



Dates for the Diary

Sat 6 Dec	St Thomas More's Christmas Fair 12pm-3pm
Tue 9 Dec	Year R Nativity performance 9.20am
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, Wed 4 Feb and 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

Elf Scavenger Hunt Entry Forms on still on Sale

The Elf Scavenger Hunt started this Thursday and our naughty elves have already been up to mischief hiding for the children to find them.

Entry forms are still on sale, if you would like to buy one, you can purchase from the school office or Tommy's childcare.

The last day of elf hiding will be on Wednesday 17th December.

If you missed the elves this week, here's the answers...

Thursday 4th December

Infant playground: Mr Sendall - C, Junior playground: Mrs Church - C

Friday 5th December

Infant playground: Miss Cryer - D Junior playground: Mrs Hill - D

School Council

This week, the School Council met to discuss their views on people's manners and behaviour.

Representatives shared feedback from their classes, highlighting both the positive aspects of behaviour during lessons and playtimes, as well as areas for improvement.

To help promote our school values, the council has agreed that members will take on a new role during playtimes: supporting staff by spotting and celebrating excellent examples of positive behaviour and good manners.



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>



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.





Attendance

Jupiter	98.7%
Mars	98.6%
Delphinus	98.1%
Columba	97.0%
Orion	97.0%
Aquila	96.8%
Jellyfish	96.1%
Angelfish	95.4%
Phoenix	93.2%
Pre-School	93.2%
Lyra	92.9%
Neptune	89.0%

attendance
MATTERS



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 at the correct time:

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

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.



BURNOUT IN THE LEAD-UP TO CHRISTMAS

with a guest speaker Ellie - Lived Experience Trainer | Autism & ADHD

17th December - 11am - online Session

Join Ellie as she shares her lived experience of autism, ADHD, and navigating the pressures of the festive season.

Ellie brings honest insight as an ADHD, Autistic adult, and mum to two autistic teenagers.
A supportive, relatable session to help you make the festive period more manageable.

This session will explore:

- What burnout can look and feel like in the run-up to Christmas
- Why the festive period can be particularly challenging for autistic and ADHD individuals
- Practical techniques and preparation strategies from Ellie's lived experience
- How parents and caregivers can support autistic or ADHD young people during this time
- Ways to reduce overwhelm and create a more manageable, meaningful holiday season



To book onto this session please use our Ticket tailor link : <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn>



December 2025

Get Togethers



4th December, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA -

10th December, 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viabes Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

16th December, 10-12pm: Eastleigh - St Francis Hall, Nightingale Avenue SO50 9JH - ****SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support****

17th December, 8-9pm: online Evening - Meeting ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT

19th December, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD



Join us

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

Hampshire SENDIASS
This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Eastleigh** session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.

For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk

JRSO Be Bright Be Seen Competition Winners!

Our team of Junior Road Safety Officers had great fun this week choosing the winning posters of the Be Bright Be Seen competition that they launched a few weeks ago. The four winning designs can be seen here. Congratulations to Nova-Leigh in Year R, Winnie in KS1, Missy in Year 3/4 and Arabella in Year 5/6. Your posters will be out on display very soon to remind everyone of the importance of Being Bright to Be Seen, especially in the winter months. THANK YOU to everyone who entered this competition – there were some great designs!!





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.



FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS MORE'S

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER, 12PM - 3PM

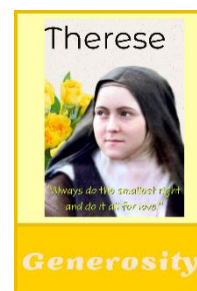
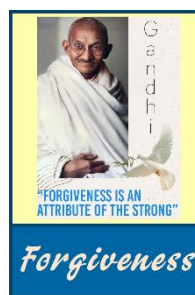
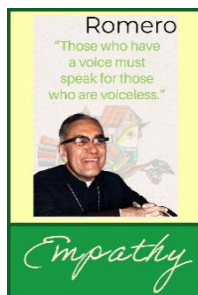
50P ENTRY - CHILDREN FREE

GAMES - SANTA'S OR GRINCH'S GROTTO - SNOW MACHINE

STALLS - REFRESHMENTS - RAFFLE - ELF PLAY ROOM

BOOK IN ADVANCE TO VISIT SANTA OR THE GRINCH

ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOOKS LANE,
BEDHAMPTON, HAVANT HANTS PO9 3DR 02392 475909



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**.

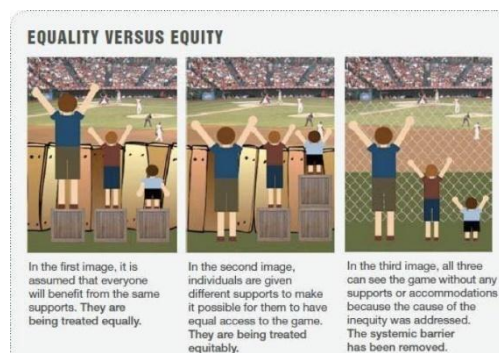
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.