



Breakfast Club 2021



Drop off is between **8:00am and 8:30am** with strictly no admissions after 8:30am. The cost is **£2 per session** (a reduction due to the free breakfast provision currently available in school). Payment will need to be made in advance via ParentMail, and accounts will be charged daily after each attendance. If there are insufficient funds on your child's account, they will be allowed to attend that day, but will subsequently, not be given entry until there are sufficient funds paid to their Breakfast Club Account.

Children must be brought to the main entrance by a parent/carer - please queue up the ramp, following the 2m markings. Children will sign in at reception as normal; however, **no cash will be accepted in school.**

Please could all children bring to a school a big strong carrier bag on the last day of school, Friday 16th July so children can take their books home.

We advise you to quarantine the bag of books for 72 hours.

Important Dates



W/C 5th July

Sponsored marathon week

Monday 5th July

Year 1 & Year 5 Whitley Hall Cricket Session in School

Tuesday 6th July

Year 4 trip to Mossy Lea, Glossop

Friday 9th July

Sponsored Marathon money to be handed in by today

Tuesday 13th July 2021

Year 6 High Rope Adventure Course trip- Sheffield Institute of Sport

Wednesday 14th July

Year 2 trip to English Institute of Sport
Year 6 trip to English Institute of Sport

Wednesday 14th July

Year 6 Disco in school 3:00pm- 4:30pm

Thursday 15th July

Year 6 End of Year Retreat Day (non-uniform)

Friday 16th July

Last day of the school year

Monday 6th September

First day of Autumn term

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to come the wonderful person God created us to be.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

STM GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Calling all St Thomas More Geographers!

We are running a whole school competition this half term and we are asking you to get involved. The competition will be running for 4 weeks, starting from Wednesday 9th June to Wednesday 7th July and we are going to be choosing one winner from each year group for their amazing work. The winner will receive a special certificate and a prize.

All you have to do to enter is bring into school a piece of work about a country of your choice. If you or your family are from a different country, it would be amazing if you could base your work around that country!

Your work can come in any form. Please see some ideas below of what you can do:

- With an adult, cook a dish from your country of choice. You could bring this into school, or you could take photographs.
- Research the country of your choice and create a travel guide for someone who may want to visit.
 - Re-create the flag and be as creative as you like – what materials could you use?
- Find out what language is spoken in your country and write a guide on how to learn some of the language.
 - Create a piece of artwork about your country of choice.
- If your country has a traditional dance, could you have a go yourself and take a video to show to your class?

You can return your work in at any point during this time, but please make sure that your name and year group is written on the back.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



**St Thomas More Catholic Primary,
A Voluntary Academy
JOB ADVERT**



SCHOOL NAME ADDRESS TEL EMAIL	St. Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy. Creswick Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield. S35 8NN 0114 2468020 enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk
POST TITLE	Buildings Supervisor
GRADE AND SALARY	Grade 4 – SCP 7 – 12 (£20,092 - £22,183 pro-rata (Actual Pro Rata Annual Salary £19,005 - £20,983)
ROLE	Buildings Supervisor - EO2S
HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR	35 hours per week 52 weeks per year
CLOSING DATE	8 July 2021 at 12 noon
INTERVIEW DATE	w/c 12 July 2021

POST DETAILS

Buildings Supervisor. Hours: 35 hours per week for 52 weeks. Working hours between 06:30 and 14:00, including a 30 minute unpaid break. The Governors of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy wish to appoint an enthusiastic, highly skilled and motivated Buildings Supervisor. The successful candidate will • Be supportive of the Catholic Ethos • Have excellent communication and inter-personal skills • Have a broad range of DIY skills • Be flexible and adaptable • Be highly motivated and hard working • Be able to form positive relationships with children and adults • Demonstrate initiative • Be able to work as part of a team. Your duties will include supervision of other premises staff together with some cleaning, general maintenance, security and portage. We will be committed to your professional development and offer a friendly, supportive working environment.

Interested applicants are invited to contact the school and should speak with Mrs Sarah Proverbs, School Manager on 0114 2468020 or by e-mail sproverbs@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to complete an enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure form in line with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 and the Police Act Regulations.

Candidates need to apply on the CES Support Staff application form which should be requested from the school.

Completed applications should be returned to Mrs Sarah Proverbs by the closing date.

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POST TITLE	Cleaner/key holder
GRADE AND SALARY	Grade 3 – SCP 5 – 6 (£19,312 - £19,698 pro-rata), actual pro rata annual salary (£8,090 - £8,251)
ROLE	Cleaner/key holder
HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR	15.5 hours per week 52 weeks per year
CLOSING DATE	8 July 2021 @ 12 noon
INTERVIEW DATE	w/c 12 July 2021

POST DETAILS

A Cleaner/key holder is required from 1 September 2021 to join our experienced team who are responsible for the cleaning, upkeep, maintenance and security of the school. Hours of work are 3 and 3.5 hours per day between 3pm to 6pm and 3pm to 6:30pm.

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Y5 had a great time on our trip to Weston Park Museum last week. We learnt lots about the local history of Sheffield and analysed artwork which shows how Sheffield has changed over time. We loved making our own Sheffield inspired prints, which will soon be displayed in school for everybody to see!



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Year 3 Sports Day



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Y3 had a brilliant time at Go Ape! We completed a Gruffalo trail and managed to find all of the animals in the woodlands before we completed our tree top adventure through Sherwood Pines. Y3 staff were so proud of the children for trying their hardest, even if it was a little scary!



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PARKING SAFELY

We have previously put on our newsletter about dangerous driving/parking, however we feel the need to put this on again as the issue has not resolved.

Parents/carers who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, placing children in danger. We can't stress enough how important it is that the 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zag markings should maintain an area free from parked cars. Please do not drop your children off at school by stopping in the middle of the road. This is very dangerous. By keeping the space in front of school free from cars, it is allowing parents/carers and children walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

We understand that parents/carers have places to be but please be sensible and think about the safety of all of our school community.

There has been an incident outside of Mansel Primary School where an adult was actually hit by a car due to this exact reason. We dread to think that one of our children/parents/carers could potentially be harmed due to irresponsible driving and/or parking.

Please be respectful of other drivers when parking, ensuring there is room to pass on the road. Blocking the road may pose a risk to nearby residents who may require urgent medical assistance in the event of a fire or illness. Please also refrain from parking on the grass verge outside of school.

If you have to drive to school, please try to park as far away from school as you can and walk the rest of the way.

If you happen to see any dangerous parking please take down the details and report this to the police on the below link:

<https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/>

We thank you for your support with this.

End of Year – Staff Gifts

We have had a couple of enquiries this week from families asking if they can buy and bring in physical gifts or cards for staff for the end of the year.

Advice from the LA and the current COVID risk assessment includes very strict criteria that the school has to adhere to in order for us to be able to accept gifts/cards. One of these criteria is that we need to have a room available in school, which is dedicated to quarantining gifts/cards - this room cannot be used for any other purpose.

Another criterion is that the parent/carer giving it & the staff member receiving the gift or card must only handle the gift or card. This would therefore mean we would have to facilitate many parents/carers entering the school building at a time when our risk assessment restricts visitors to only those that are essential.

It's really kind of parents/carers that they want to provide gifts for staff and we know how much staff appreciate the kind gestures but unfortunately we are currently unable to meet the strict criteria for safe management of physical gifts/cards.

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Remaining Sports Day 2021- F2/Y1/Y2/Y4/Y5

As I'm sure you will understand, based on current DFE/public health guidance we cannot conduct our sports day this year in the same way as we have previously. We have come up with an alternative plan so our children can still participate in a sports day within their own bubble, therefore keeping it COVID safe. This year's theme is Euro's football competition and each class have chosen a country participating in this year's event. We would encourage children to come to school on the day of their sports events dressed in their team colours! Qualitas will be leading an afternoon of sports events in each class - below are the dates and country for each class.

F2 - Friday 9th July – Germany



Y1 - Friday 2nd July – Greece



Y2 - Monday 5th July – Poland



Y4 - Tuesday 13th July – France



Y5 - Thursday 15th July – Portugal



Congratulations to Joshua in Y5 who made his First Holy Communion last weekend.



After School Clubs Autumn Term 2021




Below are the after school clubs available for the Autumn Term 2021 (Week commencing 6th September- Week commencing 18th October) 3.20pm-4.20pm:

Year 1: Motor Skills- Monday
Year 2: Board Games- Tuesday
Year 3: Sports- Monday
Year 4: Art- Thursday

The clubs will be available to pay for on ParentMail on Monday 5th July at 2pm on a first come first served basis.

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	CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS Friday 25th June		
F2	Theo	For	Independently making your own Bog Baby and writing some super labels using your RWI sounds. Well done Theo 😊
	Amari		Your fantastic writing about space. We were really impressed with your interesting facts and super writing! Well done Amari 😊
Y1	Mathaus	For	Wonderful work in Maths this week – you have really impressed both me and Mrs North with your hard work and perseverance when exploring different values of money! Well done!
	Faithe		Beautiful writing and reading this week – it's great to see how confident you are becoming with writing more independently, and it's been lovely to see you choosing to read books for pleasure in choosing time too. Great job!
Y2	Milly	For	Your wonderful diary writing! You have been so focused and dedicated to improving your writing to make sure it is different and unique! You have produced detailed and beautiful work because of this! Well done Milly!
	Rebekah		Your excellent maths this week! You have been so determined this week to tackle your 2s, 5s and 10 x tables and have even challenged yourself to do your 11xtable! Well done!
Y3	Kylan	For	Being an amazing friend to your class mates on our trip to Go Ape! You encouraged your friends to have a go and you helped them. Well done, Kylan!
	Franklin		Showing your courageous spirit on our trip to Go Ape! You found some parts of the obstacles quite tricky, but you overcame your fears. Super brave, Franklin!
Y4	Charlie P	For	Writing a brilliant non-chronological report on the Titanic. You used lots of the skills that we have been focussing on. Well done!
	Mia		Getting amazing scores in your maths assessments this week. You have done brilliantly. Well done!
Y5	Sophie	For	Your wonderful performance of the traditional Swedish clapping dance for our STM geography competition. Well done Sophie!
	Zeph		Your clever tactics during our mission together 'games from around the world' session. You also worked really hard during our 'hands' activity. Well done Zeph!
Y6	Sophia	For	Putting 100% effort into your maths lessons this week on ratio and proportion! Great partner work too! Well done!
	Gavin		Putting 100% into all your lessons this week! You demonstrate amazing attitude and behaviour! Well done!

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GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner is Benjamin in F2 for:

Always coming into school with a smile on your face and putting in 100% effort into all of your independent learning. You have grown in confidence with your independent writing and sharing your ideas on the carpet. We are super proud of you! Keep it up 😊

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	99.3	0
Year 1	95.3	1
Year 2	98	3
Year 3	98.6	5
Year 4	99.3	3
Year 5	95.5	3
Year 6	92.7	5
School Total	96.9	20

Wow! Well Done F2 and Y4! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Hartlyn
Year 1	Carlos
Year 2	Aleks
Year 3	Jessica
Year 4	Abigail
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Leo

Homework Winners



F2	Zack W
Y1	Heath
Y2	Roger
Y3	Nancy
Y4	Jessie
Y5	Joshua
Y6	Sophia

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Please help everyone by adhering to the social distancing rules and the changing Government Road Map, to keep yourselves and your family safe.

Testing those who are symptomatic of Covid19 is a key strategy in managing and reducing the spread of the virus.

Detailed below is the government guidance on what the symptoms are of Covid19:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

In line with DFE guidance, anyone who is symptomatic we are asking that they be tested. Please note the period of isolation for the person with symptoms is 10 days from the start of symptoms, a household member would need to isolate for 10 days. Day 1 is the day after symptoms or the day after a positive test if no symptoms.

Here is a reminder of the key protective measures we are asking you to follow. (Please do not be offended if school staff remind you regarding the below, it is about working together to help stop the spread of the virus).

- Please keep 2m apart from anyone not in your household- this helps to limit the spread of the virus. There are 2m markings throughout the school site to support this.
- Please wear a face mask/covering on school site unless you are exempt.
- Please keep your child/children with you at all times- this supports the protective bubble we have in place in school.
- Although we love to chat to our families, in order to keep lines moving, please phone/email or send a note into school with any messages, for staff.
- Only 1 parent/carer per family to come on school site at drop off/pick up times- this helps to keep the number of people on school site at any one time to a minimum.
- Once you have dropped off/picked up your child/children, please do not congregate in groups outside the school gates. We ask that families move away from the entrance/exit to avoid causing congestion, which causes problems for others entering or leaving the school site.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

We are so happy and excited that we are able to bring this page back. See below some trips/events that are taking place:

Year 2 and Year 6 Sports Day Event at Sheffield Institute of Sport

Wednesday 14th July 2021

We are very excited that Year 2 and Year 6 have been invited through our sports provider Qualitas, to take part in a sports day held at the English Institute of Sport on the Wednesday 14th July. Children will be picked up by separate coaches at 8:30am so will need to be in school by **8:20am** on the day. Children will be leaving the event at 3:00pm and so will therefore be back in school around 3:30pm on the day. (Year 6 will leave slightly earlier at 2:30pm to get back to school in time for the disco)

Children will need to bring with them a packed lunch on this day to eat at the event; if you would like to order a packed lunch from school, please contact the office. Children should come to school in their normal PE kit (white t-shirt, dark-coloured shorts or joggers) and will be permitted to stay in this all day.

This event will be free of charge, including the transport. This is because school are using some of our sports premium to cover the costs, and this is because we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to take part in high quality sports provision.

Current government guidance outlines that school trips can go ahead if sufficient protective measures are in place. We will continue to monitor these guidelines and therefore the trip will only go ahead if the current direction does not change.

If you would like your child to attend this free of charge event, please complete the online permission form on ParentMail.

Year 1 and Year 5- Whitley Hall Cricket Sessions in School

Monday 5th July



Year 1 and Year 5 will be having cricket coaching sessions in school on Monday 5th July. This is Year 5's P.E day anyway; However, Year 1 will need to come to school in P.E kit these days as well as their normal P.E days.

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Y4 Trip- Mossy Lea, Glossop

Tuesday 6th July 2021



Countryside Learning are running a project, across different grouse moors in England, to enable primary school children, from schools which are 'local' to the heather moorland to access the moors and learn about:

- The Wildlife on the moors
- Emergency Services- Keeping our moors safe
- The job of a moorland gamekeeper
- The National Parks - Their role in conservation of the uplands

The main aim of the project is to educate primary school children, about the countryside on their doorsteps, and hope that they gain an increased understanding of wildlife and human life on the moors. We want them to experience the awe and wonder of their local moorland and encourage them to want to access it.

The trip takes place in **Mossy Lea in Glossop**, which is a truly beautiful part of our countryside. The coach will set off at 08:30am, so please make sure children are in school by **08:15am**. They will be back to school before the end of the school day.

The Weather:

Children must dress appropriately for the outdoors so please ensure they have:

A waterproof coat

A rucksack to carry their lunch, 2 water bottles and have room to put their coat in if it gets warm.

Trousers that are warm and comfortable for walking

Suitable footwear, ideally walking boots or trainers that are suitable for walking in.

A hat and their own sun cream, which they must apply themselves.

A Packed lunch. If you are in receipt of FSM and would like to order a packed lunch from school, please let the school office know.

Please do not send them in any items of clothing that you are unhappy to be potentially covered in mud by the end of the day.

This trip, including the travel costs, is completely free. It has been part-funded by Countryside Learning and the short fall has been made up from the Year 4 class budget. All we need is permission for your child to attend. Please see

Sponsored Marathon



To help raise funds for our Nature Garden we are asking children to collect sponsorship for a whole class marathon.

During the week commencing 5th July each class in KS2 will run a marathon around our field. Every child will complete 3 ½ laps of the field and their time will be added to an overall total for the whole class.

The class in KS2 with the quickest time wins a prize!

EYFS and KS1 children will be working together to complete a shared marathon with each child completing one full lap of the field.

Your child will be provided with a sponsorship form to keep a record of their sponsors. The money that they raise will need to be brought to school in the form of cash or cheque made out to St Thomas More Catholic Primary.

Please return any money raised by Friday 9th July.

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Year 6 School Disco **Wednesday 14th July 2021**



Year 6, get your dancing shoes on! We are having a Disco for Year 6 children in school on Wednesday 14 July 3:00pm- 4:30pm. There is no cost to this, school is funding it and we will provide drinks & snacks for the children. This is to mark the end of the children's time at St. Thomas More. Year 6 will be attending EIS on this day so we would encourage them to bring "party clothes" to change in to before the disco. Please see ParentMail to give consent if you would like your child to attend.

Year 6 High Rope Adventure Course- Sheffield Institute of Sport **Tuesday 13th July 2021**

Y6 will be going to the Sheffield Institute of Sport to take part in a High Rope Adventure Course on Tuesday 13th July 2021. We will be manoeuvring around 34 challenging obstacles! We will now be leaving school at **09:00am** and will be back to school for lunchtime.

Children should come to school in their normal outdoor PE kit (white t-shirt, dark-coloured shorts or joggers and trainers) and will be permitted to stay in this all day. Please bring a water bottle. Hair should be tied up.

The pricing, including the coach and the course, is £8.50 per child. Please see ParentMail to give consent/pay for your child to go on this trip. Unfortunately, if we don't have enough contributions towards this trip it will have to be cancelled.

Year 6 End of Year Retreat Day **Thursday 15th July 2021**



Attention Y6: On Thursday 15th July, we will be having our end-of-year retreat day - ALL DAY!!

This will be in school, but you can wear your own clothes this day! We will be having a fun-filled, reflective day before we set off to secondary school.