



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

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Welcome message from Mrs Faley

It has been lovely to welcome all our children & families back to school! Everyone has settled back into the routine of school life so well. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support as we begin to re-introduce some of our pre-COVID systems & procedures. It is great to see so many more events happening with children going out on trips and visits! On behalf of everyone here at St Thomas More, I would like to extend a special welcome to our new children and to Fr Callistus who has joined our community as Parish Priest.



Breakfast Club is open every day and continues to be a drop in session. No pre booking is required, which provides flexibility to drop off between **8:00am and 8:30am**, with strictly no admissions after 8:30am.

The cost is **£3** per session. Payment in advance via ParentMail (**cash payments are not accepted in school.**) and accounts are 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 sign in at reception then can enjoy breakfast and play before school starts at 8:50am.



**Y6 Retreat Day at St Thomas
More Catholic Church**
Wednesday 29 September 2021

Y1 Multi Skills - EIS
Friday 1 October 2021

Virtual Parents Evening
w/c 4 October 2021

Y3 Benchball - EIS
Friday 15 October 2021

Y3 Aspirational Day - EIS
Wednesday 20 October 2021

Y4 Jorvik & Dig Trip
Tuesday 2 November 2021

Whole school photographs
Monday 8 November 2021

Y6 Eden Camp
Wednesday 10 November 2021

Y4 Kingswood Residential
Monday 16 May 2022 to
Wednesday 18 May 2022

Y6 Whitby Residential
Wednesday 22 June 2022 to
Friday 24 June 2022

**This is not an exhaustive list of
planned events for the year, more
items will be added each week,
watch this space ☺**

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



AT FIRTH PARK ACADEMY

ACCESS VIA SPORTS ENTRANCE ON BELLHOUSE ROAD(S5 0RD)

STARTING WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY WEDNESDAY during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive a merit Trophy and course Certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including Penalty Shoot out, American Shoot out and Champions League Competitions.

The cost of the course is £6 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£24) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large indoor sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
'FIRTH PARK' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;**

07846 770 250

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

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REMINDERS

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2021



After school, clubs started this week for the first half of the Autumn Term 2021 (Week commencing 6 September 2021 to Week commencing 18 October 2021) between 3.20pm-4.20pm

The clubs have proved popular this half term, but we still do have some availability of places in the clubs shown below.

Year 3 : Monday – Sports with Mrs North
Year 4 : Thursday – Art with Mrs Reaney
Year 5 : Tuesday – Multi Sports - Qualitas
Year 6 : Thursday – Multi Sports – Qualitas

The clubs can be booked and paid for on ParentMail, whilst any places remain available.

P.E Kits



A quick reminder that Y1 to Y6 children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on days they have PE. In the Autumn & Spring terms, F2 children will change for PE in school, as this is part of their curriculum.

P.E days for all classes are as follows:

F2: No PE for the first few weeks, then every Monday afterwards. Miss Chappell will let families know when PE is starting for F2.

Year 1: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 2: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 3: Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 4: Thursday morning Swimming (children should arrive 'Swim Ready' & Friday is PE day)

Year 5: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Year 6: Tuesdays



PARKING REMINDER

We have regularly asked families to be considerate and courteous to our neighbours and other road users when parking around school.

Unfortunately, this continues to be an ongoing problem and is putting the safety of our children and families at risk!

Please think before you park!!

Class Dojo



If you have not already signed up for your child's class dojo, please join using the invitation, which has been emailed to you.

In addition, please can you confirm you ensure you have indicated your consent for photo permissions using the consent link, which you should have received via a Parentmail email.

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Healthy Lunch Boxes

We believe that eating well is important for children's health and development. A healthy, enjoyable lunch gives children the energy they need to learn, play and do well at school.



We are actively discouraging children bringing

- Crisps and other savoury snacks
- Chocolate bars/sweets
- Cakes, biscuits and cookies

For the health and safety of our children we do not allow the following in our school

- Glass bottles or containers, ring pull cans
- Flasks (with hot or cold contents)
- Swapping food (due to food allergies)
- Nuts, products containing nuts such as Nutella
- Fizzy drinks

Some practical tips

- If you make up a lunch box the night before store it in the fridge
- Vary the sort of bread you use - cut wholemeal pitta bread into strips to have with a dip
- Cold cooked pasta can easily become a pasta salad. Remember to store in the fridge!
- Put some salad in a small bag or tub.
- Add an ice pack to keep the food cool.
- Encourage your child to help prepare their lunch - children are more likely to eat something they have helped make.
- Include a small carton of fruit juice or milk.

Celebration Winners

Friday 17 September 2021

F2	Callen	for	Some incredible letter writing this week. You have blown me and Mrs Ash away with your lovely letter formation and how you have focused on making your writing look neat and tidy! Great job!
	Avayah		Showing kindness and consideration when playing with your friends this week. It has been lovely to see you play so politely with everyone, you are a great example of sharing and taking turns! Well done!
Y1	Elena	for	Your beautiful artwork! You have blown me away with your amazing creative skills and have produced a wonderful landscape picture of the seaside using mixed media! You are a real artist Elena, well done!
	Stanley		Your excellent determination and growth mind-set with your writing! You have really impressed me with your eagerness to challenge yourself to add amazing adjectives to your writing! Well done Stanley, keep up the good work!
Y2	Ashton	for	Giving all of your work 100% effort this week, your diary that you wrote was brilliant. Well done!
	Eryn		Being a great talk partner on the carpet this week. You have been working really hard and supporting your friends. Well done!
Y3	Parker	for	Excellent effort in English lessons! You blew me away yesterday with your character descriptions. Well done! 😊
	Katie		Always trying your best and always being ready to learn! You are a superstar 😊
Y4	Joel	for	Participating and engaging wonderfully in our lesson and celebrating
	Everton		Demonstrating an amazing attitude toward your maths learning this week! Fantastic effort! Keep it up!
Y5	Lucas	for	Your outstanding effort during our science lesson this week. It was clear to see that you really tried your best during this lesson and you were able to produce a brilliant bar chart showing the gestation periods of different animals.
	Priscilla		Your outstanding effort in all areas of your learning this week. You have shown good listening, you have been focused and engaged in every lesson and you have produced some brilliant pieces of work. Well done Priscilla.
Y6	Jennifer	for	Your amazing efforts this week with our character descriptions of Joey and Albert. We are so impressed by your hard work and determination. Well done!
	Ellie		Your beautiful representation of love in our RE lesson this week. You thought carefully about what it means to love and be loved by others. Well done, Ellie!

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100% Attendance & Punctuality

w/e 17 September 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	97.7	1
Y1	97.7	0
Y2	98	1
Y3	98.6	0
Y4	96.5	1
Y5	90.9	3
Y6	97	1
School Total	96.6	7

Wow !! Well Done Year 3! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance

100% Attendance & Punctuality w/e 17 September 2021



F2	Aliza
Y1	Kailan
Y2	Amayah
Y3	Katie
Y4	Masi
Y5	Anaya
Y6	Sophie

Outstanding Homework w/e 17 September 2021



F2	Homework winners will be included from w/c 20 September 2021
Y1	
Y2	
Y3	
Y4	
Y5	
Y6	

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 17 September 2021



This week's winner is Fredi in Y5 for:

Having a great start to Y5. You always have such a positive attitude to learning and always try your best. Extremely resilient and always prepared to give things another go if you don't get it right first time. Well Done!

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
Multi-skills	1	EIS	01.10.21 / 09:00 -12:30
Benchball	3	EIS	15.10.21 / 09:00 - 12:30
Sports aspiration day	3	EIS	20.10.21 / 09:45 - 14:00
Futsal	5	EIS	05.11.21 / 09:00 - 12:30
Fencing	4	EIS	19.11.21 / 09:00 - 12:30
Athletics	6	EIS	09.12.21 / 09:00 - 12:30
Gymnastics	2	EIS	10.01.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Dance festival	1 & 5	Winding Wheel	28.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Invasion games	2	EIS	17.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Tag Rugby	4	Hallam sports park	22.04.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Mini-tennis	1	Places 4 People	19.05.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Derby county football festival	2	Derby County football club	17.06.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Crown green bowling	SEND children	Places 4 People	21.06.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Sports day	2&6	EIS	23.05.22 / 09:00 - 15:00
Quick cricket	TBC	Mount St Marys	18.07.22 / 09:00 - 13:00
Rugby union	TBC	Mount St Marys	19.07.22 / 09:00 - 13:00
Elite mini Olympics	TBC	Mount St Marys	19.07.22 - 09:00 - 13:00

F2 will have an event arranged during the summer term

There will be no cost to parents/carers for any of the above events.

These events including transport will be fully funded from the school's sports premium grant.

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Y1 Multi Skills Trip to the EIS!

Friday 1 October 2021

On Friday 1 October 2021, Y1 are taking a trip to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) for a Multi Skills session! The coach will be collecting us from school at 8.30am so your child will need to arrive to school for 8.20am to ensure that we can register them and arrive on time. The coach will be dropping us off at school again at 1pm. As the trip will be taking place over lunchtime, your child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please send your child to school in their PE kit.☺ There is no cost to you for your child to attend so please complete the online permission slip, as soon as possible.

Children in Y1 are entitled to free lunches, so please complete the packed lunch option on the online form to indicate if your child will be bringing one from home or if you would like to order one from school. Orders need to be placed by Monday 27 September 2021.

Y3 Benchball Trip to the EIS!

Friday 15 October 2021

On Friday 15 October 2021, Y3 are taking a trip to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) to play Benchball! The coach will be collecting us from school at 8.30am so your child will need to arrive to school for 8.20am to ensure that we can register them and arrive on time. The coach will be dropping us off at school again at 1pm. As the trip will be taking place over lunchtime, your child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. If you require a packed lunch from school, contact the school office. Please send your child to school in their PE kit.☺ There is no cost to you for your child to attend so please complete the online permission slip, as soon as possible.

Y3 Sports Summit and Aspirational Day at the EIS

Wednesday 20 October 2021

On Wednesday 20 October 2021, Y3 are taking part in a sport summit and aspirational day at the English Institute of Sport. The children will be participating in a range of sports throughout the day and will have the opportunity to meet Dwayne Chambers! The coach will be collecting us from school at 9.15am so please ensure that your child arrives to school by 9.00am so that we can set off on time. The coach will be dropping us off at school again at 2.30pm. As the trip will be taking place over lunchtime, your child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. If you require a packed lunch from school, contact the school office. Please send your child to school in their PE kit.☺ There is no cost to you for your child to attend so please complete the online permission as soon as possible.

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Y4 York - Jorvik & Dig Centre Trip Tuesday 2 November 2021

Y4 are going to York to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre, which links perfectly to our History topic this half term. We will be leaving school at 8:30am and return for the end of the normal school day. We will be able to go all around the museum and participate in a DIG tour.

All children need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. If you require a packed lunch from school, please contact the school office. The contribution is £19.50 per child, including entry and transport. Payments should be made & consent given on Parentmail.

If we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.

So exciting for Y4!! 😊

Y4 Kingswood Residential Monday 16 May 2022 to Wednesday 18 May 2022

Just a reminder that the non-refundable deposit for the Y4 Residential should have been paid by the end of August, if you still need to make this payment please ensure this is paid as soon as possible before the end of September, if you have any difficulties in respect of the deposit payment please contact Mrs Proverbs.

The balance needs to be paid by 1 March 2022 and can be made in instalments or in full on Parentmail until this date.

Year 6 Retreat Day



On Wednesday 29 September, Y6 have been invited to take part in a back to school retreat day at St Thomas More Catholic Church. The day will be a great way to welcome our children onto their final journey of primary school. We ask that children are dropped off at the Church for 9am to meet staff. Children can wear their own clothes for the day and they must bring a packed lunch. We ask that the children are collected from the church at 2.50pm. Please contact the school office if you would like a packed lunch provided by school, or if you wish to give permission for your child to walk home alone, or for any other questions.

Thank you
Miss Garner and Mrs Hepkin

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Y6 Eden Camp Trip Wednesday 10 November 2021

In Y6, we are learning all about the first world war and the events that took place during this time, both on the frontline and at home in the UK. As part of our learning, the class will be visiting the Eden Camp Museum. A visit to the museum is guaranteed to transport our children back in time to the war, and give them a sense of how difficult a time this was for all involved.

We will be leaving the school building at 8.30am, so please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly for this 8.20am. We will be arriving back to school at 3pm. Children will be required to wear school uniform, and they are advised to bring a coat/hat/scarf/gloves if the weather is bad. Children must bring their own packed lunch for the day, as we will be eating at the museum. If you require a packed lunch from school, please contact the office. The contribution is £19 per child, including entry to the museum and transport. Payment should be made & consent given on Parentmail. **If we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.**

We cannot wait for our children to enjoy this experience.
Miss Garner and Mrs Hepkin

Year 6 Residential

How excited will our Year 6 children be to learn that our Residential to Whitby is back!



Year 6 will be going on a 2 night residential to Whitby on Wednesday 22 June 2022 and returning back to school on Friday the 24 June 2022.

The final cost, (which may include the items listed below) and further details, will be available soon

- Return Coach
- 2 nights in the youth hostel (includes, room, 2 evening meals, 2 breakfast and 1 x lunch)
- Sessions led by YHA staff
- Ghost Walk
- Ice cream
- Fish and chip lunch
- Boat Trip