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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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***New dates in green**

Monday 1ST June - Friday 5th June	Y6 PGL Residential trip
Monday 8th June	Phonics Screening
Tuesday 9th -10th June	MTC Check - Year 4
Friday 12th June	Footballathon and Summer Fair **3-6PM**
Friday 12th June	HMS Music Concert Y1,2,3 and Choir - **9-9:30AM**
Monday 15th June - Friday 19th June	Healthy Living Week/Sports Week
Thursday 18th June	Sport Day
Friday 19th June	**Father's Day PTA event - AM**
Monday 22nd June	St Thomas More Feast Day Mass at school - parents are welcome 2:15PM
Friday 26th June	HMS Music Concert Y4,5,6 and Choir - **9-9:30AM**
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Sacred Heart Church 2pm - parents are welcome

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 95.6 %	THIS YEAR - 95.4 %

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely half term and was able to enjoy the beautiful weather we had last week. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school, although we have certainly missed our Year 6 pupils while they have been away on their PGL residential. We know they have had an amazing experience, full of adventure, teamwork and new challenges. Back at school, we were very excited to see the sand arrive for our new sandpit, and we cannot wait to get this up and running as part of our OPAL provision. This comes at a perfect time as we look forward to our OPAL audit next week. We are also pleased to be welcoming a number of Year 10 students who will be joining us for work experience next week, and we look forward to having them as part of our school community.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

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Instagram - @stmorecps
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YEAR 6 PGL RESIDENTIAL

This week, Year 6 have enjoyed their residential trip. The children have been very active all week engaging in activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, trapeze, sensory trail and problem solving games. Despite changeable weather, spirits have remained high and tasks have been ticked off and completed. The children have had the opportunity to push themselves, try new things and have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork in supporting and helping each other. Seeing the children have the opportunity to make memories has been very rewarding and we look forward to seeing them making more in their final weeks at St Thomas More.

SCHOOL HOMEWORK

All children should read at home for 10–15 minutes, five days a week. Reading books and reading records should be brought into school every day, and reading records should be signed by a parent or guardian at least once each week.
Children in Years 2 to 6 should also practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) for 5–10 minutes, five days a week. Children will also receive spellings to practise at home. These short, regular routines are important in helping children build confidence, fluency and independence in their learning.

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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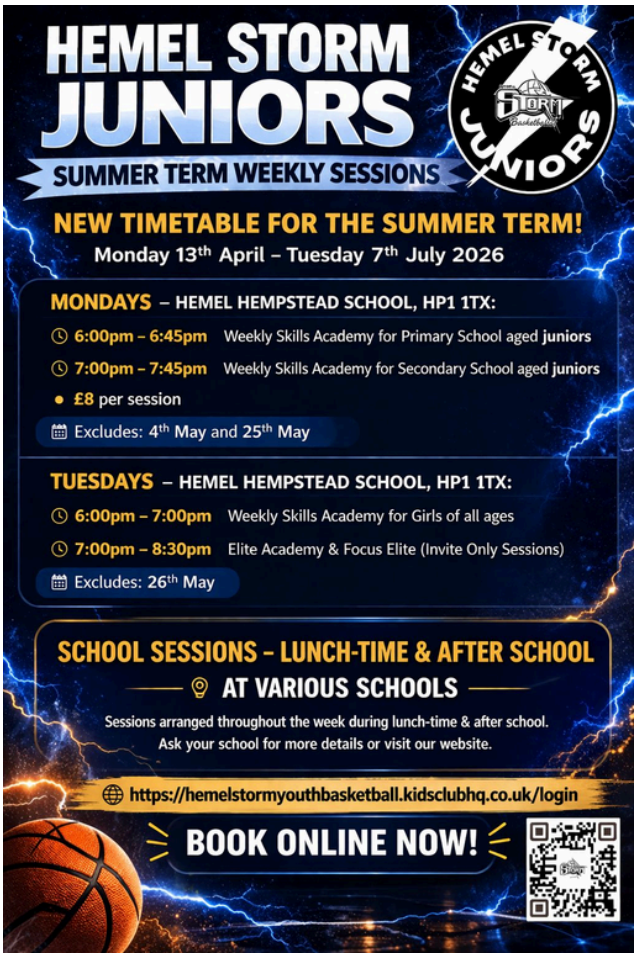

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STMSA News

Summer Fair and Footballathon - Friday 12th June

With just one week to go, excitement is building for our biggest fundraiser of the year! This is a huge community effort, so thank you to everyone who has helped so far.

Raffle Tickets

Each child should now have a raffle booklet - there are some fantastic prizes to be won! Need more? Extra booklets are available from the office. Tickets can also be paid for using the link www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/

Footballathon Meal Deal

Pre-book your BBQ meal deal here for any child taking part in the Footballathon. Save money and skip the queue - what a deal!

Donations

Thank you for the incredible donations this week! If you haven't had a chance yet, please bring the following to the school office on Monday:

· a lucky jar (a jar filled with sweets - no nuts, please)
· your hamper item, according to your class' allocation
· any bottle for the tombola
· sold raffle ticket stubbs

Volunteering

Help us run your class stall - just 30 minutes between 3pm and 6pm makes a big difference! Our rotas are filling up, but we still have some slots available and would really appreciate your support.

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