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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...

Monday 30th June	Year 3 Trip to the Tate Modern
Thursday 3rd July	EYFS Celebration Day
Tuesday 8th July	Year 6 Play Dress rehearsal - 9.30am (limited capacity)
Wednesday 9th July	Year 6 Play - 6pm all welcome
Thursday 10th July	'Moving Up' Day - all children to visit new year groups (AM)
Thursday 10th July	Swap Shop after school (run by Year 5 - information below)
Friday 11th July	Music Assembly (music lessons and choir) 9.15am - all welcome
Monday 14th July	Reception (Sept 2025) Stay and Play - 2-3.15pm
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, Sacred Heart Church 2pm - all welcome
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly (in school) - 2.40pm all welcome
Friday 18th July	End of term 1.30pm

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96.42%	THIS YEAR - 96.25%

HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

A letter was shared earlier today by Marie Capes, our Chair of Governors, detailing the appointment of Mr Sallis as our incoming Executive Headteacher from Autumn Term. The full letter can be found here.

YEAR 1 AND 2 TRIP

A big thank you to Mrs Gabbitas, Mrs Johnson and the Year 1 and 2 teams for their thoroughly enjoyable trip to College Lake on Wednesday,

PRAYER AT HOME

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

SUMMER FAIR AND FOOTBALLATHON - THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the PTA and army of volunteers from our school community who put in great amounts of time and effort into the Summer Fair and Footballathon - as always, it is a wonderful, community event. Thank you for your support of it.

SWAP SHOP

Inspired by their learning on recycling and reducing waste, our Year 5 pupils are keen to hold a 'swap shop' before the end of the school year. Further details will follow in due course, but if people are beginning to clear out old wellies, waterproofs, coats, football boots, hats, gloves, scarves etc., please look out for further information about when these can be brought in to school, along with KS2 reading books which children may want to swap for something new to read.

Summer 2 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Mondays Year 6	**SWIMMING** Thursdays Year 5

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Summer Fair & Footballathon such a success! The sun shone, the atmosphere was fantastic, and it was wonderful to see so many children and their families enjoying everything on offer.

To everyone who donated items in advance, volunteered their time on the day, or came along to support - THANK YOU. We truly couldn't have done it without you. We're also very grateful to local businesses for their generous raffle prize donations, and a special thank you to Tesco Berkhamsted for providing clothing and food items.

The Footballathon was a triumph! With a record-breaking 52 teams taking part, we were thrilled to welcome visiting teams from Greenway, Thomas Coram, Bridgewater, and Berkhamsted School. It was fantastic to see both seasoned and first-time players join in, and we couldn't be prouder of how our 18 STM teams conducted themselves throughout a hot and action-packed afternoon.

A special shout-out to our brilliant finalists:

- Year 1: Heroic efforts, but narrowly lost in a high-energy final
- Year 3/4 Girls: A fantastic achievement to reach the final in a tough league, falling to a strong Greenway side.
- Year 5/6 Girls: Such skill on show but victory eluded them in the most heart-breaking way - on penalties!
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A huge thank you to Alex, Liz, and Stephen for organising the tournament; to all the volunteers who helped in the build-up and on the day, to managers for corralling kids and allowing them to have so much fun, and to parents, grandparents and friends for all their support.
Fundraising total to follow... watch this space!