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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**

Friday 30th January	Mixed League Football Match (home) St Paul's 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
Friday 13th February	**Mixed League Football Match vs Galley Hill Primary School (Home)**
Friday 13th February	**End of term finish at 3:15pm**
Monday 16th - 20th February	**Half term**
Monday 23rd February	**Children return to school**
Tuesday 24th- 27th February	**Book Fair**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96 %	THIS YEAR - 95.5 %

A VISIT FROM PERFORM

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday 27th January for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Midnight in the Toyshop and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Midnight in the Toyshop. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click here to download it free or here to find out more about the Midnight in the Toyshop theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 18th March. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting STML180326 or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

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

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting this week. If you were unable to join us, please do not worry. The PowerPoint from the session is available on the school website and can be found on the Year 6 class page here: https://stmore.herts.sch.uk/Year-6/

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.

ALTHLETE EVENT

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.

Last 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

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OPAL

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:

- Kitchen utensils and equipment such as pots, pans, baking trays and mixing bowls
- Buggies or doll pushchairs
- Action figures and small character toys

Thank you for your support in helping us enrich playtimes for all children.

Pans

Wooden spoons

Action figures

Buggies

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STMSA News

STMSA AGM and Chairs

As our time as Co-Chairs comes to an end, we want to say a huge thank you to the whole St Thomas More community for your support over the past two years. It's been a privilege working alongside such generous, kind, and committed families and staff members.

Thank you to everyone who joined the AGM on Thursday – it was wonderful to reflect on what we've achieved. For those who couldn't make it, the AGM report is attached with a full summary of the year and how funds have been used.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're delighted to hand over to our new Co-Chairs, Fran Moore and Shannon Chaplin, with Cat McGovern as Vice-Chair. The committee is in great hands, and we're excited to see what comes next for STMSA.

Thanks again for everything!
Cath, Terri-Ann and Sarah x

Double Your Impact with Match Funding!

We're excited to share that Netflix recently gave an extremely generous donation to kick off our 2026 fundraising efforts. Many companies offer match funding, where they match charitable donations made by their employees. If your employer has a scheme, you could double the contribution you make to our 2026 fundraising goals! It's quick to check with your HR or People team, and every matched donation helps us go even further.

We're also on the lookout for fresh ideas to use the money raised! Big or small, we are looking for suggestions from the community! Please contact your class rep or find the new or old chairs on the playground!

Dates for Your Diary

More information will follow, but please save these dates:

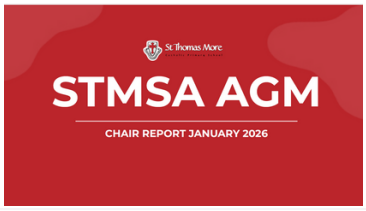
Learning Showcase & Cake Sale – Wednesday 11th February (after school) - Come along after school to explore your child's work and enjoy some delicious cakes.

Valentine's Day – Friday 13th February (during the school day) - Children are welcome to wear a touch of pink or red to celebrate the day.

Mother's Day Shop – Friday 13th March (during the school day) - The STMSA will be running a special gift shop so every child can pick out a thoughtful present for an important mother figure in their life.

Easter Trail – Friday 27th March (after school, last day of term) - Follow the clue sheets on a fun trail around the school grounds! Complete the trail and claim a chocolate Easter egg. All children and siblings are welcome to join in the fun.

>>>Please click here to view the PTA AGM report



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