



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

2021/22 Newsletter – Issue 12

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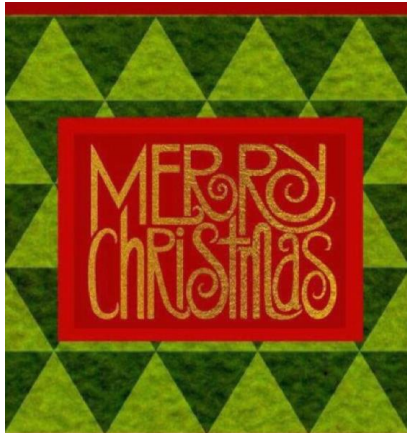
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Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now on sale, the tickets are available on Parentmail and the cost is £1 each.



Important Dates



Y1 Local Walk

Wednesday 8 December 2021

Y6 EIS Athletics

Thursday 9 December 2021

Y3 Local walk

Tuesday 14 December 2021

F2 Festive Fun - Ecclesall Woods

Wednesday 15 December 2021

**Whole School Christmas Jumper/
Dinner day**

Thursday 16 December 2021

**F2, Y1 & Y2 - Christmas Drama
Workshop**

Friday 17 December 2021

Y2 EIS Gymnastics

Monday 10 January 2022

Y2 EIS Invasion Games

Thursday 17 March 2022

Y4 Kingswood Residential

Monday 16 May 2022

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Y6 York Residential

Monday 27 June 2022

Wednesday 29 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 become the wonderful person God created us to be.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Advent events:



Advent is such an important and special time for us here at St Thomas More. It is a real opportunity to explore this liturgical season with our children and families. As parents/carers have been unable to come into school for such a long time we want to facilitate you being able to attend our Advent events, whilst keeping everyone safe and ensure we consider business continuity. We know that the larger the events and the more mixing, the more likely an outbreak will occur and we want to avoid this and keep any disruption for children, families and staff to a minimum. We have therefore decided that each class will lead an Advent performance eg a liturgy and parents/carers will be able to attend. The class performing their Advent event will be the only class of children in the hall. A max of 2 parent/carers per family (of the class that are doing the Advent performance) will be able to attend. This allows us to manage capacity within our hall and keep mixing to a minimum and maintain a level of social distancing between visitors. Prior to each Advent event, families will be invited via parent-mail and asked to complete a form, providing details of the 2 parent/carers/family members that will be attending. Please note, the 2 family members attending will be seated together and be required to wear face coverings, any younger family members attending are to be included in the 2 - for example a parent and a younger sibling would count as 2. Please note, if school is experiencing any outbreaks or there is any change to the guidance, then events may need to be re-scheduled or cancelled.

The dates/times set for our Advent events are below....

All events are due to start at 9.15am so please wait off site and the gate will be open at 9.05am. F2's Advent event will start at 2.30pm and the gate will be open at 2.20pm.

Y5	Wednesday 8 th December
Y4	Wednesday 15 th December
Y3	Wednesday 22 nd December
Y2	Thursday 16 th December
Y1	Tuesday 21 st December
F2	Monday 20 th December

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F2 Admissions – September 2022

We are now welcoming visits from families who are thinking of St Thomas More Catholic Primary as an option for children starting F2 in September 2022.

We have the following date and time available -Thursday 09 December 2021 at 2.00 pm

We are still limiting visitor numbers in school so please contact the school office on 0114 2468020 to book in for a visit. We ask that only 1 parent/carers and child attend and also adult visitors should wear masks while in the school building.

One way System Drop off and Pick up

Can we remind families that the one-way system in school remains in place. We have kept the system to try to avoid congestion on our narrow paths around school at drop off and pick up times.

Please can families drop off, pick up their children, and leave the site promptly. If you need to speak with a member of staff please where possible, avoid blocking the pathways and flow of people through the school site.

We also ask that parents/carers keep their children with them whilst leaving school, to avoid groups of children waiting at the gate or adults waiting for children who are still running around on the field, which causes a bottleneck around the exit gate.

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Children's Crib Service

Friday 24th December 2021
5pm St Thomas More Church



Children to come dressed as angels or shepherds.

The Nativity will be easy for all Children to participate and will be guided on the night

No children's liturgy on the 18th December due to first Holy Communion.



St Thomas More Church would like to say Thank You to everyone who came to join and support us last Sunday at our Christmas Fair. It was so lovely to see so many pupils and families help us raise valuable funds for the upkeep of our Church. We raised a fantastic £1,170.99!

Also, a big thank you to school staff that made, baked, donated and helped with the stall on the day.



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Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day - Thursday 16th December 2021



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Celebration Winners

w/e 03 December 2021

F2	Robyn	for	A fantastic start in our school and in our classroom - you have shown confidence in your new class this week and demonstrated kindness and politeness to all! Well done 😊
	Khaleesi		Trying hard to make good choices this week. You've also done some super tidying up too! Keep it up! 😊
Y1	April	for	Settling into your new Read Write Inc Group and trying your best every day. Miss Ryan is very proud of you.
	Casey		Working hard in maths this week. We have been using a ten frame to add numbers and you have been using this strategy and helping your friends use it too.
Y2	Faithe	for	Making great progress in her reading this week. You have been working so hard in phonics. Well done!
	Finley H		Getting some brilliant results in our maths and reading quizzes. Well done!
Y3	Catherine	for	Fantastic effort in everything this week! You have also dazzled me with your maths learning! 😊
	Oscar N		An excellent big write! Your handwriting is so neat and you have really used your imagination - it was a joy to read! 😊
Y4	Eve	for	Producing an amazing art portrait in the style of Cubism, using strong shapes and colours for emotion! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
	Eoghan		Demonstrating such a positive attitude in all our lessons, especially in his Big Write! Super effort and focus! Keep it up!
Y5	Kayleigh	for	The high level of resilience that you have shown this week. I know that you have found some of our learning quite challenging recently but despite that you have persevered and tried your very best which is always the most important thing! You also produced a lovely piece of artwork yesterday, which I was really proud of you for. Well done Kayleigh and keep up the hard work!
	Darcey		The outstanding level of effort that you have been putting into our reading lessons recently. Your hard work has really paid off as I can see that your retrieval and inference skills especially are improving so much! Well done Darcey and keep up the hard work!
Y6	Oscar	for	Your great efforts this week in our maths lessons. You used brilliant mathematical vocabulary to discuss differences between angles. Well done, Oscar!
	Lidya		Your great efforts this week in our Advent liturgy. You found your role a little scary at times, but you shone through and performed an amazing solo! Well done, Lidya!

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"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 03 December 2021 - Winners

F2

Clark

Y1

Theo

Y2

Nelli

Y3

Katie

Y4

Ava

Y5

Jonas

Y6

Max

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 03 December 2021



This week's winner is Mila in Y2 for:

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

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Attendance & Punctuality w/e 03 December 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	89.5	2
Y1	93.8	1
Y2	92.2	2
Y3	98	6
Y4	93.9	2
Y5	98	2
Y6	94.3	6
School Total	94.3	21

Wow! Well Done Y5! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Outstanding Homework w/e 03 December 2021



F2	Jaxon
Y1	Albert
Y2	Hadley and Joshua
Y3	Shayne
Y4	Oskar
Y5	Jessie
Y6	Claudia

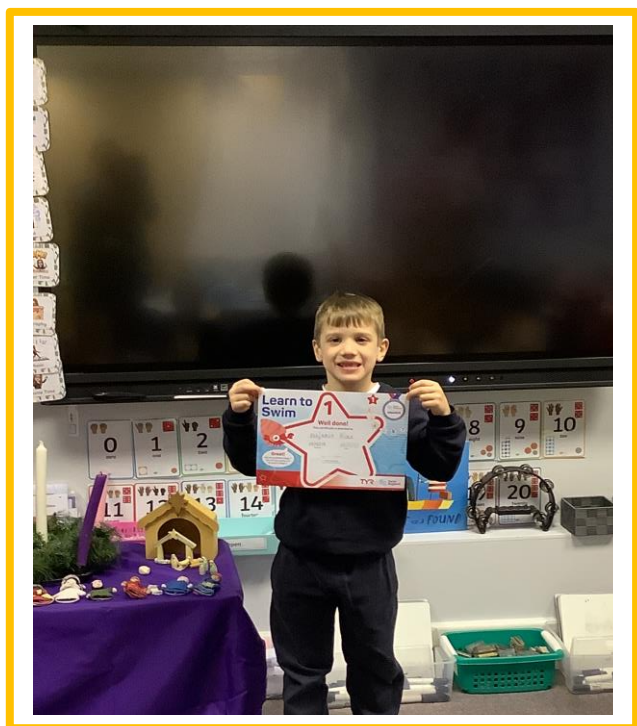
100% Attendance & Punctuality w/e 03 December 2021



F2	Italia
Y1	Jacob
Y2	Grayson
Y3	Sebastian
Y4	Jessica
Y5	Isaac
Y6	Eoin

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Out of school activities



Congratulations to Benjamin on passing level 1 in your swimming lessons, Carly for all your awards for dance and gymnastics and Oliver for your football awards.

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
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.

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Y1 Local walk

On the 8th December from 1pm-2pm, Y1 will be going for walk to the stream in Grenoside (a 5-7-minute walk from school.) This is so they can test out the boats they made in DT; they will see if they float/sink and how fast/slow they are! On the day, please ensure that your child come's in their school uniform as usual. They will need to get wrapped up warm so please ensure they have a coat/hats/scarf/gloves wellies or other a suitable foot wear etc.

Depending on the weather, you may want to bring them an additional layer too e.g. a fleece/jumper. If you would like your child to attend, please go to the link sent via Parentmail to fill out the permission form.

Y3 Local Walk

On the afternoon of Tuesday 14th December Y3 will be exploring the local area of Grenoside. This is part of our geography learning on the human and physical features of our local area. We will be aiming to set off after lunch at around 1.15pm and will be back in time for the end of the day at 3.20pm. As we will be walking, your child needs to be wrapped up suitably over their school uniform, Wellies or suitable footwear and carrying a bag to put their water bottle in should they get thirsty. There is no cost to you for your child to attend so please complete the electronic permission form on the link sent via Parentmail.

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F2 Festive Fun Workshop - Ecclesall Woods

On Wednesday the 15th of December 2021, F2 will be visiting the Discovery Centre at Ecclesall Woods for a day of festive fun! Activities during the day will include a campfire with marshmallows, creating clay hedgehogs, exploring how animals hibernate in the winter and making a reindeer Christmas decoration! The coach will be setting off at 8.30am so please ensure you arrive at school by 8.15am at the latest. We will be returning to school before the end of the school day (approx. 2.30pm).

The contribution is £18 which includes a full day workshop and coach travel. Payments should be made and consent given on Parentmail.

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

Children will need:

- Warm, waterproof clothing/shoes (inc. hats, scarves, gloves, etc!) as we will be outside for most of the day!
- A packed lunch and water bottle. If you would like a packed lunch to be provided by school, please indicate in the options on Parentmail.

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Drama Workshop **Friday 17 December 2021**

On Friday 17 December 2021, F2, Y1 and Y2 get to experience an in-school live performance from West End in Schools!

The Christmas spirit will be brought into school with a drama workshop and we will join Scrooge on his adventures through Victorian London based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens!

Using drama techniques drawn from professional theatre, the children will become immersed in the story's world as they inhabit the characters, recreate the Victorian setting, and explore the themes of the story.

We are asking for a contribution of £3.00 per child, towards this event. Payments should be made on Parentmail.