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Dates for the Diary

Fri 12, Mon 15, Tue 16 Dec	Bikeability
Mon 15 Dec	Yr1&2 Nativity at St Michael & All Angels @ 1.30pm
Wed 17 Dec	Yr3&4 Carol service
Thur 18 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumper or accessory)
Fri 19 Dec	Last day of Autumn term
Mon 5 Jan	INSET Day
Wed 4 Feb	INSET Day
Thurs 5 Feb	INSET Day

Tommy's Childcare Early Closing

Please note that Tommy's Childcare will be closing at 4.30pm on Friday 19th December 2025.

If your child is booked in Tommy's on this day or will be booked in, we ask that you aim to collect your child by 4.25pm so doors can close at 4.30pm.



Any problems or questions, please contact the Tommy's team direct on tommys@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

PTFA Pop Up Christmas Shop

The PTFA will be opening a pop-up Christmas shop after school to sell the leftover stock from the Christmas Fair.

This will happen Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week depending on stock levels. The shop will be situated on the Junior playground, just outside the school office from 3pm.

For Tommy's children, you can either send in a labelled envelope with your child and Tommy's staff will take them to the shop or just speak to Lucy at the door and she will make sure you have access.

We accept cash or card (card payments must be over £2).



Tax Credit Checker

Follow the link below to see if you qualify for tax free credits. This can apply to any parents and be used for any type of childcare, providing the childcare provider is signed up too.

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker>

Attendance

Delphinus	97.0%
Jupiter	96.8%
Mars	96.2%
Aquila	95.8%
Columba	95.5%
Angelfish	95.3%
Neptune	95.2%
Jellyfish	95.2%
Orion	95.1%
Phoenix	94.8%
Pre-School	93.6%
Lyra	93.5%

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

Luke 9:57. As they went on their way, a man said to Jesus,
I will follow you wherever you go.





St Thomas More's Christmas Fair

Last Saturday was our School Christmas Fair, we'd like to start by saying a big thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who attended. These events cannot run without you all.

Father Christmas was visited in his grotto by 71 children and the Grinch had 34 visits. There were games stalls for both adults and children, refreshments, a grand raffle, elf play room and snow machine experience.

Funds raised on the day were £1900.00





Year R Faith in Action

On Wednesday 10th December, Gianna, Dotty, Miles, Penelope and Wynter helped Miss Green and Miss Hennessy deliver our mince pies/Christmas cards to our neighbours. This was part of our Faith in Action Campaign where the children gave up their discovery time to make handmade Christmas cards and our Year R families donated boxes of mince pies.

All our neighbours were so incredibly grateful and the children were amazing! They were so polite, they listened when crossing the roads and they all spread some Christmas cheer. When we came back to school Mr Sendall shared how proud he was of us and how kind it was to give up our discovery time to make others feel happy.

Well done everyone!



Chapel News



There continues to be daily prayer from **8:15-8:40 Monday to Wednesday** with Miss 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

Posada

This is another word for a 'travelling nativity'. As we begin our journey towards Christmas. Posada allows us the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas in your home as a family. Posada helps to remind ourselves of the real gifts of faith, hope, love and joy as we prepare for Jesus.



Each phase has a Posada to share among their families. Within each set there is a candle, St Mary, St Joseph and prayer cards for families to gather around at home. If you would like to capture this moment to share with your child's class then please send in a photo. Families are invited to keep Posada for two nights maximum please as there are many families wishing to host the blessed pair.

If you would like to bring this travelling nativity home, please message your class teacher. May Posada bring many blessings to your family and home as you make room for Jesus in your lives.

Year 5/6 Rotational lessons

On a Monday afternoon, year 5 and 6 will follow a rota for art, Forest School and PE lessons. Please see the table opposite for you to use to be able to provide the correct equipment.

Year 5/6 – Monday PM				
	8/9, 15/9, 22/9	29/9, 6/10, 13/10, 20/10	3/11, 10/11, 17/11	24/11, 1/12, 8/12, 15/12
Art	Lyra	Orion	Aquila	Lyra
Forest School	Orion	Aquila	Lyra	Orion
CM Sports	Aquila	Lyra	Orion	Aquila



Parking Notice

You may have noticed that earlier this week the parking enforcement team were on duty outside school.

We have now been added to the list of schools they will visit regularly at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

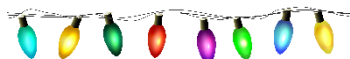
We hope this will help encourage all road users to park safely and legally around the school.

Year 1&2 Nativity

Just a reminder that Year 1&2 will be performing their Nativity, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' at St Michael and All Angels' Church. We are very lucky to be able to perform in the Church again this year, which will give us a true 'Christmas feel' and allow us to cater for a huge audience to support the children.

We will be at the Church all day to practise and, therefore, we kindly ask that the children be dropped off and picked up at the Church that day. The teachers will be at the Church ready to receive the children between **8.30am and 9.00am** and we kindly ask that you collect your child from the church after the performance has finished.

If your child is booked into Tommy's childcare they will be taken to the church and brought back depending on their booking.



School Christmas Dinner



On Thursday 18th December, the children will be having our annual School Christmas Dinner Day. Your child may bring a packed lunch to school if they wish or they will have the option of selecting a Red or Green Christmas dinner. This can be ordered on the day during registration.



Special diet menus will have the same options, with the appropriate changes made. Charges will be the same as any other day for your child choosing a red or green option.



Wear a Christmas Accessory or Christmas Jumper

On this day, children are invited to wear a Christmas accessory or Christmas jumper, both the accessory and Christmas jumper must be worn with their school uniform.

To help out, donated Christmas jumpers will hang on the donation rail, on the junior playground outside the school office. This is for you to borrow, wear and return.

If you have any Christmas jumpers or accessories you wish to donate, please bring these to the school office.

Class Christmas Tree Competition

Winners of the Class Christmas Tree Competition were Delphinus and Pre-School.
You will receive your Christmas treats next week!!





Jesus Prince of Peace Parish

Mass Schedule as of Saturday 6th September

Day	Time	Church
Saturday	12:00pm	St Michael's
Saturday Vigil	5:00pm	St Thomas'
	6:00pm	St Colman's
	6:15pm	Sacred Heart
Sunday	9:00am	St Thomas'
	9:00am	St Edmund's
	9:30am	St Colman's
	9:30am	St Michael's
	11:00am	Sacred Heart
	11:00am	*St Patrick's (From 5 th October)
	11:00am	St Joseph's
	11:30am	St Paul's
	1:00pm	St Joseph's (Polish)
	4:00pm	Queen Alexandra Hospital
	5:30pm	Sacred Heart
Monday	7:00am	Sacred Heart
	1230pm	Queen Alexandra Hospital
Tuesday	9am	St Colman's
	6:30pm	St Edmund's
Wednesday	9:30am	St Joseph's
	10:15am	St Michael's
	10:30am	St Patrick's
	12:00pm	Sacred Heart
Thursday	10:00am	St Thomas'
	10:00am	St Edmund's
	10:30am	St Patrick's
Friday	9:30am	St Joseph's
	10:30am	St Patrick's
	12:00pm	Sacred Heart
	6:30pm	St Colman's
	7.30pm	St Joseph's (Polish)

Office Hours

Just a reminder that the School Office opening hours are 8.30am -3.30pm.

If you need to make contact out of these hours, please email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk or call and leave a message on 02392 475909.

Staff will respond as soon as possible.

Class PE Days

please note there are a few changes

Children can come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE Day...

Year R:	Monday
Mars:	Wednesday and Friday
Jupiter:	Wednesday and Friday
Neptune:	Wednesday and Friday
Columba:	Wednesday and Friday
Delphinus:	Tuesday and Wednesday
Phoenix:	Tuesday and Friday
Aquila:	Thursday
Lyra:	Wednesday
Orion:	Thursday

Our School Hall Available to Hire!!

Did you know that our hall is available to hire in the evenings and at weekends?

We can take bookings for regular or one-off meetings, clubs and birthday parties.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Howard through the school office on adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk.

Tommy's Childcare

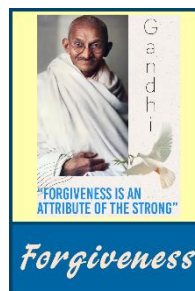
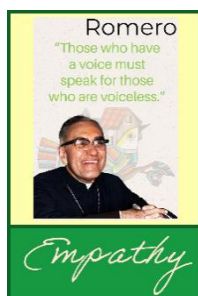
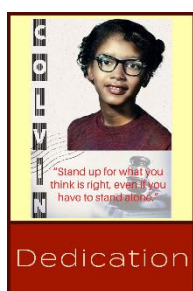


Breakfast club Sessions:
7:45am - 8:45am £5.00
8:00am – 8:45am £4.00

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 will need to be booked in advance.



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**.

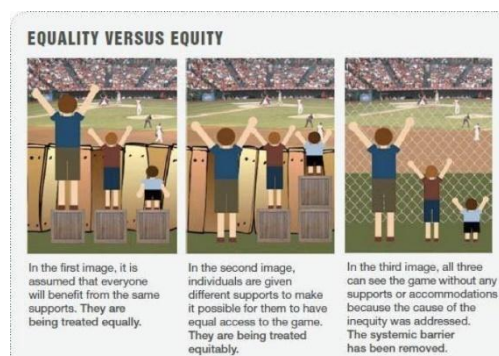
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.