



## **Next Week is Early Bird Week!**

**Monday 13th December – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December**

We are running this to promote good punctuality! We recognise that the majority of your children do arrive on time for school every single day, that is fantastic and we want to celebrate and acknowledge that! During this week, for every day, that your child arrives on time they will get a sticker. Any child with 5 stickers (i.e. arrives on time every day that week) will go into a prize draw for a £10 Smyths toys voucher.

***Come on kids, make sure you are in school on  
time, it makes a big difference to your  
learning!***

**Did you know.....**

**5 minutes late every day = 3.5 school days missed per  
academic year**

**10 minutes late every day = 7 school days missed per  
academic year**

**20 minutes late every day = 14 school days missed per  
academic year**

## **Important Dates**



**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**

**Y3 Magna**

**Wednesday 2 February 2022**

**Y1 National Emergency Service  
Museum**

**Thursday 10 February**

**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.

Y4	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Y3	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Y2	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Y1	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
F2	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

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## Covid Update

In light of recommendations from the LA we are asking any family members attending the Advent Liturgies to take a lateral flow test prior to entering the school building, this is in addition to wearing a mask on site!

### What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child develops one of the three main symptoms, Government Guidelines say you must book them a PCR not do a Lateral flow. We have had evidence that in the early stages of Covid a lateral flow doesn't always detect a positive case. Any other member of the house hold can continue as normal ie attending school etc unless they develop symptoms, unless contact has been confirmed as the new Omicron variant.

If your child does go for a PCR then we kindly request that you email the results to [enquires@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk)

- Lateral flow tests are for asymptomatic people

## 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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## Raffle Tickets

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



Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> December children can bring in money to buy raffle tickets for the Hampers.

Tickets are £1 each- Please send in the correct money eg if you want 3 tickets please send £3 in cash. We will automatically put the name of your child on the tickets they buy. If you want someone else's name associated with the child, please let school know.



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Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Please order your child's Christmas Dinner as soon as possible on Schoolgrid



On Christmas Jumper day we are asking for £1 contribution  
All donations will go to Save the Children.

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Celebration Winners

w/e 10 December 2021

F2	Bella	for	Being a good friend when we are choosing our learning in class. You have been so kind to lots of the children this week.
	Miles		Working really hard in RWINC this week. You are doing amazingly in your new group. We are so proud of you! Well done!
Y1	Emlyn	for	Your good work in science lessons over the past few weeks. You can describe the signs of different seasons and have shared these ideas with your friends in class.
	Casey		Persevering with our work on number sequences. You didn't find it easy at first but you were determined to understand it. Well done.
Y2	Finlay W	for	Working amazingly in maths this week.
	Delan		Being really focussed on your writing this week.
Y3	Alfie	for	Being an all-round superstar! You try your best and are a fantastic classroom helper. Thank you Alfie ☺
	Sebastian		Trying so hard in your big write. I love the imagination and flair that you bring to your writing! Keep it up ☺
Y4	Evret	for	Developing some amazing persuasive sentences using accurate persuasive features! Fantastic work! Keep it up!
	Kylan		Going Above and beyond in his Roman learning by extending his learning at home and sharing with the class! Fantastic work!
Y5	Gracie F	for	Your outstanding effort during our liturgy performance this week. You performed your lines and your solo with confidence and showed great courage. You should be extremely proud of yourself. Well done Gracie.
	Alice		Working really hard during our science lesson this week. You showed a great understanding of forces and magnetic field and you were highly focused and engaged during our practical investigations. Well done Alice.
Y6	Guedaliah	for	Trying your hardest this week in our English lessons. You have carefully used semi-colons, colons, relative clauses and a range of conjunctions to impress your reader! Well done, Guedaliah!
	Cole		Your amazing teamwork and kindness during our athletics trip to Graves Sports Centre! You encouraged your team-mates and you impressed us with your efforts! Well done, Cole!

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 10 December 2021 - Winners

F2

Faye

Y1

George

Y2

Poppy

Y3

Bruno

Y4

Jessica

Y5

Percy

Y6

Simon

**GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER**

**W/E 10 December 2021**



**This week's winner is Elena in Y1 for:**

Consistently striving to be the best that you can be. You listen attentively, do your work thoroughly and think creatively about what can help you do even better. You ask questions and seek help when you need it. You have an amazing attitude and are a joy to teach.

**Congratulations!**

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Attendance & Punctuality w/e 10 December 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	93.4	6
Y1	89.5	1
Y2	95	1
Y3	98.6	4
Y4	94.3	3
Y5	97.2	5
Y6	97.3	5
<b>School Total</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>25</b>

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

## Outstanding Homework w/e 10 December 2021



F2	Eli
Y1	Elena
Y2	Jacob
Y3	Parker
Y4	Frankie
Y5	Charlie P
Y6	Zeph

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality w/e 10 December 2021



F2	Callen
Y1	Amari
Y2	Hadley
Y3	Zosia
Y4	Ava
Y5	Lucas
Y6	Claudia



# TRIPS AND EVENTS



## Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
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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## Y3 Local Walk

On the afternoon of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## F2 Festive Fun Workshop - Ecclesall Woods

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## 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.

## Y3 trip to Magna Wednesday 2nd February 2022

On Wednesday 2nd February 2022 Y3 will be visiting Magna to take part in and learn more about Magnets as part of our spring science learning! The coach will be collecting us from school at 9.15am so please ensure that your child arrives to school on time so that we can set off on time. The coach will be dropping us off at school again at 3pm. 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 normal school uniform with a coat over the top.

The contribution is £12, which includes the Entry Fee 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.**

## Y1 trip to National Emergency Services Museum Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Year 1 children will visit the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield to learn all about the history of The Great Fire of London. Children will travel back in time to 1666 when King Charles II was on the throne and a huge fire ravaged London, to learn how the Great Fire was extinguished and the legacy it holds. Children will get the opportunity to handle real and replica objects, dress up as a soldier fighting the fire and try some of the methods they used. This workshop is in collaboration with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue bringing history and vital life safety together.

The coach will be leaving school around 9.15am so please arrive to school promptly as normal. We will be returning to school before the end of the school day (approx. 2.30pm).

The contribution is £13, which includes the 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.**