



Goodbyes & thank you's....

This week we say goodbye to Miss Keenan who has covered Miss Bennett's maternity leave. We have loved having you back Miss Keenan (perhaps you will come back again!!) and we wish you all the best as you move to your new job.

We also say goodbye to Miss Gilbride who has worked as part of our admin team. Thank you for all you have done for our school - we wish you good luck as you start a new job.

We would like to say a big thank you to Nicola Jones (mum of Abby Y6) who has managed the Friends Association face book page - Nicola always posts our newsletter and gives us all reminders about things that are happening in school. Nicola will no longer be continuing with this as her youngest child leaves St T M this year.

Y6:

On behalf of all of the school community we would like to wish our Y6 children good luck as they being the next stage of their journey. They have proved themselves to be a group of fun loving and hard-working students who have given us much joy (and a few sleepless nights..!!). We are so proud of all the things they have achieved during their time at STM. We will miss them lots and send them off with our love and prayers xx

We hope all our children and families have a lovely summer break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th September.



Friday 16th July

Last day of the school year

Monday 6th September

First day of Autumn term

End of Year – Staff Gifts

We have had some enquiries 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.

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

Breakfast Club September 2021



Drop off is between **8:00am and 8:30am** with strictly no admissions after 8:30am. The cost will return to **£3** per session from September as we will no longer have the magic breakfast provision 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. Children will sign in at reception as normal; however, **no cash will be accepted in school.**

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 (**SOLD OUT**)
Year 2: Board Games- Tuesday (**SOLD OUT**)
Year 3: Sports- Monday
Year 4: Art- Thursday
Year 5: Multi-Sports- Tuesday
Year 6: Multi-Sports- Thursday

The clubs can be booked and paid for on ParentMail on a first come first served basis, whilst any places remain available.

Bears Trail

Thank you to one of our parents who has shared this with us <https://bearsofsheffield.com/about/> It would make a lovely activity to do in the summer holidays.

P.E Kits September 2021



Y1 to Y6 children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on days they have PE. In Autumn & Spring terms, F2s will get changed for PE in school as this is part of their curriculum.

P.E days for classes are as follows:

F2: No PE for the first few weeks, then every Monday afterwards

Year 1: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 2: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 3: Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 4: Swimming on a Thursday morning & PE on Fridays

Year 5: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Year 6: Tuesdays

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



Y4 Sports Day



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Year 6 had a great time on their trip to the High Ropes Adventure Course. They were so brave and we are really proud of them!



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Year 6 had such a great time at their Disco. We saw some brilliant dance moves!



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Year 6 Trip to Sheffield Institute of Sport- Great effort Year 6!



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F2 Sports Day



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Issabelle's Award – Harry Bingham, Y6.

Harry is an enthusiastic member of our class and has made great progress, both academically and socially since becoming a Y6 in September. However, it is for his kindness and supportive, caring nature that his classmates have decided, unanimously, to award this exceptional young man 'Issabelle's Award' for 2021.

He always listens carefully to any problems his peers have and does his best to put into place strategies for successful conciliation. He is focused and determined to do his best to console and reassure others.

Harry is always willing to help his classmates and teachers; he is respectful and responsible. He continually makes the right choices and is growing in maturity and confidence. His ability to manage his own emotions has impressed all of the adults in our school. His manners are impeccable and we will miss him saying, 'I hope you have a good evening', at the end of every day!

Here are a few of the quotes written down by some of the children who voted for Harry:

"He has always been a friend of mine who will help me anytime."

"Harry is so kind to everyone and doesn't get into any arguments. He is always there when I am upset or feeling left out. He is a real friend and a role model. He is one of the nicest people I know."

"He is a really nice person and he is always there for you if you don't have anyone to play with."

"I think that Harry should earn this award because he always helps everyone no matter what."

"He is a perfect example of a Y6 student."



We are so proud of him, and we know he will continue to be an exemplary young man. This award could not go to anyone more deserving than ... Harry Bingham.

Congratulations and love from,
Mrs Lord & Mrs Hepkin

A message from Mrs Faley: "Harry, you have always been an outstanding role model - not just in Y6 but throughout your time here at St Thomas More. You live out our school's Mission Statement in your daily activities and you behave in the way Jesus would want you to. Your kind and caring nature make you the ideal candidate for receiving this special award. It is so very well deserved."
Love from Mrs Faley

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Year 2 Trip to Sheffield Institute of Sport- Well done Year 2!



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

CHILDREN TO GO WILD FOR READING THIS SUMMER

The Sheffield Libraries Reading Challenge will be launching on Saturday 17th July! The reading challenge is designed to encourage children to keep reading over the summer holidays helping them to maintain and develop their reading skills and nurture a love of reading for pleasure.

The Sheffield Reading Challenge will be available in all Sheffield Libraries and is suitable for children from birth to 11 years of age. The theme of the challenge is wild animals and wildlife.

The Sheffield based award winning, bestselling illustrator Lydia Monks has created the colourful design for the challenge.

It's free and easy to sign up to take part in the challenge, children just need to go along to their local library to register to take part. All children have to do is read four books of their choice over the summer holidays, for each book that they read they will receive a sticker to add to their collector's card.

On completion they will receive a certificate and limited-edition pin badge.

Please could all children bring to 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.



As we approach step 4 of the Governments road map, this doesn't mean the end of Covid, so please support us in maintaining our current protective measures up to the end of the summer term.

You may have heard the Education Secretary speak on 6th July where he explained that at step 4, school will no longer need to keep children in bubbles. The DfE have issued updated guidance for schools for September. We will be reviewing and working our way through this guidance over the next couple of weeks. We will issue information to families towards the end of the summer break regarding systems and procedures for September.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

	CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS Friday 9th July		
F2	All children	For	Trying your best and showing your super listening on Sports Day! ☺ Well done!
Y1	Jacob	For	Some super impressive work in your reading comprehension learning today! You tried really hard to read all the questions independently and impressed Mrs North with your determination J Great job!
	Ruby		Great work in PE this week – you were super fast in all the relay races and you showed some great team spirit by cheering for yours and others teams! Well done!
Y2	Olivia	For	For your excellent maths learning! You are always listening carefully in lessons and because of this, you have completed a range of challenging maths equations! Well done!
	Zach		Always trying your hardest with your school learning. You always blow me away with your admirable perseverance and determination with your learning. You are a role model!
Y3	Vanessa	For	Your amazing report about the culture of Poland. This was really enjoyable to read, well done!
	Jessica		Your thoughtful comments during our RE lesson. You thought carefully about what a special place is and what your special place means to you.
Y4	Charlie B	For	For recording a great time in our athletics events in PE this week.
	James		For showing great understanding during our week of problem solving in maths.
Y5	Olly	For	Your constant sunny, happy personality - nothing is too much trouble - you always have such beautiful manners and it has really stuck out this week! You are a pleasure to have in class and such a fabulous role model for your peers! ☺
	Kamsi		Wonderful insights and contributions during our RE lessons! You always think carefully about everything we are discussing and it shows in your responses! Well done Kamsi
Y6	Mischa	For	Using the techniques of symmetry and reflection to create a fantastic piece of work in the style of William Morris! Keep it up!
	Connar		Putting in so much more effort into your PE relays with Qualitas! I was so proud of you and the skills you demonstrated! Keep it up!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2		
Year 1	95.3	0
Year 2	95.8	5
Year 3	95.7	6
Year 4	99.3	0
Year 5	96.9	3
Year 6	97.6	4
School Total	96.7	18

Wow! Well Done Year 4! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	
Year 1	Mathaus
Year 2	Jonathan
Year 3	Kylan
Year 4	Kayleigh
Year 5	Kamsi
Year 6	Dylan

Geography Homework Winners

F2	
Y1	Grayson & Heath
Y2	Emmie
Y3	Lewam
Y4	None Submitted
Y5	Lidya & Sophie
Y6	Erick & Nikola

CLASS TRANSITION INFORMATION

Y1 TRANSITION

MORNING ROUTINE:

The main gates into school will open at 8.45am, then the gates onto the playgrounds will open at 8.50am. When arriving on the yard, children can line up with their class in the designated Year 1 area. School staff will be outside at 8.50am to meet you. Please sanitise your hands on arriving at your designated waiting area

HOME TIME:

At the end of the day, we will leave school together and line back up at our designated area on the yard. Children will be collected at this location by parents/carers.

HOMEWORK:

Children will receive weekly homework on a Wednesday to be returned on a Tuesday morning. Whole school homework may be given out occasionally and this will replace class homework. In Y1 children will receive maths or literacy homework and a wider curriculum homework. Children will have reading books from school and these will be changed weekly. More information of the day we will change books will follow. Children in Y1 will also use numbots to practise maths skills (app).

TIMETABLE:

In Year 1 our morning consists of 30 minute RWI, 30 - 60 minute English lessons and one-hour maths lesson. RWI packs will be sent home to support their learning. PE, RE and topic is taught throughout the afternoon.

PHONICS SCREENING:

At the end of Y1, children will sit a phonics screening test. This will be during a week in June and there may be a workshop nearer the time to explain how you can support your child's learning at home. The test will consist of real and alien words containing the sounds that have been taught in RWI.

TUCK-SHOP:

In Year 1, children can use their tuck-shop money to purchase a sweet treat on Fridays. We ask that you make payments for tuck shop via parent mail please.

SNACK:

Children are provided with fruit at playtime and are responsible for helping themselves. If you would like your child to have milk, then you can top up your account on ParentMail.

PE:

Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on our PE days: Mondays and Thursdays.

CLASS TRANSITION INFORMATION

Y2 TRANSITION

MORNING ROUTINE:

The main gates into school will open at 8.45am, then the gates onto the playgrounds will open at 8.50am. When you arrive on the yard, line up with your class in the designated Y2 area. Someone from the Y2 team will be outside at 8.50am to meet you. Please sanitise your hands on arriving at your designated waiting area.

HOMEWORK:

Children will receive weekly homework on a Wednesday to be returned on a Tuesday morning. In Y2, children will receive maths or literacy homework and a wider curriculum homework. Children will have reading books from school and these will be changed weekly. More information on the day that we will change books will follow. Children in Y2 will also use numbots, Time Tables Rockstars and Maths With Parents for home learning activities.

TIMETABLE:

In Year 2, our morning consists of a morning task, RWI, literacy lessons and maths lessons. PE, RE and topic is taught throughout the afternoon. You will receive further information about each topic and the things we are learning about throughout the year.

PHONICS SCREENING:

Due to the children not completing this at the end of Year 1, this will now be completed during a week in Autumn Term. The test will consist of real and alien words containing the sounds that have been taught in RWI.

TUCK-SHOP:

In Year 2, children can use their tuck-shop money to purchase a sweet treat on Fridays. We ask that you make payments for tuck shop via parent mail please.

SNACK:

Children are provided with fruit at playtime and are responsible for helping themselves. If you would like your child to have milk, you can top up your account on ParentMail.

HOME TIME:

At the end of the day, we will leave school together and line back up at our designated area on the yard. You will be collected at this location by parents/carers.

PE:

Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on our PE days: Mondays and Thursdays

CLASS TRANSITION INFORMATION

Y3 TRANSITION

WELCOME TO KS2! 😊

As you are now in Key Stage 2, you will take part in school events and activities specifically for KS2 such as the KS2 school disco or after-school clubs specifically for KS2 children.

MORNING ROUTINE:

The main gates into school will open at 8.45am, then the gates onto the playgrounds will open at 8.50am. When you arrive on the yard, line up with your class in the designated Y3 area. School staff will be outside at 8.50am to meet you. Please sanitise your hands on arriving at your designated waiting area. Once in class, you will have tasks to do; school staff will support you with these if needed whilst taking the register and ordering lunches.

HOMETIME:

At the end of the day, we will leave school together and line back up at our designated area on the yard. You will be collected at this location by parents/carers.

SWIMMING:

We will be swimming from February to July! 😊 This is for a block of weekly sessions. You will need appropriate swimwear (bikinis, shorts below the knees and underwear are not allowed) and a towel - all in a waterproof bag. No jewellery is allowed and hair must be tied back. If you would like to wear goggles, then a permission slip needs to be completed.

HOMEWORK:

You will be receiving weekly homework related to Maths or English and a topic subject. This will go home every Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday morning. The tasks will be suited to what we have covered in class so far. We will also be encouraging the use of TT Rockstars and Numbots to build up your knowledge and quick recall of times tables and addition and subtraction facts. Sometimes whole school homework will replace class homework to reflect any whole school events or initiatives.

TERMLY TEXT:

Each term, we will be reading a story as a class, and this will link with the overarching theme of learning. You will have your own copy of the book which we will keep in school. For more detailed information of our learning over the year, please look for the 'KS2 overview' on the school website.

RWI SPELLINGS:

From Y2-6, the children will take part in RWI spelling. Each week we will learn a new spelling rule and words which you can spell using this rule. The spelling rule for each week will be referred to on weekly homework with spellings to practise. The spellings may be related to this, or to the Y3 spelling words.

PE:

Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on our PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays

CLASS TRANSITION INFORMATION

Y4 TRANSITION

MORNING ROUTINE:

The main gates into school will open at 8.45am, then the gates onto the playgrounds will open at 8.50am. When the children arrive on the yard, line up with our class in the designated Y4 area. School staff will be outside at 8.50am to meet you. Please sanitise your hands on arriving at your designated waiting area. If you have any messages for the teacher, this can be written down for your child to bring into class, emailed to the class teacher or given in at the office. Children will have tasks to do while the teacher takes the register and orders lunches.

HOMETIME:

At the end of the day, we will leave school together and line back up at our designated area on the yard. The children will be collected at this location by parents/carers.

HOMEWORK:

Children will be receiving homework related to Maths or English every week along with some topic work (for example: History, Art or Science). This will go home every Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday morning. They should try to complete this homework independently as the task will be suited to what they have covered in class so far. We will also be encouraging the use of TT Rockstars as we will be preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check. There will be times when the children will have whole school homework instead of the Y4 homework.

MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK:

In June, the children will be taking part in a Multiplication Tables Check. They will be prepared for this throughout the school year. Please continue to allow your children to access TT Rockstars at home as this is great preparation for the actual assessment as that is also on an iPad.

RESIDENTIAL:

Children will be going on a residential to Kingswood activity centre for 2 nights in May. More information will be given through the school year. Kingswood is a fantastic experience for the children and it promotes teamwork, problem solving and confidence building. This allows for growing independence while being in a safe environment.

RWI SPELLING:

From Y2-6, the children will take part in RWI spelling. Each week they will learn a new spelling rule and words which they can spell using this rule. The spelling rule for each week will be referred to on weekly homework with spellings to practice. The spellings may be related to this, or to the Y4 spelling words.

UKULELE:

In Year 4, children will take ukulele lessons once a week. Children will be asked if they would like to take their ukulele home, and parents must sign a form to accept responsibility of the instrument. Ukulele lessons are provided by the school, and are of no cost to parents.

SWIMMING:

Year 4 will also be swimming on Thursday mornings. This will be from September until the end of January. The children will need to arrive at 8:30am into school and we will be leaving no later than 8:40am. The children will need appropriate swimwear (bikinis, shorts below the knees and underwear are not allowed) and a towel - all in a waterproof bag. No jewellery is allowed and hair must be tied back. If your child would like to wear goggles, then a permission slip needs to be completed.

PE:

Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on our PE days: Fridays

CLASS TRANSITION INFORMATION

Y5 TRANSITION

MORNING ROUTINE:

The main gates into school will open at 8.45am. Then, the gates onto the playgrounds will open at 8.50am. When you arrive on the yard, line up with your class in the designated Y5 area. School staff will be waiting there to meet you. Please sanitize your hands on arriving at your designated waiting area. When you arrive into class, you will complete a task, usually practise/deepens from the previous day. We will have English and maths every morning, alongside assemblies, reading for pleasure time and RWINC spelling/Year 5 statutory spelling sessions. In the afternoons, we will have topic lessons, RE lessons, modelled reading sessions, maths meetings, handwriting sessions and SPAG sessions. These will be organised throughout the week. During the first week of term we will have a transition week where the children will not be on ordinary timetable. Instead, they will take part in PSHE, wellbeing and 'get to know me' activities.

HOME TIME:

At the end of the day, we will leave school together and line back up at our designated area on the yard. You will be collected at this location by parents/carers. **If children in Y5 and Y6 are allowed to walk home or walk down to the gate on their own then parents/carers, need to inform the school office in writing that you have permission. Otherwise, you will be collected from the KS2 yard.**

HOMEWORK:

Children will continue to receive weekly homework in Y5. This will go home every Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday morning. The main homework tasks will alternate between English and topic/maths and topic on a fortnightly basis. You will have additional tasks including arithmetic questions, spellings, tasks set via maths with parents, Times Tables Rockstars practise and handwriting tasks set via letter-join. At the beginning of the year, the relevant log-ins for Times Tables Rockstars, maths with parents and letter-join will be stuck into their homework books. On occasion, you may receive a whole school homework task, in place of our usual Y5 homework.

RWINC SPELLING/YEAR 5 STATUTORY SPELLINGS:

This will be taught 3 times per week and will focus on a range of spelling rules appropriate to Y5. The children will use a RWInc Spelling workbook in class and will have a spelling rule on their weekly homework to practise alongside the Year 5 statutory spelling list. A copy of these words will also be stuck into homework books.

CLASSROOM:

We have many routines that we adhere to in Y5. Many of these routines will be focusing on growing independence, accountability and responsibility now that you are in upper KS2. As part of this, children will be in charge of their own stationery (all provided by school) and children will take more of a lead in organising class routines, such as weekly monitors.

PE:

In Y5, children have will PE twice a week- Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On our PE days, please come to school dressed in your PE kit and please ensure that your kit is according to school policy.

OTHER INFORMATION:

During Y5, children take part in a 3-day Bikeability scheme, which aims to educate children on safe bike-riding on and off the road. This event will be happening during the summer term. In addition to this, we also run trips and visits throughout the year appropriate to our learning in class. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further information!

CLASS TRANSITION INFORMATION

Y6 TRANSITION

Y6 is an exciting time for the children. It is their last year of primary and their chance to shine within the school as they are now the oldest in school. The Y6 children are given many responsibilities to assist in the life and smooth running of the school.

RESIDENTIAL:

Also, in Y6, we go on overnight residential. This is a wonderful experience that the children really look forward to. This allows for the growing independence that they will need for secondary school while being in a safe environment.

HOMEWORK:

The homework in Y6 is essential to learning and will reinforce and consolidate their knowledge. This will go out on a Wednesday and needs to be completed and handed in every Tuesday. It is vital that the children keep and turn in their homework and resources every Tuesday. All homework will be linked directly to SATS strategies. Planning the homework specifically designed for SATS helps to foster independence, gain confidence and has a positive impact on the understanding and deeper thinking of the children. There will be times when the children will have other topic based and/or whole school homework as well.

SATS:

In Y6, the most important item to note is that the children will be preparing, from the beginning of the year, for SATS. This is to not only prepare the children, but also give them the confidence that they need to do the best that they can on the assessments instead of it being a scary time for them. The children will be revising throughout the year in order to gain confidence in their abilities and strategies. Another item to note is that it is vital to be at school every day and not to take holidays during term times. It is crucial that the children are at school daily to ensure that they don't miss out as we cover a lot in one day.

START AND END OF THE DAY:

The main gates into school will open at 8.45am, then the gates onto the playgrounds will open at 8.50am. When you arrive on the yard, line up with your class in the designated Y6 area. School staff will be outside at 8.50am to meet you. Please sanitise your hands on arriving at the area. At the end of the day, children are allowed to walk down on their own with parent permission. However, if you would prefer to meet them at the pick up point, children can stay with a member of staff until you arrive.

PE:

Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kit on our PE days: Tuesdays