



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

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Children's Work – Parent/Carer Review Visits

As we have had virtual Parents Evening this term, 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 start 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-qnVmImi5zgctPQsxkSF5BvxImPez9BRURtc3TTFLU1BTMzYxSOVBQ1BOU1dOV0U0Ni4u>

Important Dates

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 20 May 2022

Y5 Trip to Gulliver's Valley
Tuesday 24 May 2022

Y1 Butterfly House Trip
Friday 27 May 2022

Y3/Y4 Fire safety talk in school
Wednesday 8 June 2022

Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
Wednesday 8 June 2022

Y2 Derby County football festival
Friday 17 June 2022

Y6 Road safety session
Thursday 23 June 2022

F2 Cannon Hall Trip
Monday 27 June 2022

Y6 York Residential Trip
Monday 27 June 2022 to
Wednesday 29 June 2022

Y4 Millennium Galleries Trip
Thursday 7 July 2022

Y5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip
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

"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 06 May 2022

F2	Miles	For	Demonstrating good sharing and teamwork this week in your play, as well as some super sentences in your independent writing! Well done ☺
	Henry		Showing determination and creativity when making your Spring picture - you thought really hard about using a mix of textures and creative styles and we are so impressed! ☺
Y1	April	For	Your amazing writing this week! You have impressed all the teachers in year 1 with your independence and enthusiasm when you wrote your leaflet all about meerkats. You challenged yourself to use some year 2 conjunctions in your sentences and your handwriting was beautiful! Well done ☺
	Theo		Your excellent attitude and enthusiasm with all your learning this week! You have listened very carefully during our lessons and, because of this; you have produced some wonderful pieces of writing! We are very proud of how hard you have tried, keep up the good work ☺
Y2	Carlos	For	Having some, thoughtful ideas about how the Holy Spirit can help you in our RE lesson this week. Well done!
	Coen		Making a big effort in your big write lessons this week. Your use of punctuation was brilliant. Well done!
Y3	Jonathan	For	Your fantastic story opening in the style of Roald Dahl. You used some excellent vocabulary in your writing! Keep it up Jon!
	Oliver		Your enthusiasm and team work while making 3-D shapes in Maths. Super Effort!
Y4	Masi	For	Demonstrating amazing effort in your diary big write! Fantastic work putting in so many of our skills! Keep it up!
	Olivia P		Showing wonderful focus during our maths lessons this week! Fantastic work finding the area & perimeter of shapes! Keep it up!
Y5	Olan	For	Trying much harder this week to follow instructions and do as you are asked by adults the first time. Well done Olan.
	Harry		Your excellent work in our history lesson - you were focussed and engaged throughout and produced a lovely timeline of the Victorian era. Well done Harry.
Y6	Brody	For	Your great, positive attitude towards our SATs tests next week. You have encouraged your classmates to keep calm and do their best in their work. Well done, Brody!
	Macy		Your amazing work in our maths lessons and your determination to challenge yourself with your learning. Well done, Macy!

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"Virtues to Live by"



W/e 06 May 2022 Winners

F2

Ezme

Y1

Piper

Y2

Finlay W

Y3

Zach

Y4

Frankie

Y5

Rosie

Y6

Joshua

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/e 06 May 2022



This week's winner is Clark in F2 for – Brilliant determination in all areas of your learning - especially in getting changed for PE! This was something you found hard at the beginning of the year, but after lots of practice and showing resilience, you can now do this all on your own! 😊

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Attendance & Punctuality W/e 06 April 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	98.3	2
Y1	87.9	0
Y2	87.1	0
Y3	87.9	4
Y4	94.6	0
Y5	97.5	0
Y6	96.3	4
School Total	92.8	10

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

Outstanding Homework W/e 06 May 2022



F2	Thiyansh
Y1	Albert
Y2	Finley H
Y3	Kornelia
Y4	Ethan
Y5	Jessie
Y6	Lidya

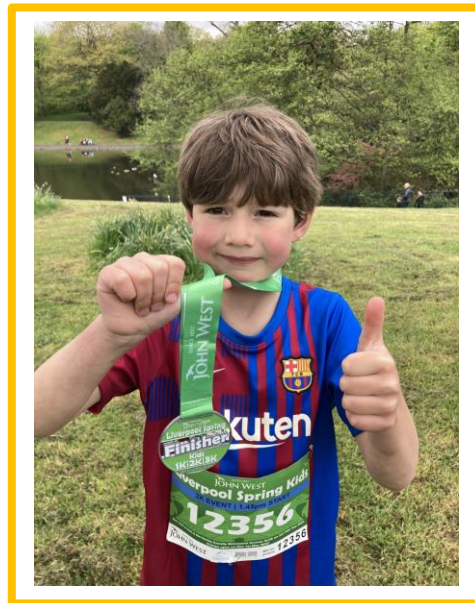
100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 06 May 2022



F2	Jaxon
Y1	Casey
Y2	Delan
Y3	Emmanuel
Y4	Kordell
Y5	Spencer
Y6	Cole

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Out of school activities



Congratulations to - Henry of F2, Jake of Y2, Katie Y3 and Aleks of Y4, and Gracie W of Y5 for all of your out of school awards.

Also congratulations to Carlos who took part in the Liverpool children's 2k at the weekend, which he completed in 10mins 40secs. He was pleased with his result and beating his previous time at the Hillsborough park run, which he did for the first time this week.

Well done everyone!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y6 end of SATs week celebration

On Friday 13th May, Year 6 will be celebrating the end of SATS week.

Children can wear their 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



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
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

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 cost is being subsidised by the school and the contribution is £17.00 - which 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

Postponed - waiting for new date to be confirmed

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/carer emergency contact information.

Y4 Millennium Gallery

Thursday 7th July 2022

On Thursday 7th July 2022, Y4 will be going on a trip to the Millennium Gallery, which will include a printing and pattern art workshop linked to our Art topic this summer. We will also be viewing the galleries, walking around both the Winter and Peace Gardens, conducting some sketching and more printing and - if weather permits - eating lunch outside! Please arrive at school at the normal time in school uniform. Please bring a packed lunch and a drink with you. We will be arriving back to school at 3:20. The cost of the trip is being subsidised by the school and the contribution per child is £11.50, which includes the workshop and the transport.

If we do not receive enough contributions, 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 2022 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.

Y5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On Wednesday 13th July 2022, 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.

Judaism workshops for Y1, Y3 and Y5

Friday 20th May 2022

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.