



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

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## Virtual Parents evening

Our Virtual Parents Evening will be taking place as follows

Monday 4th October- Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5

Tuesday 5th October - Year 1 and Year 6

Wednesday 6th October - Year 3

Thursday 7th October F2

Booking slots for parents Evening will be available from  
w/c 27 September 2021

**Appointments are now available to book through school  
cloud!**



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.

**Can we just remind parents that 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.**



**Virtual Parents Evening**  
w/c 4 October 2021

**Go Green for CAFOD**  
w/c 04.10.21

**Y5 Judge Dixon Afternoon Talk**  
Tuesday 4 October 2021

**Y5 Trip to Ripon Prison and Police  
Museum**

Wednesday 6 October 2021

**F2 Welcome Liturgy**  
Thursday 7 October 2021

**Dress up in green day**  
Friday 8 October

**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 York Residential**  
Monday 22 June 2022 to  
Wednesday 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

## Covid Guidance

- Do not send your child to school if they have any of the three main symptoms
- Do take your child for a PCR if they have signs of any symptoms
- Do isolate if you have tested Positive for Covid

Please do not send your child to school if they are showing any of the symptoms of Covid  
If your child comes into school and we notice them having any symptoms we will telephone you to collect your child immediately!

### Covid-19: Self-isolation

**NHS**

Test and Trace

## When do I need **to self-isolate?**

To keep life moving and stop Covid-19 from spreading further, it's still important to self-isolate when you're asked to.

**There are new rules from 16 August:**

#### **I've tested positive for Covid-19**



You need to **self-isolate**, even if you've been vaccinated

#### **I'm double-jabbed or I'm under 18 - and I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive**



You do not need to **self-isolate** but we advise you to take a **PCR test**, and you need to self-isolate if it's positive

#### **I've had either one or no jabs and I'm 18 or over - and I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive**



You need to **self-isolate**

#### **I have symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste)**



You should **self-isolate** and take a **PCR test**, even if you've been vaccinated

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## We Need Your Help



After our fantastic fundraiser at the end of last year, where we raised over £1400, we would now like to begin the next phase of work on our nature garden.

To make the garden an enjoyable space for our children we need to do a lot of clearing. Our plan is to clear the area over two separate days, and we are asking you to volunteer if you can.

School will be open on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00 – 3:00pm** on both days. To manage the numbers we have on site, we are asking people to sign up for a slot that will last for an hour and a half.

The slots will be: 09:00 – 10:30, 10:30 – 12:00, 12:00 – 13:30 and 13:30 – 15:00

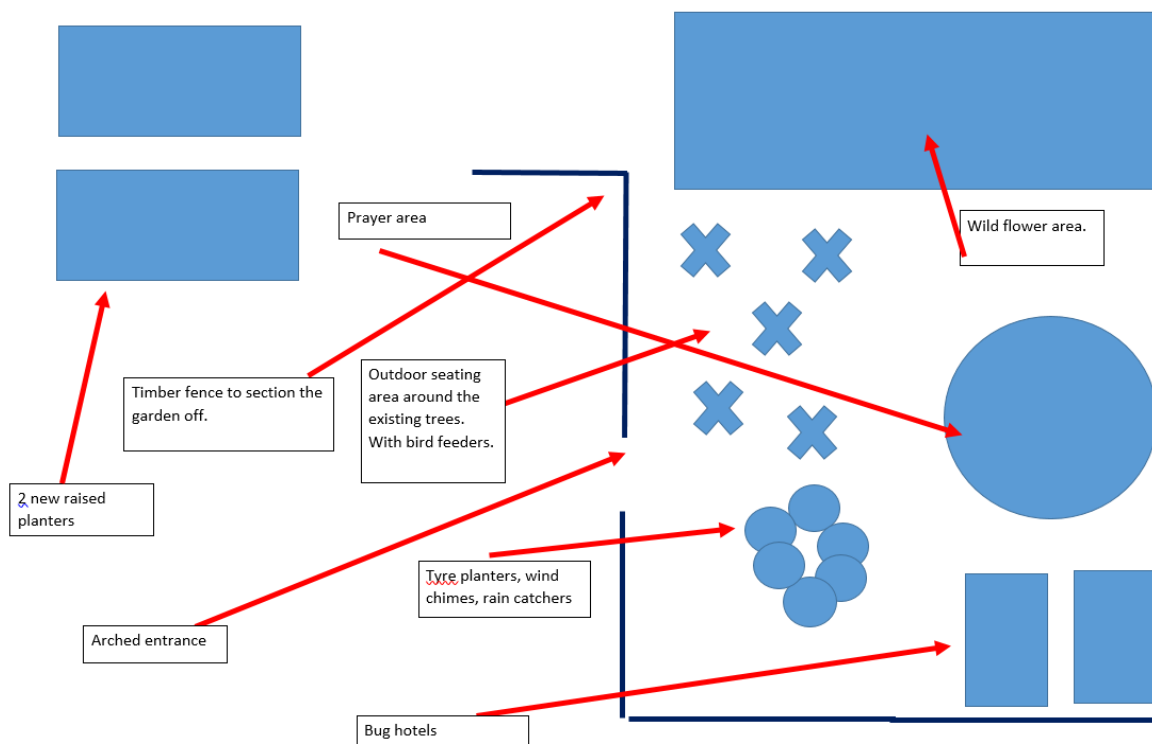
We have a lot of tools in school, but something we are short of is garden scissors/secateurs, so if you are able to bring your own could you please let us know when you confirm your availability. Below is a plan of what we would like to do once the area has been cleared.

### HOW TO RESPOND!

Please complete the Msform at the link below to indicate when you might be available to help

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZsbCQapHVU-qnVmImi5zgctPQsxkSF5BvxsImPez9BRUODcxVDEwQVNUR0gwNFJJUFi2QKU2U0FDti4>

Nature Garden Plan





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## F2 Welcome Liturgy

Following the easing of COVID19 restrictions, we are pleased to welcome families back into school for our F2 Welcome Liturgy will take place on Thursday 7 October 2021 at 9:15 am.

The Liturgy, will be strictly one parent/carer per family and we are asking that places are reserved using the online form which will be emailed out to F2 families shortly.

On the day we ask that parents/carers drop off their children as normal, then exit the site via the one way system and wait outside the main pedestrian gate until 9:10 am, before returning to the School reception where the adults will be registered against the online bookings before being given entry to the school hall. We also ask visiting adults to wear a face covering whilst in the school building.

## School Photographs - Monday 8 November 2021

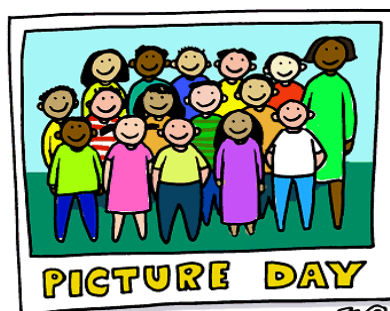
Braiswick Photography will be coming into school on Monday 8 November 2021, to take the annual School Photographs.

This year there will be individual photographs, sibling photographs (for siblings currently in school) and a Y6 class photograph.

We already hold external photographer consent for most of the children in school, so will only be requesting consent from parents/carers of children who do not have this already.

If you do not want your child to be photographed either individually or in the Year 6 class group, or have any other questions or queries regarding School Photographs, then please contact the School Office.

We are aware that this is Y1 and Y2's PE day, so they can come in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into!



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We are celebrating Harvest Day in school w/c 04.10.21. This year's theme is 'Go Green'.

We are kickstarting the week during our Key Stage assemblies on 29.09.21 to introduce the theme to the children by showing the CAFOD National Assembly video. You can also view at home if you wish (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFXK1WXTbVc>)

The children will be working in class on a whole school project around thinking of a 'Go' challenge. For example, Go cycling more, Go eat more veggies, Go plastic free in lunches, Go without electronics for 1 night, Go read to a friend or sibling, Go to sleep on time, etc. You could ask your child what challenge they decided to complete!

There will also be **whole school homework** based on this theme during the week too.

We are asking families and our community to take part too! We are asking families to 'Go Donate' by bringing in a canned goods or packet by Friday 15.10.21. We will take all the donated items to our local foodbank to help give to those in need. Anything that you can donate is much appreciated! Thanks in advance.

Also, we are 'Going Green' in school by allowing the children to participate in a non-uniform day on Friday, 8th October by **dressing up in green for £1**, which will be donated to CAFOD, to help with their fundraising linked to this theme. I wonder how many different variations of green we will have!

Thanks to all our families for your continued support!! 😊

Mrs. Lord

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## Celebration Winners

Friday 1 October 2021

F2	Iola	for	Showing kindness to your friends this week when playing together, as well as some amazing creative work in with junk modelling and treasure map making! Well done! J
	Clark		Some great participation in our first PE lesson of F2 this week! You worked well with other children and showed determination and fun when joining in the games! Great job! J
Y1	Piper	for	For your brilliant writing this week! You have blown me away with how hard you have tried with your sounds. You always take your time to remember your capital letters and full stops, well done!
	Kailan		For your amazing maths learning this week! You have done some incredible work and have mastered how to efficiently calculate addition equations! Well done ☺
Y2	Anayah	for	Being an amazing role model when we are learning on the carpet and for being such an enthusiastic learner in our classroom. Well done!
	Ruby-Rae		You have produced some amazing pieces of writing this week and you are trying to use all the new skills we are learning. Well done.
Y3	Zach	for	Dazzling enthusiasm and effort in geography and DT! I loved reading about your angel cake! ☺
	Emmanuella		Excellent listening and effort this week! ☺ You are joining in and are ready to learn. Fantastic!
Y4	Darcia	for	Demonstrating amazing maths effort and determination this week! Keep it up!
	Frankie		Producing an amazing depiction of Joseph as a carpenter through illustration. Keep it up!
Y5	Spencer	for	Trying extremely hard to always use your best handwriting in every lesson. I am really proud of how much your presentation is improving. Well done Spencer!
	Abby		Contributing so well to our class discussions during our science lesson this week. You asked some really interesting questions and shared your insightful knowledge with the rest of the class with confidence. Well done Abby!
Y6	Mercy	for	Putting in 100% effort into everything that you have done this week. You have taken pride in your work and you have tried your very best. Well done, Mercy!
	Kamsi		Your beautiful work this week in our RE lesson. You produced a lovely stained glass window that represented forgiveness and unconditional love. Well done, Kamsiyochukwu!

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## Attendance & Punctuality

w/e 1 October 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	98.7	1
Y1	95.6	1
Y2	96.6	5
Y3	97.7	2
Y4	98.3	4
Y5	96	1
Y6	84.2	3
<b>School Total</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>17</b>

Wow !! Well Done F2! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality w/e 1 October 2021



F2	Bella
Y1	Dominic
Y2	Ashton
Y3	Jon
Y4	Ethan
Y5	Dantaye
Y6	Olly

## Outstanding Homework w/e 1 October 2021



F2	Joshua
Y1	Elena
Y2	Erin G
Y3	Luna
Y4	Eoghan
Y5	Naomi
Y6	Christina

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 1 October 2021



**This week's winner is Oscar N in Y3 for:**

*Listening really well and challenging yourself during maths this week. You enjoyed yourself so much you continued solving problems during a wet playtime! Keep it up 😊*



# TRIPS AND EVENTS



## Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
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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## 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.

## 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!! ☺

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## 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.

## Y5 Future Flyers PSHE Provision

During the Autumn Term, Y5 children will be taking part in the Future Flyers research project. The children will investigate future careers whilst developing transferrable skills including team work, problem solving, critical thinking, analysing, presenting recording and aiming high. The programme will be delivered through a series of teacher led workshops. The programme aims to increase awareness and understanding of careers, develop research skills and understand the link between those and their application in the real world and show the steps students need to take in order to achieve their career aspirations. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and we can't wait to get started with the programme!

## Y5 Trip to Ripon Prison and Police Museum

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

In Y5, we are learning all about crime and punishment through the ages. As part of our learning, the class will be visiting Ripon Prison and Police Museum. During our visit, the class will take part in a historic trial at the Courthouse in the morning with scripts and costume, weighing the evidence and deciding on a verdict. We will then be going to the Prison & Police Museum in the afternoon, where we will take part in some more fun activities! We will be leaving the school building at 8.30am, so please ensure that your child arrives at school for 8.20am. We will be arriving back to school at 3:45pm, so please be aware of the slightly later pick up time if your child does not have permission to leave the school premises alone. Children will be required to wear school uniform, and they must bring their own packed lunch for the day. If you require a packed lunch from school, please contact the office.

The total cost of the trip has been subsidised so the cost per child will be £21, which includes entry to the Museum and part of the transport cost. Contributions should be made via parentmail. Additionally, please give consent for your child to attend this trip via parentmail.

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## Y5 Judge Dixon Afternoon Talk

In Y5, we are learning all about crime and punishment through the ages. To support our learning, Judge Dixon will be visiting our school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October to conduct an afternoon talk with the Y5 class. We are really looking forward to meeting Judge Dixon and we can't wait to listen to his insights and find out more about the role he plays in upholding the law.

## 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 York Residential

The children will now be going to York on Monday 27 June 2022 to Wednesday 29 June 2022. We do not have the full trip costs at this stage due to the change in dates and destination, but anticipate the total cost to be between £130 and £150 per child.

In order to secure the Youth Hostel Association accommodation in York we need a £20 per child deposit to be paid by 8 October 2021, with the balance to be paid in full by the 1 April 2022. £20 Deposit will be available to pay via Parent Mail from 4pm today

Whilst we currently do not know the total cost, we thought that it would help families plan for the payments if we gave a date for the full payment to be made.

We will provide further updates and confirmation of the total cost on the weekly newsletter.