



Our vision is that everyone will leave our school feeling they have achieved more than they ever thought possible, and they will make a difference to the world by serving God by helping others.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 11 – Thurs 14 May KS2 SATs
Mon 18 May Class and Year 6 Photographs
Mon 18 May Science Day
25 – 29 May Half term break
Mon 15 June INSET Day for School and Pre-School
Sat 20 June School Summer Fair, 12-3pm
Wed 8 July Musical Theatre Club Gaiety Club Show
Wed 22 July Last day of term

Attendance

Mars	99.6%
Phoenix	97.1%
Orion	96.0%
Angelfish	94.9%
Lyra	94.8%
Aquila	94.4%
Jupiter	93.5%
Jellyfish	93.5%
Neptune	91.3%
Columba	90.8%
Pre-School	90.4%
Delphinus	90.3%

Aspirations Days 2026

Can you help inspire our children?

Following on from four years of very successful Aspirations Day events, we are planning to hold our 'Aspiration Days 2026', on Thursday 18 June and Friday 19 June. This event is planned to motivate and inspire children to raise their aspirations, become ambitious about their futures and encourage them to make a difference to the world.

We would love for the children to hear from a range of visitors who can talk to them about any of their careers, work life, charity support and talents. Last year, our amazing visitors included representatives from various industries and roles including Rolls Royce, Hants Search and Rescue Dogs team, Guide Dogs, Royal Navy, Merchant Navy, radiographer, business entrepreneur, a personal trainer, human resources manager, interior designer, a Reverend, a journalist, a retired headteacher, hydrographics surveyor, oil industry personnel, a teacher and more!! ...and all of them really inspired both children and staff and made for two great days!

Our Aspiration Days will be planned to include children across the school and if any of our parents or friends or family you know, would be interested in coming along to talk to the children for a short time, then please let us know. These 'talks' can be set up for groups of different sizes and ages, and at times of day to suit depending on what you can offer.

We know that our children will love and benefit from such an opportunity, so please get in contact with Mrs Carpenter (via ClassDojo is fine), email the school office (adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk) or contact your class teacher. Happy to answer any questions too.



To enhance the spiritual life of the school community, our Spiritual Leaders will be sharing scripture which is personal to them and our school.

My name is Missy. I am the spiritual leader in Delphinus. My favourite scripture is the creation story and seeing everything God made for us. I like it because it shows us the beauty of the world and makes me want to look after the animals and flowers. "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)



Musical Theatre Club – Gaiety Show

Exciting news from Mrs Takács' Musical Theatre Club!

We are so excited to announce that our annual Musical Theatre Club show at the Gaiety is back — and this year it's bigger and better than ever!

With an incredible cast of 42 children from Year 4 to Year 6, alongside 7 returning ex-pupils this is set to be a truly special celebration of talent, confidence and love for the stage.

 *Wednesday 8th July 2026

 Tickets available here: <https://book.events/stms/2026-07-08/46813>](<https://book.events/stms/2026-07-08/46813>)

The children have been working so hard and are ready to shine.

We promise an evening full of energy, talent and pure joy

Don't miss it — it's going to be unforgettable.
Come alive!



Tommy's Childcare

Breakfast club Sessions:

7:45am - 8:45am £5.00

8:00am – 8:45am £4.00

Afterschool Club Sessions:

3:15pm - 4:30pm £6.00

3:15pm - 5:45pm £11.00

3:15pm - 6:00pm £12.00

For bookings, cancellations and queries, please contact tommys@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk.

In emergencies call: 07719 920 572

Sessions need to be booked in advance.

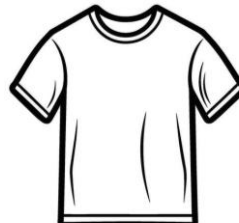
No last-minute bookings on a Thursday.



Mr Sendall Says...

Please can I remind parents/carers that children must wear school regulation PE kit for PE lessons.

Navy P.E. shorts and a plain white t-shirt.



Plimsolls or trainers.

Children may wear navy blue jogging trousers/leggings and plain navy sweatshirt (not hoodie) in colder weather.

Do not send children in wearing football kit or anything else which is not school sports uniform.

Thank you



St Thomas More's Pre-School

Hooks Lane, Bedhampton, Havant PO9 3DR

Tel: 02392 475 909

Email: psadmin@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

St Thomas More's Pre-school is a teacher led pre-school situated in the grounds of St Thomas More's School

Childcare is available from 7.45am to 6pm (term time only)

PLACES AVAILABLE



Year 3/4

Multiplication Tables Check

Parents are invited to a refresher meeting about the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) and the importance of times tables.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st May at 3:20pm** in Phoenix classroom. This session is primarily for Year 4 parents, but Year 3 parents are also very welcome to attend to support early preparation.

If needed, childcare will be available in a separate classroom with Mrs Barr.



Summer Fair Stall Sign Up

Our Summer Fair is on Saturday 20 June 2026
12-3pm at St Thomas More's School.

If you would like to volunteer and run one of our stalls, please can you let the office know by emailing adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk or calling 02392 475909.

If you would like to hire a plot and run your own stall, please email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.ch.uk with details of your stall.

Please sign up soon, as places are limited.



Lost Property

Lost property will be out on the Junior playground for all of next week (weather dependant).

Please do take anything that belongs to your child.

At the end of term, anything left will be disposed of.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING

Can we also take this opportunity to ask parents to label your child's clothing clearly. We are receiving so much school uniform with no names, which we are having to dispose of at the end of each term.





GRAND RAFFLE
Lots of awesome
prizes to win!



Friends of
St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary School

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 20th June
12 – 3pm

ADULTS 50p – KIDS FREE

GAMES – GO KARTS – FOOTBALL
STALLS – REFRESHMENTS – BBQ
ICE CREAM – BOUNCY CASTLE
REPTILE TENT and plenty more

Hire a stall plot NOW & keep your earnings

ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hooks Lane, Bedhampton PO9 3DR

• **02392 475909 or email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk**



Faith Corner

Chapel News

He is Risen! As we enter into the joyful season of Easter, there continues to be daily prayer from **8:15-8:40 Monday to Wednesday** with Ms Cryer. Your family are welcome to come and join us in praying the rosary, special devotions and hymns. This is an inspiring opportunity for parents to accompany their children for prayer. Please meet Ms Cryer at the infant gate before **8:15am**. Be assured of prayers for our school's intentions.



May is traditionally designated as the Month of Mary in the Catholic Church, a time dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary through special devotions, prayers, and acts of love. It focuses on her role as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church and therefore her maternal love for us all. As a school, we invite families to welcome Mother Mary to your home to pray as a family. Each phase will have their own 'travelling Mary' statue to take home for one or two nights. If you would like to house Mama Maria, please do so or speak to your class teacher. May Mary's intercessions bring God's grace, protection, strength and miraculous aid to us all at St Thomas More's.

Teach me to pray

There was no prayer meeting on Monday as it was a bank holiday.

Teach me to Pray is a beautiful opportunity to bridge our older and younger children to grow spiritually, share wisdom and pray together as one community.

Through the Rosary, Scripture reflection, and shared intentions, we hope to nurture our faith and pass on the rich traditions of our Catholic faith to the next generation.

All children from year R to 6 are welcome to join. We meet on Mondays at 2:45 in the chapel and children return to class before the end of day for normal end of day collection. If you would like your child to join Teach me to Pray, please let your teacher know or message them on dojo. All children who join will receive a rosary which has been blessed by Pope Leo.



STMS Marian Liturgy

On Tuesday, 19th May, STMS will celebrate a Marian liturgy (Y3 and 4 will be doing something separate on another day to honour Our Lady).

On this day, we invite families to send their child in to school with a single flower as an offering to Mother Mary. At the end of the school day, there will be opportunity for families to say prayers at our Marian altar which will be on the front playground. Please may we kindly request that families remain respectful and reverent during this time on this particular afternoon. All our welcome.



This week's guide from the National College offers a vital guide to understanding online grooming, its warning signs and how to protect children from exploitation.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



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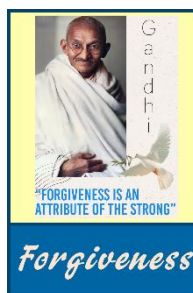
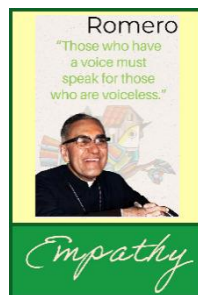
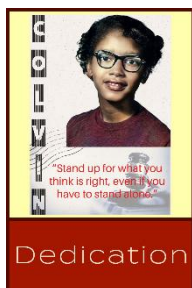


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We have recently updated our School Mission and Vision Statements.

For us, the **Mission** of the School is for the staff and states:

Our mission is to inspire every child by ensuring SUCCESS, providing OPPORTUNITY and fostering STEWARDSHIP within a loving, Catholic community.

The **Vision** is what we want everyone in our school community to strive towards. It states;

Our vision is that everyone will leave our school feeling they have **achieved** more than they ever thought possible, and they will **make a difference** to the world by **serving God by helping others**.

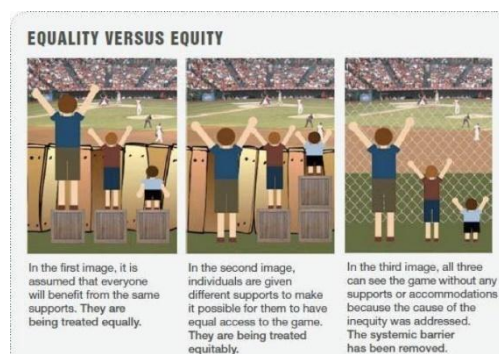
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

Dedication, **Empathy**, **Forgiveness** and **Generosity**.

Our House Patrons are role models of these values:

Claudette Colvin - Nine months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, Colvin did the same. She wasn't being rude or selfish (as there was a seat free across the aisle from her), but this was a stand for all humans to be treated with dignity and respect during segregation in 1960s America. Colvin was only 15 when she took her stand against racism, and so she is an excellent role model for our pupils - to be dedicated to what is right, even if it means standing alone.

Oscar Romero - Catholic Social Teaching calls us to give preferential treatment to the poor - not just those who are poor in monetary value, but those who are disadvantaged in any way. Oscar Romero spoke out for the voiceless, which ultimately cost him his life. He serves as a reminder to us to be that voice for those who can't make themselves heard, to empathise with how they may be feeling and take action to put things right. We teach the children that equity is more important than equality.



Mahatma Gandhi - The Indian political ethicist is often quoted as saying "Be the change you wish to see in the world" - a motto which fits so well with the teachings of the Catholic faith. However, Gandhi is our patron for the value of Forgiveness. He said, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong." We teach children to forgive, but it is important that they also recognise forgiving shows great strength. It isn't always easy to do, but forgiving is something Christ taught us; therefore, we must strive to do this.

St Therese of Lisieux - St Therese struggled in many ways, something which we all do, but she lived her life doing random acts of kindness for people, calling people to love Jesus. This is something very simple for the children to understand and emulate. We teach the children to be stewards of all that they have been given - their time, their talent, their treasures, and to be generous with all of these things, just like St Therese.