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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 8th December	RESHEDULED Advent Mass Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 @Sacred Heart- Parents welcome 10AM
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity performance for parents 2pm
Tuesday 9th December	Mixed League Football Match vs Gade Valley Primary (Away) 3:30pm
Thursday 11th December	Panto - Cinderella (Yr 2-6) @ The Radlett Centre 10am
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity performance for parents 2:30pm
Friday 12th December	Advent Reconciliation Yrs 4-6 Fr Joseph & Fr John 10:45am
Friday 12th December	Elfridges @ 10:30 am
Monday 15th December	KS2 Carol Mass Rehearsal @ Sacred Heart 10:30am
Monday 15th December	Mixed League Football Match vs Grove Road Primary (Away) 3:30pm
Tuesday 16th December	KS2 Carol Mass @Sacred Heart 6pm for parents
Wednesday 17th December	Reception and Y1 Panto @ Aylesbury 10am
Thursday 18th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Craft Fair @ 3:30pm
Thursday 18th December	Mixed League Football Match vs St Paul's Primary School (Home) 3:30pm
Friday 19th December	End of Term - Finish at 1:30pm
Monday 5th January	INSET DAY - ***school closed***
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 6th January	Epiphany mass at school 2:15pm parents are welcome
Monday 12th January	**Reception School Tour with application support[In-person] 2-3pm**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 93.14 %	THIS YEAR - 95.1 %

ADVENT

Advent is now underway, beginning our journey of preparing our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. For us as Catholics, this is a season of waiting with hope, deepening our faith through prayer, reflection and choosing to live with love and kindness each day.

In school, Advent will be a very special time as we rehearse for our nativities and prepare for our carol service. These celebrations will help the children to share the Christmas story with confidence and joy, while remembering its true meaning. As a community, we will focus on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and look for simple ways to serve others and shine God's light throughout the term.

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

PRAYER AT HOME

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

HERTS SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATION TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

We have received an invitation to enter the Herts Schools Table Tennis Competition. This will take place on Sunday 1st February 2026 in Harlow with selected players then progressing to represent the county at the National Schools Championships. If your child is interested in participating, please e-mail Mr Correa through the school office for further details.

OTHER NEWS

Consultation of St Rose's Catholic Infants School Admissions Policy

St Rose's Catholic Infants School is a part of the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT), and collectively we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. We are contacting all our stakeholders to inform you of our plans to make some changes to the Admissions Policy of the school for the admitting year 2027/2028. All details regarding our admissions protocol can be found on our school website https://www.stroses.herts.sch.uk/Key-Info/Admissions/ If you have any questions relating to any aspect of our admissions policy, please contact Chair of Governors, by email at chair@stroses.herts.sch.uk.

Consultation on the admission arrangements 2027-28 of John F Kennedy Catholic School

Please find the following link to the School Admission Policy 2027-28 which includes the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) 2027-28 and Sixth Form Application Form. The governing body of John F Kennedy Catholic School is putting the above documents out for consultation between 27th October 2025 – 7th December 2025. The published admission number (PAN) for 2027-28 will be 180 and this has not changed from previous years. The changes on which we are asking your opinion are:

- Criterion 2 applicants to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to confirm children are practising Catholics
- Priority of siblings within criterion 7 - Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church

Please address your comments to Ms E Final, Clerk to Governors, at the school address, or by email to efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk . You can also reply by phone on 01442 266150. Please make sure to reply by 7th December 2025 as governors will be meeting in January 2026 to determine the admission arrangements 2027-28.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

If you know families with young children (particularly those in local nurseries or toddler groups), we'd love for you to take a few of our school flyers and share them. Whether it's at a nursery, playgroup or just in conversation with friends, you can help introduce others to our warm and welcoming community. **Flyers are available from the school office - please take as many as you need!** Thank you for helping us grow and strengthen our school family.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

STMSA Volunteers Needed!

Co-Chairs: We're still looking for a Chair (or Co-Chairs!) for 2026 to help keep our brilliant PTA events and fundraising going. You'll be joining a supportive team - with a Vice Chair already in place, plus our Treasurer, Secretary and committee ready to help. The current Chairs will ensure a smooth handover too. It's a fantastic chance to make a real difference and help our school community continue to thrive!

Comms Officer: Fancy helping but not sure where to start? We have a Comms Officer role that could be perfect. It's all about helping parents stay informed in clear, friendly ways - no marketing experience needed. You can shape the role to suit you, mostly working in your own time, with full support from the committee. It's a great way to get involved without attending lots of meetings, use your creativity, and make a big difference with a small time commitment. The role includes sharing updates via class reps, providing short newsletter snippets, or helping with posters and simple event communication - just keeping everyone in the loop.

If you'd like to help, please chat to Cath, Terri-Ann or Sarah in the playground, or email contactstmsa@gmail.com. The school community would be so grateful!

More Festive Fun Incoming!

We're shaking things up this year! Instead of our usual Christmas Fair, we will be hosting Elfridges during the school day, followed by a brand-new after-school event: Christmas Crafternoon!

We hope this new format helps everyone enjoy the festive season with less pressure on time and donations.

Festive Event Tickets Now Live! - Head to the PTA website to book: https://shorturl.at/KoLaG

Elfridges – Fri 12th (during school) – £3

Christmas Crafternoon – Thu 18th (after school) – £5

Raffle tickets – available online in various quantities

Thank you for all your brilliant donations so far! If you still have items to drop off, please bring them to the office on Monday - every contribution helps make these events possible.

Autumn 2 REMINDERS:	**FOREST SCHOOL** Year 5	**SWIMMING** Year 4