



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

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We would like to wish all our families a very merry and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday the 10th January 2022.

Important Dates

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,

After School Clubs
Spring Term 2022

After school clubs start from Monday the 10th January and will run for 10 or 11 weeks until week ending 1st April 2022 from 3.20pm-4.20pm

The clubs have limited spaces and are available on a first come first served basis. All clubs can be booked via parentmail.

All the information of days, activities and prices are as follows

Class	Activity	Day	Price
F2	Baking with Mrs Ash	Mondays	£40.00 - £4 per session
Y1	DT Making bird feeders with Miss Ryan	Mondays	£30.00 - £3 per session
Y2	Book Club with Mrs Curry	Tuesdays	£33.00 - £3 per session
Y3	Sports with Qualitas	Thursdays	£33.00 - £3 per session
Y4	DT Making bird houses with Miss Carder	Thursdays	£33.00 - £3 per session
Y5	Sports with Qualitas	Tuesdays	£33.00 - £3 per session
Y6	Cooking with Mrs Reaney	Thursdays	£44.00 - £4 per session

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.

F2	Monday 20 th December
Y1	Tuesday 21 st December
Y3	Wednesday 22 nd 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 members of the household can continue as normal ie attending school etc. unless they develop symptoms.

If your child does go for a PCR then we kindly request that, you email the results to 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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Class Party Wednesday 22nd December 2021

On Wednesday the 22nd December the children can come to school in their own clothes for the last day. Friends Association will be funding drinks, crisps and buns for all of the children to enjoy while having their class afternoon party.



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Y4 really enjoyed their Royal Armouries Viking Workshop



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Some fantastic RE Homework from our Year 2 children.
Well done Y2!



Dolce Christmas Lunch Lucky Plate

Dolce offered a £5 Amazon Voucher to one child who had Christmas Dinner on Thursday the 16th
December 16, 2021
And the Lucky winner was Zosia from Y3

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Celebration Winners

w/e 17 December 2021

F2	Maya	For	<i>Some brilliant maths language when playing with the playdough - it's been lovely to see you make and count snowball - as well as telling the adults some number facts you know! ☺</i>
	Arthur		<i>Trying really hard with sitting nicely on the carpet this week and sharing your knowledge of the woods and hibernation on our school trip! Well done☺</i>
Y1	Jacob	For	<i>For being a brilliant role model to others. You are always doing exactly as expected and set a great example to others. You listen carefully and always give 110% to everything you do! You are a star!</i>
	Robyn		<i>For your amazing attitude and determination to challenge yourself with your maths this week. You have completed some very tricky balanced equations and have pushed yourself to complete the challenge every day! Well done Robyn!</i>
Y2	Carlos	For	<i>Working really hard in lots of lessons this week and for being a brilliant Joseph in our nativity. Well done!</i>
	Jake		<i>Being a great friend to lots of children in class this week and for being an amazing donkey in our nativity. Well done!</i>
Y3	Sophie	For	<i>A lovely piece of writing in RE from the point of view of Mary, well done! ☺</i>
	Roger		<i>Fantastic effort in maths. You have been trying really hard to measure perimeter accurately this week! Keep it up ☺</i>
Y4	Masi	For	<i>Putting fantastic effort into your persuasive speech with all the correct features and sentence types! Amazing work! Keep it up!</i>
	Kordell		<i>Putting amazing effort into his swimming these past few weeks! He has shown determination and never gives up! Keep it up!</i>
Y5	Charlie P	For	<i>Having such a positive attitude to all areas of your learning this week. You have been focused and engaged during lessons and you have tried your best with every piece of work that you have completed. Well done Charlie.</i>
	Naomi		<i>All of the hard work and effort that you have put into our final English topic of this term. You have tried your very best during lessons and your hard work has certainly paid off as you were able to include all of the key features in your newspaper report. Well done Naomi.</i>
Y6	Sophie	For	<i>All of the hard work that you put in to our English lessons this week. You wrote a wonderful letter as the character of Albert and you included lots of detail about the tragic events he had witnessed in the war. Well done!</i>
	Macy		<i>Your fantastic efforts this week in our maths lessons. You have done a great job of transferring shapes on the coordinate grid. Well done, Macy!</i>

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"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 18 December 2021 - Winners

F2	Robyn
Y1	Dominic
Y2	Sienna
Y3	Lily
Y4	Vienna
Y5	Lucas
Y6	Christina

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 17 December 2021



This week's winner is Henry in F2 for:

Always trying your hardest in everything you do, and showing your natural curiosity for how things work. We are all so impressed by how you demonstrate kindness and sharing with your friends and your positive outlook shines onto others 😊

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Attendance & Punctuality w/e 17 December 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	96.5	0
Y1	95	4
Y2	98	1
Y3	97	6
Y4	91.6	7
Y5	94.8	2
Y6	96.3	6
School Total	95.6	26

Wow! Well Done Y2! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Outstanding Homework w/e 17 December 2021



F2	Emilia D
Y1	Zack W
Y2	Grayson
Y3	Emmanuella
Y4	Ava
Y5	Jonas
Y6	Oscar

100% Attendance & Punctuality w/e 17 December 2021



F2	Sean
Y1	Piper
Y2	Heath
Y3	Alfie
Y4	Franklin C
Y5	Gracie W
Y6	Kamsi

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Out of school activities



Congratulations to Stanley on passing level 1 in your swimming lessons and for all your football trophies.

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 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 Emergency Services Museum Thursday 10th February 2022

On Thursday 10th 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.