



## St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy

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### Summer Term After School Clubs

After school clubs start from W/c 18<sup>th</sup> April and will run until W/c 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (with the exception of F2's which will run for each half term) 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 on days, activities and prices are listed on the next page.

F2	Thursday	Balance Bikes	Mrs Ash
Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed	Monday	Drama	Mrs Hepkin
Year 1 & Year 2 Mixed	Tuesdays	Multi Sports	Qualitas Sports coach
Year 3 & Year 4 Mixed	Thursday	Multi Sports	Qualitas Sports coach



### Important Dates

**Y1 & Y5 Dance Festival**

Monday 28 March 2022

**Y5 Magna**

Wednesday 30 March 2022

**F2 Eureka Museum**

Thursday 31 March 2022

**Y5 Immersion Day**

Wednesday 20 April 2022

**Y4 Tag Rugby**

Friday 22 April 2022

**KS1 & KS2 Theatre Production**

**The Railway Children**

Wednesday 27 April 2022

**Y4 Kingswood Residential**

Monday 16 May 2022 to  
Wednesday 18 May 2022

**Y1 Mini Tennis**

Thursday 19 May 2022

**Y2 & Y6 Sports day EIS**

Monday 23 May 2022

**Y5 Trip to Gulliver's Valley**

Tuesday 24 May 2022

**Y1 Butterfly House**

Friday 27 May 2022

**Y3/Y4 Fire safety talk in school**

Wednesday 8 June 2022

**Y6 Crucial Crew**

Wednesday 8 June 2022

**Y6 Road safety session**

Thursday 23 June 2022

**Y6 York Residential**

Monday 27 June 2022 to  
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

## Holy Communion preparations



Could we please keep the following children in our prayers as they start Holy Communion preparations

Vanessa, Darcey, Mia, Oliver, James, Grace, Gracie W and Kian

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## Tyre planter club!

As part of our improvements to the nature garden, we would like to add some tyre planters to attract wildlife and add some much needed colour to that area of school.

We are asking for both parents and children to sign up to this event as we only have a small number of staff available to support this.

The club will be from 3:30-4:30 on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

If you and your child/children would like to attend these events, please click on the link below to complete the form (Limited places)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZsbCQapHVVU-qnVmImi5zgX5ndKtsawBDgp2mGvOgxqlUNDVJRkJKVTVFNE9KUEZLNUMyNVk4ODZVUC4u>



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M&M theatrical productions bring The Railway Children to St Thomas  
More's on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 9.15am

About the Show... M&M Theatrical Productions spent many months lovingly creating this fabulous adaptation of The Railway Children especially for primary school theatre. After their father is wrongly imprisoned for espionage, three Edwardian children, Roberta, Peter and Phyllis and their mother are forced to leave their lovely home in London to live in a tiny little cottage in Yorkshire where they have to "Play at being poor for a while". The children discover a railway line at the bottom of the garden and soon become friendly with Perks the porter at Oakworth Station and with the Old Gentleman who regularly takes the 9.15 train to London. This is the story of their many adventures on the railway and tells of how their unlikely friendship with the Old Gentleman finally leads to him helping to prove their father's innocence and to finally reunite the family. This classic story is fast becoming an M&M best seller.

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## Easter Hamper Raffle

We are asking for donations to make some Easter hampers for the Friends Association raffle. If you would kindly like to donate anything for the hampers then please drop them off at the school office. This could be anything Easter themed, chocolate, eggs, activities, etc. We are discouraging cash handling in school, so tickets are available to buy on ParentMail until Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Tickets are priced at £1.00 each and you can buy as many as you like. All money raised will go to The Friends Association. The raffle will be drawn and the winners will be announced just before the Easter Holidays, on Thursday 31st March 2022. Good luck everyone!



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## JOB ADVERT

<b>SCHOOL NAME ADDRESS TEL EMAIL</b>	St. Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy. Creswick Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield. S35 8NN 0114 2468020 <a href="mailto:enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk">enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk</a>
<b>POST TITLE</b>	Part Time - Temporary Teaching Assistant – Level 2
<b>GRADE AND SALARY</b>	Grade 3 – SCP 5 – 6 (£19,650 - £20,043 pro-rata), actual pro rata annual salary (£6,253 - £6,378)
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant – Level 2</b>
<b>HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR</b>	14 hours per week (Thursday 08:30 – 16:30, Friday 08:30 – 15:30) 38 weeks per year
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	20 April 2022 @ 12 noon
<b>INTERVIEW DATE</b>	29 April 2022
<b>POST DETAILS</b>	
<p>A part time, temporary Teaching Assistant Level 2 is required from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 to work 2 days per week. The Governors of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School wish to appoint an enthusiastic, highly skilled and motivated Level 2 Teaching Assistant to work across the school. The successful candidate will • Be supportive of the Catholic Ethos. • Have excellent communication and inter-personal skills. • Have experience of working with children across the primary phase. • Have excellent literacy and numeracy and ICT skills. • Be flexible and adaptable. • Be highly motivated and hard working. • Be able to form positive relationships with children and adults. • Have the ability to support pupil learning and be committed to raising achievement. • Be able to work as part of a team. • Have the ability to recognise and identify children's needs, including barriers to learning, and be able to provide appropriate learning experiences. We will be committed to your professional development and offer a friendly, supportive working environment.</p> <p>The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to complete an enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure form in line with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 and the Police Act Regulations.</p> <p>Candidates need to apply on the CES Support Staff application form, which is only available from the school.</p> <p>For an application pack please contact Mrs S Proverbs, School Manager on 0114 2468020 or e-mail <a href="mailto:sproverbs@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk">sproverbs@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk</a> Closing date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 12 noon. Interviews: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.</p>	



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<b>POST TITLE</b>	Temporary Teaching Assistant – Level 2
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<b>ROLE</b>	Teaching Assistant – Level 2
<b>HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR</b>	37 hours per week 38 weeks per year
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**FoxhillForum**

**FREE**

## Easter Holiday Activities!

### Multi-Sports with Primary Sports Coaching

Monday 4th April, 1pm-3pm (for 9-11 year olds)

### Hot Cross Cookies

Tuesday 5th April, 10am-12pm (for 6-8 year olds)

### Spring Mosaics

Wednesday 6th April, 1pm-3pm (for 9-11 year olds)

### Multi-Sports with Primary Sports Coaching

Thursday 7th April, 10am-12pm (for 6-8 year olds)

### Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 11th April, 1pm-3pm (for 6-8 year olds)

### Multi-Sports with Primary Sports Coaching

Tuesday 12th April, 10am-12pm (for 6-8 year olds)

### Multi-Sports with Primary Sports Coaching

Wednesday 13th April, 1pm-3pm (for 9-11 year olds)

### Easter Egg Cheesecake

Thursday 14th April, 10am-12pm (for 9-11 year olds)



• FREE HEALTHY LUNCH PROVIDED AT EACH SESSION •

To book your place, contact Stephanie by 4pm on Thursday 31st March 2022!

Places are limited, so book quickly!

**Stephanie Shaw, Young People Development Officer**

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**0114 231 5522 or 0753 479 3401**



Department  
for Education



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## Celebration Winners

W/e 25 March 2022

F2	Joshua	For	Trying really hard with your 'hold a sentence' writing this week - great use of Freddy fingers to help you spell your words! Great job 😊
	Freddy		Some superstar reading in RWI this week. You are trying so hard to make sure all your sounds are pronounced correctly and you are getting much quicker with your reading too! Well done 😊
Y1	Robyn	For	Your help around the classroom! You have been an excellent role model with tidying up, helping teachers out and supporting your friends! You are a mini teacher in the making, well done Robyn!
	Zack		Your amazing art this week! You have produced some beautiful artwork through printing with a use of tools such as cotton buds and sponges! Well done Zack!
Y2	Grayson	For	Working hard on your reading and for trying your best on some tricky comprehension questions. Well done!
	Hadley		Making a big effort in some of your writing this week. You have been trying really hard to improve your presentation. Well done!
Y3	Evelyn	For	Working extra hard in modelled reading this week! You can confidently infer meaning from a text, well done Evelyn!
	Alfie		Having a positive attitude to learning and for contributing confidently during our class discussions this week
Y4	Lottie-Rae	For	Demonstrating amazing effort across all your lessons this week! Great participation and asking for support when you need it! Keep it up!
	Harry		Showing amazing responsibility and maturity in class by always asking to help as well as fantastic maths effort on decimals!
Y5	Pricilla	For	Always being ready to learn and striving to do your best with any task that you are given. Well done Priscilla.
	Spencer		Working so hard on your maths work this week. Well done Spencer.
Y6	Olly	For	Your amazing approach to our mock SATs this week. You stayed calm under pressure and you thought carefully about how to answer each question. Well done Olly, you have a great attitude to your learning!
	Ava		Working really hard in your maths reasoning paper this week. You thought carefully about the questions and how you would answer them. A big well done, Ava!

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"Virtues to Live by"



W/e 25 March 2022 Winners

F2	Leon
Y1	Minnie
Y2	Mollie
Y3	Zosia
Y4	Rohan
Y5	Isaac
Y6	Nozwelo

**GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER**

W/e 25 March 2022



**This week's winner is Jessica in Y4 for always being mindful of others, persevering through any task and showing positivity in all situations! Keep it up!**

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## Attendance & Punctuality W/e 25 March 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	95.0	2
Y1	95.9	0
Y2	95.0	0
Y3	93.7	2
Y4	97.0	0
Y5	92.3	1
Y6	96.3	1
<b>School Total</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>6</b>

Wow! Well Done Y4! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

## Outstanding Homework W/e 25 March 2022



F2	Emilia D
Y1	Kai
Y2	Carlos
Y3	Sebastian
Y4	Evret
Y5	Gracie W
Y6	Kamsi

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 25 March 2022



F2	Ezme
Y1	Stanley
Y2	Eryn O
Y3	Oliver
Y4	Kylan
Y5	Oliver
Y6	Oscar



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## Out of school activities

Congratulations to all of our children on achieving their out of school awards.

Keep up the good work everyone!

# TRIPS AND EVENTS



## Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
Dance festival	1 & 5	Winding Wheel	28.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
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
Sports day	2&6	EIS	23.05.22 / 09:00 - 15:00
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
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

### Y1 & Y5 Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel

On Monday 28th February, Y1 & Y5 will be taking part in a dance festival at the Winding Wheel. We will be travelling by coach and we will be setting off from school at 8:35am so please arrive at school at the earlier time of 8:20am. We will be returning back to school at approximately 12:50pm. All children need a packed lunch on this day, if you will require a packed lunch to be provided by school then please contact the school office to place your child's order or for Y1 children complete the lunch option when providing consent. The trip is free of charge but please give permission for your child to attend the trip via the link sent out on Parentmail. You should also have received a link, to purchase one ticket per child, if you would like to attend the festival and watch our children perform their dance from the audience. We will be asking children to wear the colours of the Spanish flag as their costume, as we are performing a Spanish inspired dance.

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## F2 Trip to Eureka Museum

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

F2 are visiting EUREKA! Children's Museum on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. On our trip, we will be exploring the amazing galleries (including All about Me and Sound Space) as well as enjoying an EYFS story time in the new EYFS gallery!

We will be leaving school on the coach at 8.30am, so all **children will need to be in school by 8.15am.**

We will be departing EUREKA at 2.30pm and expect to be back at school by approximately 4.00pm. We will update parents on the day if we will be any earlier or later than this time. Children should be in school uniform for this trip, wearing sensible footwear and a coat for the journey there and back. Children will also need a packed lunch and a filled water bottle for the day. We will be providing snack and milk. Please indicate on Parentmail if you would like your child to have packed lunch provided through school or if they will be bringing one from home.

The total contribution for each child is £20 - this includes the full day at EUREKA! Coach travel there and back and the EYFS Story time workshop.

**Please note if we do not receive enough contributions, the trip may have to be cancelled.**

## Y1 Trip to The Butterfly House

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Year 1 children will visit the Tropical Butterfly House Wildlife and Falconry Centre in Sheffield to experience all things animal! Children will take part in a workshop called "feathers, fur and scales" to widen their knowledge about animal classification. They will learn about the main differences between groups of animals, whilst meeting some of the scaly, furred and feathered friends!

The coach will be leaving school around 9am so please arrive to school promptly at normal time. We will be returning to school before the end of the school day (3.20pm approx.). Children will need a packed lunch on this day. Please indicate on Parentmail if you would like your child to have a packed lunch provided through school or if they will be bringing one from home.

The contribution is £16.00 which includes entry, 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**



# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## KS1 & KS2 Production of the Railway Children Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

KS1 and KS2 will get the chance to watch M&M theatrical production of the Railway children on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Full details about the play are included in this Newsletter.

The cost per child is a contribution of £3 for children in classes Y1 to Y5 and £4 for Y6 children, as they will also have a workshop after the production.

Payment and consent for your child to attend should be via Parentmail.

## Year 4 Tag Rugby trip

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Y4 are attending a tag rugby, sporting event at the Hallam Sports Park on Friday 22.04.22. We will be leaving at 9am, so the children can arrive at school at the normal time. We will be arriving back to school at 12:45pm, so all the children need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. Children need to arrive to school in their PE kits. There is no cost to this event, including transport, which is being fully funded from the school's sports premium grant. If your child requires school to provide a packed lunch then please contact the school office.

Please click on the link below to fill in the form to give permission for your child to attend

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZsbCQapHVU-qnVmImi5zgX5ndKtsawBDgp2mGvOgxqlUOFFTSkM3TFdMRlcwTjhNMzIMSDJaUDILWS4u>

## Y4 Kingswood Residential Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We are currently finalising the activities and events for the Y4 Residential in May 2022.

Mrs Lord has recently provided some information through Parentmail to families with more specific details about the Residential.

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y5 Trip to Magna Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Y5 will be going on a trip to Magna to take part in the Solids, Liquids and Gases workshop to further enrich our Properties and Changes of Materials unit of work. We will also have some discovery time where we will explore the Air and Fire Pavilions.

We will be travelling to Magna by coach and we will be setting off from school at 9:15am. We will be arriving back at school at approximately 3pm.

All children must bring a packed lunch and a water bottle with them on the trip.

The total price of the trip is £14 per child. Payment can be made and consent given via Parentmail.

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

## Y5 Immersion Day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April I would love it if all of the Y5 children could come to school dressed in Victorian style clothing. We will be taking part in a wider curriculum day, which will provide the children with an exciting opportunity to immerse themselves into our new topic for the summer term, which is all about the Victorians. During the day we will be taking part in a variety of different lessons to kick start our new topic, including history and geography. Due to this there will be a change in PE days for this week - please note that on the first week back after the Easter holidays we will do PE on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April so these are the days that the children will need to wear their PE kits.

If you have any questions about this then please drop me a message via class dojo.

Miss Briddock

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y5 Trip to Gulliver's Valley Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May the Y5 class will be going on a trip to Gulliver's Valley to take part in 'Gully's Art Fest'. This exciting opportunity will give the children a chance to extend their learning outside the classroom and broaden their awareness of the creative opportunities Rotherham and the surrounding areas has to offer for its future generations. We will be travelling by coach and leaving school at approximately 10am. We will be arriving back to school at approximately 3pm. All children must bring a packed lunch and a water bottle to take with them on the trip. If you require a packed lunch to be provided by school then please contact the school office to place your child's order. Please give permission for your child to attend this trip via ParentMail. Entrance to Gulliver's Valley is free of charge and the cost of the coach has been subsidised. The total cost for transport per child is £6.50. **Please be aware that if we do not receive enough contributions for the transport costs then the trip may have to be cancelled.**

## Y6 Trip to the Millennium Galleries Wednesday 30 March 2022

Y6 will be visiting the Millennium Galleries on Wednesday 30 March 2022 to take part in a clay workshop with a professional artist. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and arriving back in school before the end of the day. All children will need to wear school uniform on this day and bring a packed lunch. This trip is the one postponed from earlier this month.

## Y6 York Residential Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The total cost per child is £155, which includes accommodation, transport, food and activities throughout the trip.

Payments should be made on Parentmail, with the balance needing to be paid in full by Friday 22 April 2022.