



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

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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.

Important Dates



Go Green for CAFOD
W/C 04.10.21

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 ☺**



**SCHOOL
UNIFORM**



**We are getting quite a few jumpers, cardigans and coats left/lost!
Can we ask parents/carers to please ensure your child's name is in all their
uniform, this way it will help us to return it to its rightful owner.**

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 17th and Sunday 24th 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

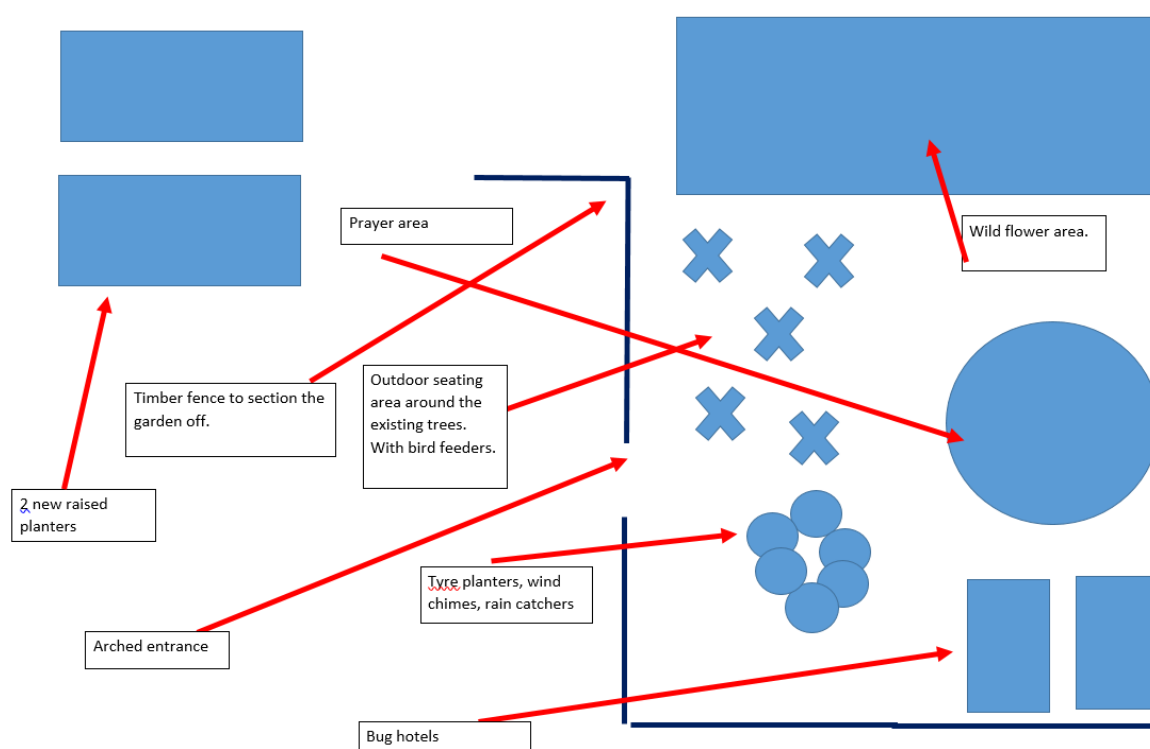
We have a lot of tools in school, but something we are short of is garden scissors/secateurs, so if you are able to bring your own could you please let us know when you confirm your availability. Below is a plan of what we would like to do once the area has been cleared.

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-qnVmImi5zgctPQsxkSF5BvxsImPez9BRUODcxVDEwQVNUR0gwNFJJUFi2QkU2U0FDTi4U>

Nature Garden Plan



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School Photographs - Monday 8 November 2021

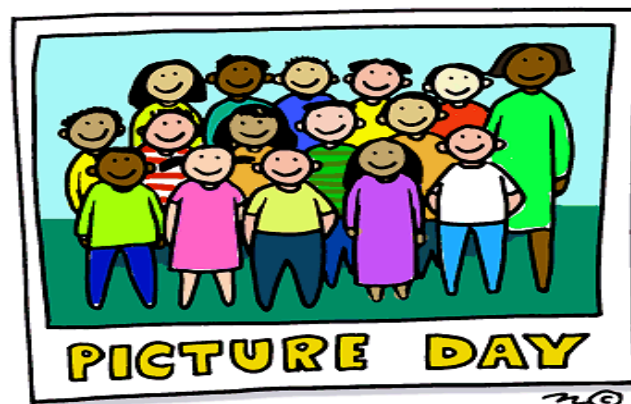
Braiswick Photography will be coming into school on Monday 8 November 2021, to take the annual School Photographs.

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!



The Schools catering partner Dolce organised a special Space Themed lunch yesterday. In addition to themed food, such as Planets Meatball Sub & Galaxy Sponge, as part of the celebration, one child who had a school lunch were chosen at random to be the lucky plate winner, receiving a £5 Amazon Gift Voucher.

Congratulations to our Winner - Aliza F2

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"Virtues to Live by"



Dear parents/carers,

STM will be starting a new year-long activity with the children celebrating "Virtues to Live By". This is a Diocesan initiative in which several other Catholic schools are participating.

We will have four virtues to focus on for every term. In our Key Stage Assemblies, the children will be participating in a collective worship based around the theme. Every class will have posters displayed in class around that theme, including how to "live out" the theme in real life.

Then every Friday, during Celebration Assembly, one child from each class will receive a certificate if they have displayed this virtue consistently or in a special way during the week. This will also be shared weekly in our newsletter.

Here is some information about the programme:

Guiding Principles

To ensure children and young people are given opportunities to:

1. Experience a positive and purposeful ethos providing a sense of belonging to their school community.
2. Grow in their knowledge and understanding of the virtues.
3. Practise the virtues to further the call to live life to the full.
4. Appreciate the connection between biblical and practical wisdom and living.
5. Hear the Christian story and encounter it in practice.
6. Understand their uniqueness and dignity as made in the image and likeness of God.
7. Know that our limitations are also opportunities for growth.
8. To notice, to reflect, to pray and to play
9. To exercise the cognitive, affective and behavioural components of character: know it in your head, feel it in your heart and show it with your hands.

Autumn Term

Classes will explore one virtue for approximately 3 weeks:

Autumn 1:

1. **Respect** / **Courtesy** - school rules, class missions, new school year

Autumn 2:

3. **Hope** - remembrance, holy souls
4. **Patience** - Advent

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Celebration Winners

Friday 8 October 2021

F2	Eli	for	Joining in during carpet time this week - you have impressed me and Mrs Ash with how hard you are trying to answer questions in maths and say sounds clearly in RWI! Well done!
	Ezme		A really positive week overall in class - you have shown kindness and good sharing with your friends, as well as super tidying up and lovely singing in our liturgy! Great job! 😊
Y1	Filip	for	Your amazing maths learning this week! You have listened so well in our lessons this week and have worked independently to calculate a range of addition and subtraction equations! Well done!
	Minnie		Your enthusiasm to learning every day! You are always giving 110% in every lesson and have blown us and Mr Platts away with your amazing reading! You are a star! Well done
Y2	Scarlett	for	Being a fantastic role model in PE this week. Some of the routines that you did and the moves that demonstrated in PE were excellent. Well done.
	Mathaus		Working hard to make big improvements in maths. You have made really tricky learning look simple this week. Well done Mathaus.
Y3	Jon	for	Sensible behaviour and for excellent imaginative ideas in your writing. It is a joy to read! 😊
	Philomena		Challenging yourself during maths. You are concentrating so hard and I'm so proud of the progress you are making! 😊
Y4	Jessica	for	Putting 100% effort in your descriptive writing in literacy! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
	Arthur		Always been ready for every lesson and putting 100% effort into your work by always challenging yourself! Keep it up!
Y5	Zofia	for	Writing a fantastic non-chronological report in our big write this week. I could really tell that you tried your best with this piece of writing and worked really hard to include all of the key features. Well done Zofia!
	Jonas		Working extremely hard in all areas of learning this week but especially in maths! You have shown me that you have been focused and engaged during lessons and you have pushed yourself to complete the challenge tasks during your independent work. Well done Jonas!
Y6	Florence	for	Your fantastic problem solving skills this week in our maths lessons! You have put 100% effort into everything that you have been doing, and we are so impressed with you! Well done, Florence!
	Kadija		Your positive attitude and your hard work all week. You have accepted any challenge with your learning, and you have tried your best to succeed. Well done, Kadija!

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"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 8 October 2021 - Winners

F2	Henry
Y1	Hartlyn
Y2	Anayah
Y3	Evelyn
Y4	Eoghan
Y5	Tristan
Y6	Joshua

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 8 October 2021



This week's winner is Ashton in Y2 for:

Having a positive attitude towards your reading. You are trying really hard to improve it and your focus positive mindset in phonics is fantastic to see. Well done.

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Attendance & Punctuality W/e 8 October 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	95.2	2
Y1	96.2	1
Y2	96.6	2
Y3	94.7	0
Y4	96.9	2
Y5	97.7	0
Y6	94.3	0
School Total	95.9	7

Wow! Well Done Year 5 ! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Outstanding Homework W/e 8 October 2021



F2	Leon
Y1	Lucy
Y2	Carlos
Y3	Sebastian
Y4	Kordell
Y5	Susanna
Y6	Jennifer

100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 8 October 2021



F2	Faye
Y1	Seb
Y2	Daisy
Y3	Olivia
Y4	Olivia P
Y5	Darcey
Y6	Oliver

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.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

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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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!

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