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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*

Monday 9th February	**Boys Football Match vs Cuthbert Mayne Primary (Home)**
Wednesday 11th February	Learning showcase with PTA uniform and cake sale
Thursday 12th February	**Boys Football Match vs Gade Valley Primary (Away)**
Thursday 12th February	**Reception Teddy Bear Picnic at 2:15pm parents welcome**
Friday 13th February	PTA - Valentines Celebration - Children to wear a touch of pink/red
Friday 13th February	Boys Football Match vs Galley Hill Primary (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
Tuesday 24th February	**KS2 Lent Mass Year 3 and 4 at Sacred Heart Church - Parents welcome**
Friday 27th February	**Great Althletes Day**
Friday 27th February	**Girls Football Match vs Belswains Primary School (Home)**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 95.41 %	THIS YEAR - 95.5 %

NUMBER DAY

Today we had great fun celebrating Number Day, with children taking part in a range of maths-themed activities across the school. There were some amazing number-inspired outfits from both pupils and staff, bringing lots of colour, creativity and excitement to the day. Please check our Instagram for more fantastic examples and highlights from today's celebrations.

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

YEAR 5 YOUNG VOICES

On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils travelled to Wembley Arena to take part in Young Voices, joining thousands of children from across the country for an unforgettable massed choir concert. They sang with energy and confidence, representing the school superbly throughout the day and evening. Thank you to all the pupils and staff who attended and supported what was a truly memorable experience.

BOYS FOOTBALL - MR CORREA

Last Friday, the boys had their latest Compete league fixture against St Paul's. On a very sticky and wet pitch, the boys played some wonderful football and deserved far more such was the quality of their performance. They eventually ran out 2-1 winners with goals from Nico and Otto. Congratulations to all those involved.

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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BOOK FAIR AND WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,
We look forward to welcoming you to our **Book Fair,** which will be held after school each day from **Tuesday 24th February to Friday 27th February in the school hall**.

2026 is the National Year of Reading, and we are encouraging all our children, along with their families and friends, to embrace the importance of reading — anywhere, anytime.

To celebrate this in school, we are running a **poster competition**. Every child is invited to **design a poster that encourages others to read and promotes the National Year of Reading**. We would love to display some of these posters around school.
Please ensure all entries are sent into school by **Thursday 26th February**.

On **Thursday 5th March,** we will also be celebrating **World Book Day.** On this day, children are invited to come to school **wearing their weekend clothes, along with a word or punctuation mark that represents them**. Children will have the opportunity to explain their choice in class, and we will enjoy a range of fun, book-related activities throughout the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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

Buggies

Wooden spoons

Action figures

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UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

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.

STMSA News

Hi everyone!

We're Fran, Shannon, and Cat, and we're thrilled to be stepping into the role of PTA chairs. We can't wait to get started and work alongside this amazing community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our previous PTA chairs Cath, Terri-Ann, and Sarah, for all their hard work and dedication over the past few years. Their commitment, time, and energy have made a real difference to our school community, and their efforts have helped create so many positive experiences for our children and families. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have done.

Thankyou again!
Fran, Shannon & Cat x

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. We will also be holding a uniform sale. Thankyou to years 1, 2 and reception for kindly providing the 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.

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