



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

**2021/22 Newsletter – Issue 25**

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The Staff and Governors at St Thomas More would like to wish all of our families and friends a Happy and Holy Easter. We hope you all have a lovely break  
We return on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Important Dates

**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

**Y2 Derby county football festival**  
Friday 17 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

## Drop Off and pick up's

**Just to remind anyone dropping off and picking up children from school of our system when entering and leaving the school grounds at drop off and pick up times!**

**You need to enter the school grounds by the main gate only but when leaving the school grounds you may leave by either the main gate or the side gate via the far footpath. This system is in place to keep our children safe and to stop congestion at the small gate, so can we please ask that you keep to these systems. Thank you for your support.**



**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)

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## Easter Raffle

Congratulations to our Easter raffle winners who are Darcey Y5, Everton Y4, Joshua Y6 and Callen F2



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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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<b>EMAIL</b>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk">enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk</a>
<b>POST TITLE</b>	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 (£16,522 - £16,852)
<b>ROLE</b>	Teaching Assistant – Level 2
<b>HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR</b>	37 hours per week 38 weeks per year
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	20 April 2022 @ 12 noon
<b>INTERVIEW DATE</b>	29 April 2022

### POST DETAILS

A temporary Teaching Assistant Level 2 is required from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. 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 interpersonal 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.

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.

Candidates need to apply on the CES Support Staff application form, which is only available from the school.

For an application pack please contact Mrs S Proverbs, School Manager on 0114 2468020 or e-mail [sproverbs@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sproverbs@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk) Closing date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 12 noon. Interviews: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

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<b>POST TITLE</b>	Part Time - Temporary Teaching Assistant – Level 2
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<b>ROLE</b>	Teaching Assistant – Level 2
<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
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### POST DETAILS

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.

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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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Department  
for Education

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## Celebration Winners

W/e 01 April 2022

F2	Iola	For	Showing great curiosity and imagination during our trip to Eureka this week! You tried everything out and showed some great investigation skills! Well done ☺
	Faye		Some fantastic teamwork during Maths talk tasks this week when we have explored doubling and halving! Great job! ☺
Y1	Albert	For	Your wonderful 3D art! You have produced a beautiful clay plant pot this week and have taken your time to ensure it is detailed, patterned and neat! You are an artist! Well done ☺
	Kailan		Your confidence and enthusiasm with our dance competition! At first, you were nervous to go on stage and did not want to do it, but then you faced your fears and performed an amazing Spanish dance routine! Well done ☺
Y2	Woody	For	Writing a fantastic big write that used subordinating conjunctions, fronted adverbials, and commas in a list!
	Anayah		Getting an incredible score on her maths assessments this week. Well done, we are so proud of you!
Y3	Roger	For	His fantastic effort in History this week! You wrote an excellent diary entry as Charles Darwin recounting your travels to the Galapagos Islands and the discoveries made. Well done Roger!
	Oskar		Trying your best during English this week. You were able to infer meaning from the text and share your ideas with the class. Great Effort!
Y4	Frankie	For	Demonstrating amazing effort in during our entire science unit! Fantastic work on your end of unit quiz! Keep it up!
	Kylan		Demonstrating amazing skills during our cooking lessons and producing a wonderful poster to save Wilbur! Well done!
Y5	Kian	For	Your high level of enthusiasm during our science workshop at magna this week. Your contributions were brilliant and you remembered so much knowledge from the topic we have just studied in class. Well done Kian.
	Gracie W		Putting so much effort into your big write. Your newspaper article is amazing and I can really see that you tried your hardest with this piece of writing. Well done Gracie.
Y6	Guedaliah	For	Your helpful, kind ways during our trips to the Millennium Galleries this week. You did a wonderful job of helping your peers and showing a mature attitude. Well done, Guedaliah!
	Kamsi		Your beautiful work in our RE lesson this week. You thought carefully about the symbols of Lent and the sacrifice that Jesus made. Well done Kamsi!

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"Virtues to Live by"



W/e 01 April 2022 Winners

F2	Albie
Y1	Piper
Y2	Amayah
Y3	Kornelia
Y4	Olivia H
Y5	Oliver
Y6	Jennifer

**GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER**

W/e 01 April 2022



**This week's winner is Lily in Y3 for always trying your absolute best in everything you do! You have an exemplary attitude to learning and are so determined to succeed. Keep it up Lily!**

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## Attendance & Punctuality W/e 01 April 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	97.3	1
Y1	92.4	0
Y2	97.3	1
Y3	88.3	2
Y4	96.7	2
Y5	89.7	0
Y6	93.3	0
<b>School Total</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>6</b>

Wow! Well Done Y2 & F2! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

## Outstanding Homework W/e 01 April 2022



F2	Harry
Y1	Benjamin
Y2	Mila
Y3	Zosia
Y4	Ava
Y5	Charlie P
Y6	Claudia

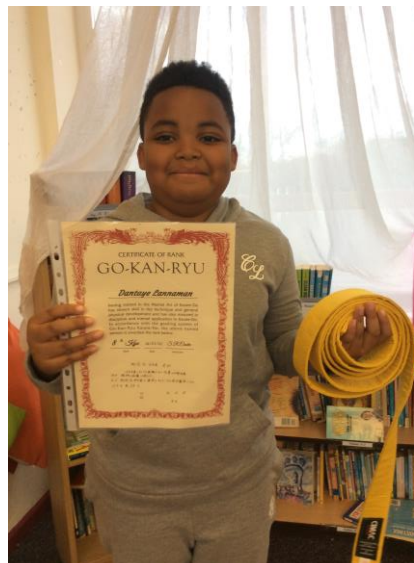
## 100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 01 April 2022



F2	Eli
Y1	April
Y2	Scarlett
Y3	Evelyn
Y4	Lottie-Rae
Y5	Percy
Y6	Oscar

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## Out of school activities



**Congratulations to** - Georgie who has completed stage 1 in her swimming lessons! Great work Georgie!

Amy who has swam 5 metres in swimming, earning her the rainbow distance certificate and badge! Amazing!

Faye and Iola both made their promises for Rainbows this week and are now official Rainbows! Well done girls! ☺

Dantaye on getting your yellow belt in martial arts.

Coen and Daisy on receiving your awards from the children's University

Well done everyone, Keep up the good work!

# TRIPS AND EVENTS



## Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
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

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## 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 cost is being subsidised by the school and 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**

## 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=ZsbCQapHVVU-qnVmImi5zgX5ndKtsawBDgp2mGvOgxqlUOFFTSKM3TFdMRlcwTjhNMzIMSDJaUDILWS4u>

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

We have finalised the activities and events for the Y4 Residential in May 2022. Mrs Lord has provided some information through Parentmail to families with more specific details about the Residential. Please do not forget to complete and return the Administration of Medicines Form, which includes parent/carer emergency contact information.

## 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

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## 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 have 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 contribution 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 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.

## 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.