those in Year 7 and above to come to both the Mass and social in the hall.
Look forward to seeing you there for pizza and games!

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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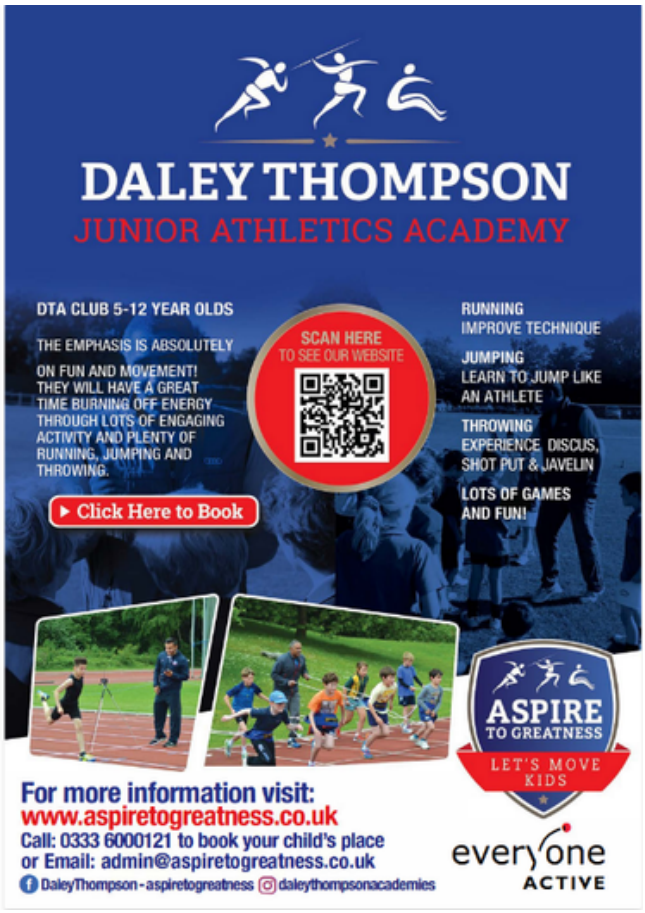

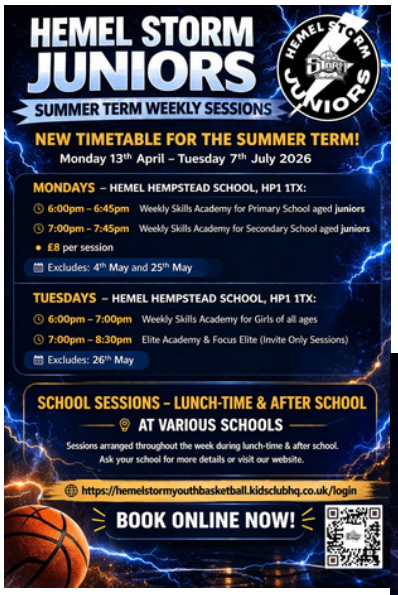

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STMSA News

We look forward to welcoming as many children and families as possible at our forthcoming Summer events!

Race Night - Friday 15th May (adults only!)

Following last year's successful event, we will be hosting another exciting STMSA Race Night where we bring the thrill of the Grand National to you! For just £10 a ticket, you'll get ownership of a horse for the evening (with a chance to win your ticket price back if it wins!), and a free drink and nibbles when you arrive.

Book here https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=116032

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! We hope to see you there!

⚽ Summer Fair & Footballathon - Friday 12th June

Get ready – the much-loved Footballathon and Summer Fair returns for another year! Join us for a fantastic day of football, fun and community spirit. Whether your child is playing or cheering from the side-lines, there's something for everyone:

BBQ & Bar – Delicious food and drinks to keep you fuelled all day

Stalls – Browse a great selection of goods and games

Raffle – Amazing prizes to be won! Tickets available in advance and on the day

Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss it!

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

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