



St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

A Catholic school that champions each and every student.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely start to the new term. The children have come back to school looking happy and refreshed enjoying the school routines, I am happy to say, are back to pre-covid times. Our collective worship this week was lovely to share with all of the children from Key Stage 1 and 2. Their contributions, their thoughtfulness and consideration towards each other during the assembly was a real pleasure to witness. Our virtues this term are 'Grateful and Generous' where children and staff alike are being mindful of all that we have to be grateful for, including our own gifts and talents, for the gifts of other people and for the blessings of every day. Our British Value this term is Democracy where the children will learn about what that means for them in school, for the wider community and the world in which we all live.

Mrs Naser and I are looking forward to working with the First Holy Communion and Confirmandi children this term, preparing them for their very special days at the end of June. Just a reminder that the parents meetings to discuss timings and the upcoming celebrations for the Confirmandi children's parents is on Tuesday 3rd May after school and for the parents of the First Holy Communion children is on the 3rd May after school. We look forward to meeting you all. The children are of course invited to the meeting too.

For those of you that are celebrating Eid next week then I wish you and your family a very joyful Eid. Please let me or the school office know if your child may be absent from school for this reason so I can approve this absence as a religious observance. Please ensure that you notify the school office (either in advance or before 9am on the day) thank you.

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school/nursery on Tuesday 3rd May.

Best wishes

Breda Bowles

A prayer of approach



*As the disciples in the locked room reached out and touched you,
let us reach out and touch you today,
living Lord Jesus.
Let us feel your scarred hands and feet.
Let us put our hands in your side.
Let us be still and know that you are our Lord and our God.*

Gentle Reminders

Just a polite reminder to ensure that your child has all the equipment they need when they arrive for school each morning. All items should be named as we have an abundance of lost property.

- Your Bookbag
- your PE and Football Kit
- your water bottle
- your coat
- your trainers
- your lunchbox if you haven't booked a school lunch for your child
- Equipment required for after school activities

Attendance as of the 29th April 2022

Every day counts. Attendance matters.

Children of compulsory school age (5 yrs and above)

Reception Class: 89.56%

Year 4: 91.03%

Year 1: 92.89%

Year 5: 93.77%

Year 2: 93.11%

Year 6: 91.35%

Year 3: 92.29%

Overall : 91.71%

A reminder that school begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm. Please make sure your child is at school on time and that he/she is collected on time. Thank you

Certificates of achievement

These awards are given out weekly for outstanding efforts



Year 1: Gabriel and Jonathan

Year 2: Jeffrey, Iga and Riyanshi

Year 3: Charlie and Kirsty

Year 4: Stephen and Libby

Year 5: Davi and Viktoria

Year 6: Anderson and Maddie

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After School Clubs

Places are limited!

Monday-KS2 Years 3-6 Football 3.30 - 4.30

Sessions taking place 9th May - 11th July

Please note that there will be no club taking place on the following dates: 2nd & 30th May, 6th June and the last week of the summer term 18th July.

Wednesday – KS1 Years 1-2 Multi-skills 3.30 - 4.30

Thursday –Y3/4 Netball Skills 3.30 - 4.30

Sessions taking place 5th May - 14th July

Please note that there will be no club taking place on the last week of the summer term 21st July.

St Thomas More School aims to provide more and higher quality opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity before school, during lunchtime and after school, and to develop effective pathways between schools and sports clubs in the local community. If you feel you may be able to offer any support to enhance our current provision please contact the office. We would be very grateful for your support.



The
Pope Francis Catholic
Multi Academy Company

We have a number of vacancies advertised on the Pope Francis Website please see the link below for more information

[Job Vacancies](#)

COVID-19 HELPLINE

The Government has a dedicated helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening Hours: 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Where to find the latest information: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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 01865 373674  office@stthomas-more.org.uk

Key Stage One Fire Service Visit

Last term on Tuesday 5th April the Fire Service came to visit Year 1 & 2.

It was a really exciting morning as we got to learn about keeping safe if ever we are in danger and what to do in the event of a fire.

Also, we got to look around the fire truck and learn about the different parts of a fire engine and where equipment is stored.

The best part of the morning was when we got to use the water hose to knock over cones in the playground. Our classroom assistant even got to dress up as a fire fighter!



Year 4 Easter Garden

This Easter holiday, pupils in Year 4 were asked to make an Easter garden. An Easter garden is a way to help represent the most important time in the life of Jesus and how he died for us and rose into Heaven.

Traditionally, Easter gardens are made using plants and garden materials, but as you can see if you visit the front porch of the school, the children are remarkably inventive and have produced many wonderful examples of Easter gardens, using all sorts of resources. We have some we cannot display as yet because they have been made online, including using Minecraft to create an image. We even had an Easter garden made of cake, which tasted delicious! We thank all the pupils for their excellent efforts.

Below are some examples of the Easter gardens made by Year 4.



Diary Date Reminders



- **2nd May** Bank Holiday – school closed
- **3rd May** Reception Class and Year 6 – National Childhood Measuring Programme (previously planned for 16th March)
- **4th May** Year 5 Brass lessons 9.00
After School Year 1 & 2 Multi-skills club 3.30 – 4.30
- **5th May** After School Year 5 & 6 Netball club 3.30 – 4.30
- **6th May** Year 3 Football coaching session
- **Week commencing 9th May** KS2 SATS
After School Year 3-6 KS2 Football club 3.30 – 4.30
- **11th May** Year 5 Brass lessons 9.00
Year 4 Swimming
- **13th May** Year 3 Football coaching session
- **Week commencing 16th May** KS1 SATS
- **18th May** Year 5 Brass lessons 9.00
Year 4 Swimming
- **19th May** Year 6 Quad kids competition
- **20th May** Year 3 Football coaching session
- **Week commencing 23rd May** KS1 SATS
- **25th May** Year 5 Brass lessons 9.00
Year 4 Swimming
- **26th May** End of May Term school closing at normal time
- **27th May & 30th May** Bank Holidays – school closed
- **7th June** Start of Summer Term – school reopens
- **17th June** International Food Night
- **8th July** Wimbledon
- **20th July** End of Summer Term and Academic Year - Early Closure 1:30 pm (no after school club)

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For the latest school events, important dates, latest news and announcements.

2022/23 Term Dates
are now available on the
[school website](#)

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WE ARE HIRING!

We are currently recruiting for a Chef Manager to lead the team at St Thomas More Catholic School.

30 hours per week
Term time only
£11.50 per hour

**CONTACT JESS HOWARD ON
JESS.HOWARD@CORPORATE-SERVICES.COM**

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Executive Chef

We are currently recruiting for an Executive Chef to help support and develop our food offer in the Oxford Area

St Gregory the Great

Term time only
39 weeks plus 4.1 weeks paid holiday

£18 per hour

35 hours per week

**Please send your CV to:
Robert.Brown@aspens-services.com**