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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**

Tuesday 27th January	Mixed League Football Match (home) Cuthbert Mayne Primary School
Tuesday 27th January	Drama workshop for EYFS and KS1 AM
Wednesday 28th January	SATS Parents meeting 5:30pm
Wednesday 28th January	PTA AGM Meeting
Friday 30th January	**Mixed League Football Match (home) St Paul's Primary School**
Tuesday 3rd February	Girls Football Match (away) Bovingdon Primary School
Tuesday 3rd February	**Young Voices Year 5**
Wednesday 4th February	Parent Consultations - virtual 3:30pm-7pm
Thursday 5th February	Parent Consultations - virtual 3:30pm-7pm
Friday 6th February	Number Day! - Dress up as a number
Wednesday 11th February	**Learning showcase with PTA uniform and cake sale**
Friday 13th February	**PTA - Valentines Celebration - Children to wear a touch of pink/red**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 97 %	THIS YEAR - 95.2 %

Following on from a launch assembly last week, we are delighted that next month we will be welcoming former Commonwealth gold medal winning gymnast Steve Frew to our school. This event will be an opportunity to get the whole school active and involved in fitness. Steve will be leading a circuit based afternoon, assembly and a Q&A session, inspiring our children to become more active, fit and engaged.

On Friday, sponsorship forms were sent home with the children. Sponsorship for the children taking part can be done via the forms, the school office or online on our school page at:

https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/135271/promo

It promises to be an exciting and fun-filled day.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

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

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting

A SATs parent meeting for Year 6 will take place on Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 5:30pm. We will outline the SATs timetable and test format, explain how we are preparing pupils in school, and share practical ways you can support at home.

Year 4 MTC Parents Meeting

A Year 4 MTC parents meeting will take place on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 3:30pm. We will explain what the Multiplication Tables Check is and why it matters, share what we are doing in school to build fluency and confidence, and outline what children need to do at home to practise effectively.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February. Children are invited to dress up as a number or wear number themed clothing for the day. We will be enjoying lots of fun maths activities in school while raising money to support the NSPCC.

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 24th February to Friday 27th February. Children will have the chance to browse and buy books during the week, and every purchase helps us to earn free books for school.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week - 6-15th March 2026

The theme for Science Week 2026 is "Curiosity: what's your question?" and it is all about putting our children in the driver's seat, encouraging them to ask big questions and explore how we can find answers about the world around us.
Following the success of previous years, we would love to invite members of our wonderful parent community to volunteer and help bring science to life for our pupils again. If you work in science or a science related career, or have a strong interest in the subject, we would be delighted if you could share your experiences, career pathway and enthusiasm with the children.
If you are able to help, please email the school office to let us know whether you would prefer to talk to the children or support with workshops.

Thank you in advance for your time and support

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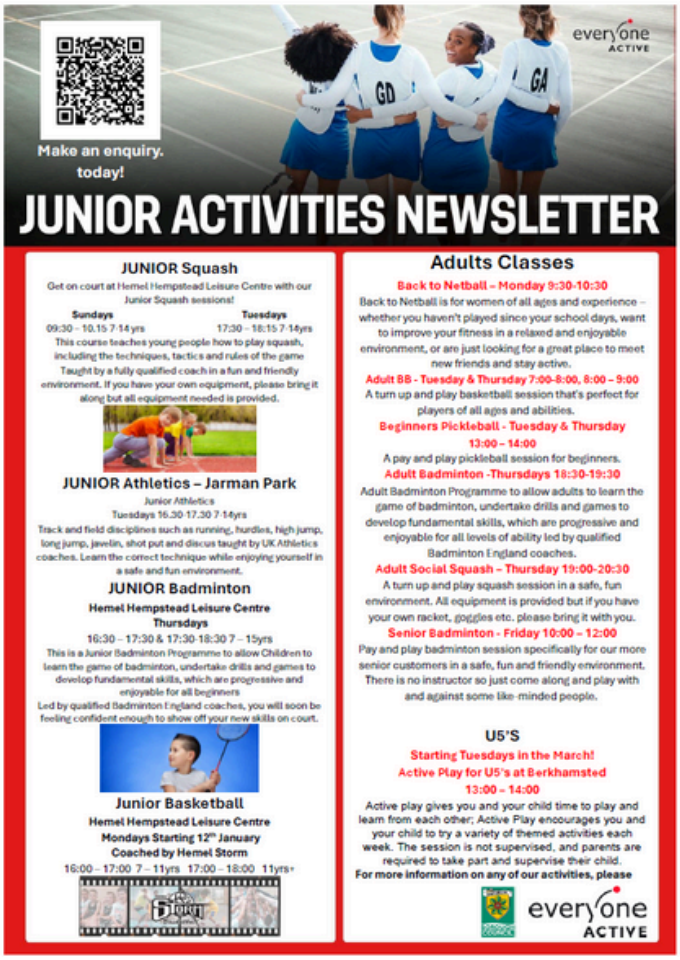
FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS - MR CORREA

On Friday 16th, our Girls football team played away at Tudor Primary. On a very heavy pitch, and with an inexperienced side, the girls acquitted themselves very well indeed and were unlucky with chances created but just going the wrong side of the post resulting in defeat. It was particularly pleasing to see the spirit with the more experienced girls leading and some of our debutants performing exceptionally well. Player of the Match was awarded to Laura.

The St Thomas More Boys recorded their first victory of the year with a fantastic 6-3 win away at Bridgewater this week. With illness affecting the side, and late additions to it, the boys worked incredibly hard and played some fantastic football. Goals were shared around the team with Elijah and Ethan the rocks in defence. In voting for our player of the match, no-one received more than one vote highlighting what a fabulous team effort it was. Congratulations to them all.



STMSA News

STMSA AGM – Wednesday 28th January at 7:30pm

We'd love to warmly invite all parents and carers to the STMSA AGM on Wednesday 28th January at 7.30pm, held at the school. All parents and carers are automatically members of the PTA, and the AGM is a great chance to:

- find out a bit more about what we do and where our fundraising goes
- share ideas (big, small, or totally out of the box!)
- get involved as much or as little as you'd like
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We'll be electing new Co-Chairs and a Vice Chair, as well as re-electing committee members and we are very excited that some parents have already come forward for Chair and Co-Chair roles, with a few new parents standing for the committee too.

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STMSA News

After the formal AGM, we'd love to hold our first committee meeting of the year. We really hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.

100 Club Winners

The 100 Club is STM's very own mini lottery. For just £5 a month, you'll be entered into a monthly draw with prizes of £100, £50, and £25.

January Winners:

1st (£100) Anna Hamilton
2nd (£50) Olivia Doran
3rd (£25) Marina Burke

If you would like to be a winner, please sign up via this link.

Dates for the Diary

More details to follow but pop these dates into your diary:

Learning Showcase & Cake Sale - Wednesday 11th February – after school

Join us after school to view your child's books, with a cake sale to enjoy too.

Valentine's Day - Friday 13th February – during the school day

Children are invited to wear a touch of pink or red.

Mother's Day Shop - Friday 13th March – during the school day

The STMSA will be running a gift shop so every child can choose something special to bring home for an important mother figures in their lives.

Easter Trail - Friday 27th March – after school (last day of term)

Clue sheets will lead children around the school grounds on a fun trail! Complete the trail and receive a chocolate Easter egg! All children and siblings welcome.

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