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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...

Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Friday 9th May	May Devotion
Friday 9th May	STMSA Race Night
w/c 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 16th May	STMSA International Event after school
w/c 19th May	Other Faiths learning (Y1-6) - Sikhism
Tuesday 20th-Wednesday 21st May	Year 5 Residential Trip
Monday 26th-Friday 30th May	Half Term - school closed

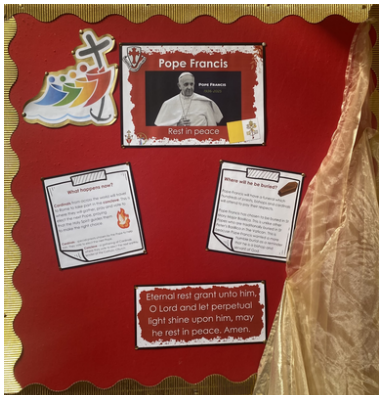
Please check the calendar on the school website for updates and future dates.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 94.02%	THIS YEAR - 96.08%

THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

This week, we gathered and prayed as a school community for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, a loyal Shepherd of the Catholic Church on earth. During this season of Easter, we take comfort knowing Jesus conquered death to win us eternal life with God the Father in Heaven. We pray for Pope Francis in the knowledge that he too will one day be in paradise. The funeral of Pope Francis will be on Saturday 26th April and will be available to watch on BBC One from 8.30am. We encourage families to try and make time to watch the funeral of Pope Francis together and to pray for the conclave which will shortly be held to elect the new pope.



Let us pray

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. *Amen*

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. *Amen*

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource has been prepared by Mr Wheatley, ASCAT CEO. It is in the form of a prayer card, to help families reflect and pray on the passing of Pope Francis. We hope you find this a useful resource over the course of this weekend. It can be found **here**.

UKS2 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to our pupils who represented our school so well at Wednesday's football tournament. Staff reported they showed great perseverance and showed great team work. Thank you to the staff who went with them, Mr Brooks, Mrs Onion and Mrs Jackson.

ASCAT VACANCY

Please see the link **here** for an exciting opportunity within ASCAT for an Executive Assistant/Clerk to Trust Board.

TERM DATES 2025-2026

The term dates for 2025-2026 are available **here** on our school website.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

Welcome to the last term of the school year! It is our busiest time of year and look forward to seeing many of you at our exciting events in the coming months!

Race Night - Friday 9th May (adults only!)
Please join us for our new PTA Race nNght fundraiser! 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 when you arrive. Tickets are available **here**.

Bets start from just £1 per race (cash bets only for the 6 races) and doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a bar available, and a great opportunity to mingle and be merry! Looking forward to seeing you all there for a fun night!

International Day - Friday 16th May
Our school is so full of culture, heritage and diversity and we want to celebrate it! Following last year's successful event, will be hosting another International Day celebration for the children and families to enjoy. More details to follow!

Summer Fair & Footballathon - Friday 20th June
Get ready – the much-loved Footballathon and Summer Faire 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!

Easter Egg Trail & Clothing Sale
Thank you to everyone who helped at this event, and a special mention to Sarah Hennis for all her hard work setting this fun event up for our children! We had a record number of children take part (155 children) and we managed to raise £605.53!
Another thank you goes to Tesco's for donating the summer clothes that were on sale! We are very grateful for the generous donation and ongoing support!

100 Club
Help the school and be in with a chance of winning £100, £50, or £25 every month by joining our monthly draw! A percentage of the income is given in prize money and the rest goes to the benefit of the children at St Thomas More. If you would like to be a winner, please sign up via **this link.**

March 100 Club Winners
1st (£100) Jeanne Bolton 2nd (£50) Lyndsay Hubbard 3rd (£25) Kath Trowbridge

Summer 1 **REMINDERS:**	**FOREST SCHOOL** Mondays Year 1	**EYFS FOREST SCHOOL** Tuesdays Nursery and Reception	**SWIMMING** Thursdays Year 5