



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

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## Friends Association Christmas Raffle

Our friends Association are doing a Christmas Hamper raffle and are asking for donations from our children of anything that can go into the Hampers. Each class will be given a colour and we are asking that they bring something in of that colour in for the Hamper. We will be accepting donations from 1 November 2021 until 19 November 2021.

Class F2 - Blue  
Class 1- Red  
Class 2- Purple  
Class 3 - Yellow  
Class 4 - Pink  
Class 5 - Green  
Class 6 - Orange  
STM Staff - Rainbow

Raffle tickets will cost £1 each and will be available to purchase online from the 29 November 2021. The draw will take place on the 20 December 2021



## Important Dates



**Y3 Aspirational Day - EIS**  
Wednesday 20 October 2021

**Y4 Jorvik & Dig Trip**  
Tuesday 2 November 2021

**Y5 Futsal - EIS**  
Friday 5 November 2021

**Whole school photographs**  
Monday 8 November 2021

**Y6 Eden Camp**  
Wednesday 10 November 2021

**Y4 Fencing - EIS**  
Friday 19 November 2021

**Y2 Weston Park Museum**  
Friday 19 November 2021

**Y4 Kingwood Residential**  
Monday 16 May 2022  
Wednesday 18 May 2022

**Y6 York Residential**  
Monday 22 June 2022  
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 ☺**

## Please respect our staff

Recently we have had an increase in incidents of staff being verbally abused in person, over the telephone and via email.

We acknowledge that sometimes we all face challenging circumstances. The school is here to help your children achieve high standards in their work and behaviour in a calm and safe environment.

Our staff expect to be treated at all times with respect and courtesy. School will take appropriate action against anyone who is repeatedly abusive or threatening towards staff.

**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

## 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 and Sunday 24 October 2021 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

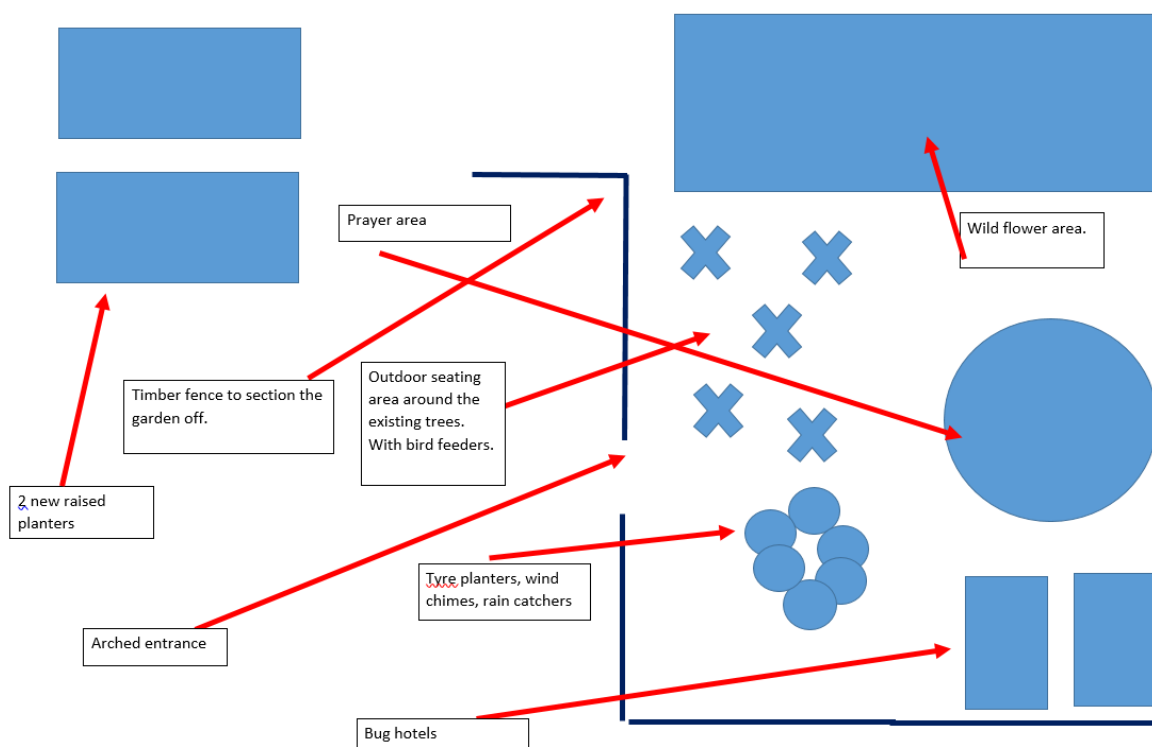
We have a lot of tools in school, but something we are short of is garden scissors/secateurs, so if you are able to bring your own could you please let us know when you confirm your availability. Below is a plan of what we would like to do once the area has been cleared.

### 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

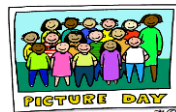
Braiswick Photography will be coming into school on Monday 8 November 2021, to take the annual School Photographs.

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!



## After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2 2021



Below are the after school clubs available for the Autumn Term 2 2021  
w/c 1 November 2021 to w/c 13 December 2021 (7 weeks) - 3.20pm-4.20pm

F2 - Arts and Crafts	- Thursday - Mrs Ash
Y1 - Motor Skills	- Mondays - Miss Ryan
Y2 - Sports	- Thursdays - Qualitas
Y3 - Board Games	- Mondays - Mrs North
Y4 - Sports	- Tuesdays - Qualitas
Y5 - Create a Comic Book	- Thursdays - Miss Carder
Y6 - Art	- Thursdays - Mrs Reaney

The clubs will be available to be booked and paid for on Parentmail, at a cost of £21 (£3 per week) from 2pm Monday 18 October 2021 on a first come first served basis whilst places are available.



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Our Go Green for CAFOD Day



Thank you  
everyone for all  
your efforts!  
We raised a total  
of £167.00 to  
donate to  
CAFOD.



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Year 5's visit from Judge Dixon

The Y5 class had a fantastic time talking to Judge Dixon this week. We learnt about what Judge Dixon's job role involves, as well as the uniform he has to wear and what his uniform symbolises. We even got a chance to hold the special leather wallet that was used to hold his letter from the Queen that was sent when he became a Judge!



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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

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Celebration Winners

w/e 15 October 2021

F2	Leon	for	Playing collaboratively with other children in your class this week - you have started to make some lovely friendships in F2 and you are showing teamwork and determination in your play! Well done! ☺
	Italia		A really settled week in class - you have played so nicely and considerately with your friends and have come into school with a big smile on your face every day! Great job! ☺
Y1	Lucy	for	Your enthusiasm in our RWI lessons! You are always listening carefully, joining in and have a positive attitude! You have been very excited to read our book this week, it's great to see how enthusiastic you are! What a role model!
	Amari		Your excellent knowledge about verbs! You have challenged yourself to de-code some irregular verbs and understand that we can't always add the suffix - ed to send them to the past! You are very smart Amari, well done!
Y2	Coen	for	Making a big improvement to his handwriting in all lessons. Well done!
	Jensen		Writing some fantastic sentences in English this week. You have used all of the skills we have learnt to great effect. Well done!
Y3	Shayne	for	Knocking our socks off with your narrative this week! You used direct speech and lots of creative language - well done! ☺
	Oskar		An excellent big write this week. You have used everything you've learnt and blew us away with your narrative! Keep it up! ☺
Y4	Bobby	for	Demonstrating amazing effort into his lessons this week, especially in maths and art! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
	Vienna		Producing an amazing setting description in your big write this week! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
Y5	Jessie	for	Showing excellent team-working skills during our first future flyers workshop this week. You listened well to the people in your team and were able to co-operate and compromise. Well done Jessie.
	Anaya		Always having such a positive attitude to learning, this week and every week! You always try your best and you always show me that you are focused and engaged during lessons. Well done Anaya.
Y6	Poppy	for	Your fantastic problem solving in maths this week! You have done a brilliant job of dividing using both short and long division methods. Well done, Poppy!
	Christina		Your hard work in our English lessons this week. You have amazed us with your detailed and carefully written compound sentences. Well done, Christina!

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"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 15 October 2021 - Winners

F2	Maks
Y1	Kailan
Y2	Ruby
Y3	Roger
Y4	Vanessa
Y5	Grace M
Y6	Mercy

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 15 October 2021



This week's winner is Dominic in Y1 for:

Having a positive attitude towards your learning. You are trying really hard and you keep showing great determination with all of the learning that we do. Keep it up!



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## Attendance & Punctuality w/e 15 October 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	100	1
Y1	91.2	0
Y2	95.3	1
Y3	95.7	2
Y4	85.6	4
Y5	99.3	2
Y6	98.0	2
<b>School Total</b>	95.1	12

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

## Outstanding Homework W/e 15 October 2021



F2	Miles
Y1	Zack W
Y2	Jake
Y3	Milly
Y4	Evret
Y5	Gracie W
Y6	Lidya

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 15 October 2021



F2	Ted
Y1	Georgie
Y2	Carlos
Y3	Douglas
Y4	Darcia
Y5	Fredi
Y6	Jennifer

# TRIPS AND EVENTS



## Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
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/corers for any of the above events.

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

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Year 2 Ancient Egypt Weston Park Museum

On Friday 19th November, Y2 are going to visit the Ancient Egypt gallery at Weston Park Museum. The children will be meeting Djedma'atuesankh, a young Ancient Egyptian who has somehow ended up in Sheffield! The children will ask her questions and use primary and secondary resources to find out more about her life exploring what her story might be beyond her life and how she came to be in a museum in Sheffield. The children will each make a small artefact for Djedma'atuesankh. The contribution is £13.00 per child, including entry and transport. Payments should be made & consent given on Parentmail. Packed lunch options can also be found on Parentmail

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

Children will need:

- A plastic bag to take your artefact back to school.
- A packed lunch
- A warm, waterproof coat as it may be raining but if it is nice, we may go for a walk around the park at the end of the day.

## 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!! 😊



# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## 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