



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

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Trips 2022

We are all so glad that we can now take our children on trips again.

We would just like to take this opportunity to explain the increase in the cost of trips.

This is down to an increase in the price of entrance fees and a big increase in the coach costs. For example a coach to Yorkshire Wild Life park in May 2020 cost £198, Coach in 2022 £340!

Coach to Cannon Hall in May 2020 £298, Coach in June 2022 £340!

Lost Propriety

We have had a child's Nomination bracelet handed in. If you think this could belong to your child please call into the school office to identify it is yours.

Can we just remind Parent/carers of our school uniform policy on jewellery. A wristwatch may be worn and one pair of small plain stud earrings may be worn, maximum of one in each ear, no other style is permitted. No other jewellery is permitted.



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

F2 Cannon Hall

Monday 27 June 2022

Y6 York Residential

Monday 27 June 2022 to
Wednesday 29 June 2022

Y5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Wednesday 13 July 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 MS Form at the following link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZsbCQapHVU-gnVmImi5zgctPQsxkSF5BvxsImPez9BRURTc3TTFLU1BTMzYxSOVBQ1BOU1dOV0U0Ni4u>

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

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Our new Y1 outdoor Canopy



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We are running three Times Tables Rockstars competitions this half term. Each week we will be updating you on the scores.

Y2 Boys v Y2 Girls

Year 2 Boys	231	Year 2 Girls	212
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Y3 v Y4

Year 4	526	Year 3	318
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Y5 v Y6

Year 5	160	Year 6	5
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Please encourage your children to take part in this at home as the winning classes/groups will be given a special certificate for their efforts.

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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 29 April 2022

F2	Nathaniel	For	Showing kindness and patience when playing with your friends this week, as well as working super hard in your writing tasks! Great job 😊
	Violet		Trying hard with your listening on the carpet this week as well as working hard on your sharing skills! Well done 😊
Y1	Kai	For	Your wonderful art work this week! I am very impressed at your perseverance with your art this week as at first, you found it a bit tricky but you didn't give up! You kept trying, practiced your sketching skills, and produced a beautiful drawing of a lion! Well done Kai!
	Stanley		Your amazing maths learning this week! You have been a super mathematician recently, challenging yourself to answer some very tricky equations and using your known number bond knowledge to help! You are a star, well done!
Y2	Poppy	For	Writing some exciting and descriptive pieces in English this week. You have really impressed me with your use of adjectives and adverbs.
	Amayah		Making a big effort in maths this week and for improving your confidence. You have started to believe in yourself Amayah. Well done!
Y3	Douglas	For	His fantastic attitude in Maths this week when learning about angles. You can confidently identify parallel and perpendicular lines, well done Douglas!
	Lily		Her effort and understanding in English. You've done fantastic at understanding and finding information in the text. Excellent Effort!
Y4	Everton	For	Demonstrating amazing effort in Literacy and RE this week! Fantastic subordinating conjunctions and letter writing! Keep it up!
	Vienna		Producing an amazing Pointillism replica using the inspiration of Georges Seurat linked to our Rivers lesson in Geography! Keep it up!
Y5	Mia	For	The outstanding level of effort you have put into all areas of your learning this week. In every task that you have done, I can see that you have really tried your very best to complete your work to the highest standard that you could. Well done Mia.
	Oliver		The positive attitude towards learning that you have shown this week. You have been focussed and engaged during lessons, you have been showing me that you are ready to learn and you have been following instructions the first time. Well done Oliver.
Y6	Max	For	Your super efforts this week in our maths lessons. You have tried really hard to solve reasoning problems and asked for help if you needed it. Well done, Max!
	Guedaliah		Your amazing enthusiasm during our class workshop for <i>The Railway Children</i> . Well done for representing our class in such a brilliant way, Guedaliah!

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"Virtues to Live by"



W/e 29 April 2022 Winners

F2	Emilia L
Y1	Rosi-Mae
Y2	Mathaus
Y3	Catherine
Y4	Franklin
Y5	Fredi
Y6	Olly

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/e 29 April 2022



This week's winner is in Y1 for *Your excellent attitude to learning! You have really impressed all teachers this week with your independence and perseverance. We are very proud that you are your beginning your work on your own and having a good try and you understand that it is okay to make mistakes because we learn from them! Keep up the good work Emlyn 😊*

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Attendance & Punctuality W/e 29 April 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	97.3	2
Y1	97.2	0
Y2	98.3	1
Y3	97.7	5
Y4	98.0	4
Y5	97.7	3
Y6	96.0	7
School Total	96.6	22

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

Outstanding Homework W/e 29 April 2022



F2	Robyn
Y1	Casey
Y2	Daisy
Y3	Kornelia
Y4	Masi
Y5	Grace-Ann
Y6	Eoin

100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 29 April 2022



F2	Joshua
Y1	Elena
Y2	Mila
Y3	Luna
Y4	Oskar
Y5	Rosie
Y6	Simon

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Out of school activities



Congratulations - To Alice, Lily, Katie, Catherine for your out of school awards, Also to Brody and Casey, they were nominated by PC Pryce for a Random act of kindness and the boys were selected as winners and were presented with Easter treats as a Thankyou from South Yorkshire Police .

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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F2 Cannon Hall farm

F2 are visiting Cannon Hall Farm on Monday the 27th June 2022. On our trip, we will be spending some time learning all about the different animals on the farm with a guided tour, where we can ask an animals expert lots of questions! We'll have a go at sketching some of the animals we see and talking about different animal lifecycles!

This trip will take place within the hours of the normal school day - so children will not need to be in any earlier than usual and will leave at normal hometime. We will be setting off from school at 9.30am and departing from Cannon Hall at 2.30pm. If for any reason there are delays due to traffic on returning, we will make parents aware of this asap.

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 £17.00 - this includes the full day at Cannon Hall Farm, a guided tour while in the venue and coach travel there and back. Contributions to be paid via Parentmail.

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

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

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Y1 Mini Tennis

Y1 are attending a mini tennis sporting event at Places 4 People on Thursday 19th May. 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 indicate this on the form.

Y2 AND Y6 EIS SPORTS DAY

Y2 and Y6 are attending a sports day event at EIS on Monday 23rd May. We will be leaving at 9am, so the children can arrive at school at the normal time. We will be arriving back to school around 3:30pm so all the children need to bring a packed lunch which they will eat at lunchtime at EIS. Children need to arrive to school in their PE kits and have a water bottle. There is no cost to this event, including transport, which is being fully funded from the school's sports premium grant.

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.

Y5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On Wednesday 13th July, the Y5 class will be going to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to take part in the Walk, Talk, Make workshop. This trip will provide the children with an exciting opportunity to further enhance our expressionism and sculpture unit of work, which we are studying in art this term. We will be travelling to Yorkshire Sculpture Park by coach and we will be setting off from school at 9am. We will return to school at approximately 3pm. Please ensure that children wear their normal school uniform on this day and that they bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child then please contact the school office before Tuesday 12th July to place your child's order. Please also ensure that children bring a sunhat and sun cream, as it is likely that it will be nice weather. Please provide consent for your child to attend the trip via Parentmail. The cost of the trip is £19 and contributions can be made via Parentmail. **Please be aware that if we do not receive enough contributions then the trip may have to be cancelled.**

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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.