



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.

There are now 2 morning and 1 afternoon time slots available on 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-gnVmImi5zgctPQsxkSF5BvxsImPez9BRURTc3TTFLU1BTMzYxS0VBQ1BOU1dOV0U0Ni4u>



Well done to our Y6 children who completed their SAT's this week. They have been amazing! We hope you enjoyed your treats today.

Important Dates

Y4 Kingswood Residential

Monday 16 May 2022 to
Wednesday 18 May 2022

Y6 Good Shepherd Mass

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 Visit from Nurse Joy

Friday 10 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

Y6 Padley Gorge

Thursday 7 July 2022

Y4 Millennium Galleries Trip

Thursday 7 July 2022

Y5 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Y2/Y6 EIS Sports day

Wednesday 13 July

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

Here is our Y5 Class enjoying their collective worship lesson outside in our newly refurbished nature garden



PIC•COLLAGE

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



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	544	Year 2 Girls	504
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Y3 v Y4

Year 4	1127	Year 3	776
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Y5 v Y6

Year 5	217	Year 6	37
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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 13 May 2022

F2	Thiyansh	For	Showing good sharing this week with your friends, as well as being super kind and looking after your friends when they are sad! ☺ Well done!
	Joshua		Showing determination with your writing this week - you have shown good use of finger spaces, RWI spellings and neat letters! ☺ Super job!
Y1	Elena	For	Your independence and determination with your learning this week! I am very proud of you for how focused you have been and completing your learning quickly, as well as pushing yourself to complete some challenges! Well done!
	Georgie		Your excellent maths this week! You have been so determined to try and complete your maths on your own and have asked for help when you need it! Well done Georgie!
Y2	Mollie	For	Being a supportive member of our class. You are always sharing your understanding and trying to help your peers. Well done!
	Jensen		Writing a fantastic answer to our question in history. You used lots of ideas in your answer and challenged yourself. Well done!
Y3	Zosia	For	Her fantastic attitude towards all areas of learning this week! She has put 100% effort into everything she has done, keep it up
	Roger		Showing determination in your Maths this week.
Y4	Frankie	For	Demonstrating amazing effort, focus and knowledge during our geography lessons over this unit of work! Keep it up!
	Nancy		Demonstrating amazing skills and a focus on your writing! You remember the skills and understand how to use them effectively and for the correct purpose! Keep it up!
Y5	Fredi	For	Making use of all available resources to take responsibility for your own learning and progress. Well done Fredi.
	Alice		Working extremely hard in our wider curriculum subjects this week. You produced a fantastic information poster all about the industrial revolution in our Geography lesson. Well done Alice.
Y6	Whole class	For	Your amazing efforts this week with your SATs tests. You have amazed us and we are so proud of each and every one of you! Keep shining Y6!

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"Virtues to Live by"



W/e 13 May 2022 Winners

F2

Emilia D

Y1

Albert

Y2

Jake

Y3

Sebastian

Y4

Arthur

Y5

Harry

Y6

Christina

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/e 13 May 2022



This week's winner is Max in Y6 for - Your fantastic efforts this week with your SATs tests. You never gave up, you kept smiling and you have made us so proud. Well done, superstar Max!

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Attendance & Punctuality W/e 13 May 2022

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	98.3	1
Y1	95.9	0
Y2	96.0	1
Y3	94.3	4
Y4	93.3	3
Y5	96.0	2
Y6	99.7	4
School Total	96.2	15

Wow! Well Done Y6! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Outstanding Homework W/e 13 May 2022



F2	Henry
Y1	Rosi-mae
Y2	Joshua
Y3	Oliver
Y4	Vanessa
Y5	Bethany
Y6	Sophie

100% Attendance & Punctuality W/e 13 May 2022



F2	Arthur
Y1	Filip
Y2	Jacob
Y3	Aleksander
Y4	Harry
Y5	Olan
Y6	Carly

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Out of school activities



Congratulations to - Benjamin Y1 and Dantaye Y5 for your out of school awards.

Well done to you both!

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	13.06.22/09:00 - 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

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 home time. 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.

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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

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.

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Y2 Visit from Nurse Joy

Y2 will be having a visit from a nurse on Friday the 10th June at 1pm, she will be coming to take questions and talk about modern nursing as a link to our History focus on Mary Seacole.

NEW DATE - Y2 AND Y6 EIS SPORTS DAY - NEW DATE

Y2 and Y6 are attending a sports day event at EIS on Wednesday 13th July 2022. 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 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 for 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 next week. Mrs Lord has provided 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. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

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.

Please be aware that if we do not receive enough contributions then the trip may have to

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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.

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Y6 Good Shepherd mass Wednesday 18th May 2022

Y6 have been invited to attend Good Shepherd mass at the Sheffield Cathedral on Wednesday 18th May. Please arrive in school at the normal time of 8.50am - 9am, and children will be returning to school just after lunch time. We ask that all children bring their own packed lunch and a water bottle with them. If you could please fill in the form on the link below to give your child permission to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZsbCQapHVU-gnVmImi5zgX5ndKtsawBDgp2mGvOqxqIUOFo0M1VPRDRMRfVXmVhUWE4xQTJGWFhRVC4u>

Y6 Crucial Crew Wednesday 8th June 2022.

Y6 will be attending Crucial Crew on Wednesday 8th June 2022. During this trip, children will be learning new skills and experience real-life situations in preparation for secondary school. Children will need to come to school in their uniform with a packed lunch and a water bottle at 8.50am and we will be back at school for the end of day. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Garner via Class Dojo or ring the school office. The cost of the trip is £7 and contributions can be made via Parentmail.

Padley Gorge Y6 Thursday 7th July 2022

On Thursday 7th July, Y6 have been invited to take part in the Children's Padley Gorge Pilgrimage. We will be leaving school after registration on that day and returning before the end of the school day. Your children will require a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one. We will be celebrating Mass outside therefore please ensure you check the weather forecast closer to the day and ensure your child wears full school uniform with suitable coat/jacket and footwear. If we are lucky enough to get sunny weather on the day, please apply sun cream before school and bring a sun hat. The Friends Association have kindly contributed to this trip, and it has also been subsidised by school, therefore we are only asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £5.