



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

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We would like to welcome all the children back to school for the summer term, we hope you've all had a good holiday.

Virtual Parents evening

Our Virtual Parents Evening will be taking place as follows

F2 - Monday the 25th & Tuesday the 26th April

Year 1 Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th April

Year 2 - Monday 24th & Wednesday 27th April

Year 3 - Wednesday 27th April

Year 4 Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th April

Year 5 Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th April

Year 6 Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th April

Appointments are now available to book through school cloud!



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

Y1,Y3 and Y5 Judaism workshops

Friday 20th May

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

Children's Work – Parent/Carer Review Visits

We are having virtual Parents Evening again this term and we appreciate that parents/carers have not had the opportunity to look at books and work completed by the children this year. With this in mind, we are offering 20 minute time slots where parents/carers can come into school to sit with their child/children in the hall and look through their books.

We are offering 2 morning and 3 afternoon time slots, on 11th, 13th, 16th, 18th & 19th May 2022. Morning sessions starts at 9am and afternoon slots start at 2.55pm.

We would ask that you book in advance so we can organise the children with their books to be ready in the Hall.

Sessions are limited to 40 families per slot on a first come first served basis.

Please complete the information and book a slot on the MSForm at the following link
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZsbCQapHVVU-gnVmImi5zgctPQsxkSF5BvxsImPez9BRURTc3TTFLU1BTMzYxSOVBQ1BOU1dOV0U0Ni4u>

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Y6 end of SATs week celebration

On Friday 13th May, Year 6 will be celebrating the end of SATS week. Children can wear own clothes and school will organise and pay for pizzas for the children for lunch. We would appreciate it if Y6 families would make contributions by providing eg drinks/buns for the children. Please keep in mind the "No Nut" school-wide policy. A huge thanks in advance for any donations!

CeleBRate

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 26th April, 3rd May and 10th 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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"Virtues to Live by"



Dear parents/carers,

STM will be continuing with our year-long activity with the children celebrating "Virtues to Live By". If you recall, this is a diocesan initiative in which several area Catholic schools are participating.

We will have four virtues to focus on for every term. Every week, in our Key Stage Assemblies, the children will be participating in a collective worship based around the theme. Every class will have posters displayed in class around that theme, including how to "live out" the theme in real life.

Then every Friday, during Celebration Assembly, one child from each class will receive a certificate if they have displayed this virtue consistently or in a special way during the week. This will also be displayed weekly in our newsletter.

Here is some reminder information about the programme:

Guiding Principles

To ensure children and young people are given opportunities to:

1. Experience a positive and purposeful ethos providing a sense of belonging to their school community.
2. Grow in their knowledge and understanding of the virtues.
3. Practise the virtues to further the call to live life to the full.
4. Appreciate the connection between biblical and practical wisdom and living.
5. Hear the Christian story and encounter it in practice.
6. Understand their uniqueness and dignity as made in the image and likeness of God.
7. Know that our limitations are also opportunities for growth.
8. To notice, to reflect, to pray and to play
9. To exercise the cognitive, affective and behavioural components of character: know it in your head, feel it in your heart and show it with your hands.

Summer Term

Classes will explore one virtue for approximately 3-4 weeks:

Summer 1:

Perseverance / Resilience and Kindness

Summer 2:

Honesty and Service

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Celebration Winners

W/e 22 April 2022

F2	Maks	For	Some amazing independent sentences this week! You have really impressed us with using your own ideas in your writing, as well as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops!
	Maya		Lovely full sentences in Maths this week, as well as some great shape-based language when describing patterns with 2D and 3D shapes! Great job! ☺
Y1	Dominic	For	Coming back to school with a wonderful attitude to your learning! You have blown me away with your learning this week and have been keen to join in and try your best every day! Well done ☺
	Sebastian		For your excellent reading this week! You have been listening really well in RWI and have spotted special friends, sounded out words and read them perfectly! Keep up the good work Seb ☺
Y2	Finley H	For	Having some creative ideas in our lesson on similes this week. Well done!
	Daisy		Showing a great understanding of numbers to 1000 in maths this week. Well done!
Y3	Bruno	For	His fantastic contributions in class discussions this week across lessons. You have confidently shared and explained your ideas. Keep it up Bruno!
	Katie		Showing a fantastic understanding and attitude toward yours learning about angles in maths. Excellent work!
Y4	Arthur	For	Demonstrating wonderful focus and concentration in all your learning! Amazing work on all your challenges! Keep it up!
	Vanessa		Putting amazing focus and dedication into your TTR! I am so proud of your progress! Keep it up!
Y5	Lucas	For	Your highly positive attitude towards learning this week. You have been focused and engaged in every lesson and you have tried your best with every piece of work that you have completed! Well done Lucas.
	James		All the enthusiasm that you showed during our Victorian day. You had some fantastic ideas about the topics we studied including about Victorian toys and you shared your ideas brilliantly with the rest of the class. Well done James.
Y6	Mercy	For	Your wonderful efforts this week in our English lessons. You have thought carefully about the features of a narrative and how to draft a great chapter two. Well done, Mercy!
	Joshua		Your super explanations and reasoning in our maths lessons. You have impressed us with your hard work and dedication to learning. Well done, Joshua!

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"Virtues to Live by"



W/e 22 April 2022 Winners

F2	Callen
Y1	Georgie
Y2	Ashton
Y3	Oliver
Y4	Everton
Y5	Darcey
Y6	Sophie

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/e 22 April 2022



This week's winner is Hadley in Y2 for showing great determination and a positive attitude towards making big improvements to your handwriting. You are now starting to see a positive effect for all your hard work. Well done Hadley!

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Attendance & Punctuality W/e 22 April 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	95.8	1
Y1	94.0	0
Y2	100	0
Y3	94.6	3
Y4	97.1	2
Y5	94.9	0
Y6	95.8	1
School Total	96.0	7

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

Outstanding Homework W/e 22 April 2022



F2	-
Y1	-
Y2	-
Y3	-
Y4	-
Y5	Charlie P
Y6	Rian

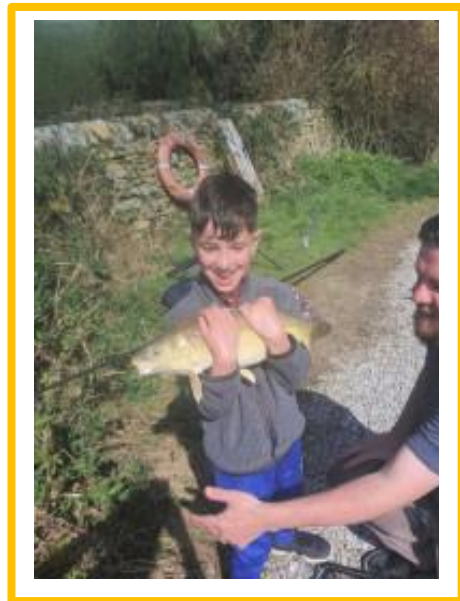
100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 22 April 2022



F2	Harry
Y1	Emlyn
Y2	Sienna
Y3	Emmie
Y4	Joel
Y5	Priscilla
Y6	Lidya

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Out of school activities



Congratulations - To Ava for getting *Grade 1* in her dance.
To Coen for catching the biggest Carp he has ever caught with his Dad over
the Easter holidays!
Also congratulations to James, Oliver, Darcey, Gracie F and Douglas on your
out of school awards.

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
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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KS1 & KS2 Production of the Railway Children

Wednesday 27th April 2022

KS1 and KS2 will get the chance to watch M&M theatrical production of the Railway children on the morning of 27th 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.

Y1 Trip to The Butterfly House

Friday 27th May 2022

On Friday 27th 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

Y4 Kingswood Residential

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th 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/carers emergency contact information.

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Y5 Trip to Gulliver's Valley Tuesday 24th May 2022

On Tuesday 24th 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 27th to Wednesday 29th 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.

Judaism workshops for Y1, Y3 and Y5 Friday 20th May

Children in Y1, Y3 and Y5 will be taking part in a Judaism workshop, which will be run virtually by Rabbi Zvi. The workshops will provide the children with a highly valuable learning experience as Rabbi Zvi will be further expanding on the knowledge taught to these classes during our other faiths week. The children will also be given the chance to get hands on and examine religious artifacts, linking to the topics explored during the sessions. Please give consent for your child to attend the workshop via ParentMail. The cost of the workshop will be £2 per child and contributions can be made via Parent Mail. Please be aware that we may have to cancel the workshops if we do not receive enough contributions.