



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

|                            |                                                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 28 Nov                 | Non-Uniform Day – Bring a donation for Christmas Fair |
| 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                  | INSET Day                                             |
| Wed 4 Feb                  | INSET Day                                             |
| Thurs 5 Feb                | INSET Day                                             |

### Attendance

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Orion      | 99.7% |
| Delphinus  | 98.4% |
| Jupiter    | 97.3% |
| Angelfish  | 95.9% |
| Aquila     | 95.7% |
| Mars       | 95.5% |
| Phoenix    | 95.2% |
| Pre-School | 95.1% |
| Jellyfish  | 94.8% |
| Neptune    | 94.3% |
| Columba    | 94.3% |
| Lyra       | 92.9% |

attendance  
**MATTERS**

### Non-Uniform Day (Bring in donations) – Friday 28 November

As the Christmas Fair is fast approaching, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28 November in return for donations for our fair, raffle and bottle tombola.

Please donate as little or as much as you wish, donations can be taken to class or brought to the school office. Thank you in advance!



#### Bottles for Bottle Tombola

This can be alcohol, squash, bubble bath, non-alcoholic wine etc...

#### Christmas Goodies

Christmas goodies – chocolate, sweets, mince pies, selection packs, boxes of chocolates, biscuits, candles, unwanted gifts etc...



We are still looking for volunteers to help run a stall at the fair, whether it be 12-3pm or split 12-1.30pm and /or 1.30-3pm – Any help is gratefully received.

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.





## School Book Fair



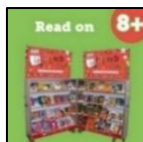
The Scholastic book fair will be visiting from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December.

We will set up in the Junior playground after school for parents and children to have a look, from 3.15pm onwards.

If your child is in Tommy's childcare, please speak to Tommy's staff, who can assist.

**Payments can be made by card only**

Please look out for an exciting competition too.



## 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](mailto:adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk).



## 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>

## St Thomas More's Christmas Fair Grotto Sign up

### Opens Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

For our Christmas Fair, both Father Christmas and The Grinch will be hosting Christmas Grottos. Appointment slots will open on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Cost per Grotto visit is £4. Included in this price, is a magical winter wonderland walk, where afterwards you will be escorted to your grotto by one of our helpful elves.



During your visit with Father Christmas or the Grinch, parents can take as many photos as they wish - and with the elves if wanted too (please just ask) ... and I'm sure there be a gift or two for the children to take away.

Please visit the school office or Tommy's to book your slot with Father Christmas or The Grinch. Please note, you will need to pay £4 (cash) per appointment slot at the time of booking in order to secure.





## Time to Shine Day

The fantastic team of Junior Road Safety Officers (J.R.S.O.s) came to school wearing something different on Friday morning...



...they arrived in bright neon clothes, complete with fluorescent and reflective clothing, flashing lights and glow sticks!

They made quite an impact with several staff asking them why they were wearing non-uniform...it worked...they wanted to Be Bright and Be Seen, which is the theme of the road safety initiative that the JRSOs wanted to share with the school.

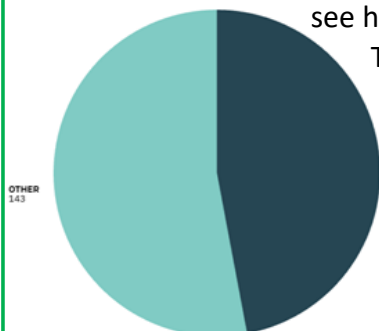
They shared a presentation with the whole school, that along with other information, showed images of the same child in dark clothing and then wearing fluorescent and reflective clothing.



We also asked Miss Cryer to join Alice at the front of the hall – we could hardly see her against the black curtain as she was wearing totally black!!

This helped to highlight the importance of wearing bright coloured coats in the darker winter months.

We carried out a data collection of the colour of coats that children wear to school, and found out that just under half of the children in our school wear either black or dark blue coats that cannot be seen easily by car drivers in the dark.



The JRSOs have also launched a competition for children across the school to design and create posters that will be put up around our school grounds reminding everyone how important it is to be bright and be seen when out and about. Poster competition entry forms will be available from Monday 24th November and all entries will need to be in by Friday 5th December. The JRSOs will choose their favourites to make into posters and the winners will receive a bright shiny prize



## Mr Sendall says...

An absolutely HUGE well done to the Junior Road Safety Officers! Not only are they dedicated to giving up their Friday mornings to patrolling outside the school to encourage people to park safely, they have also taken the time to prepare an assembly for the school on wearing bright colours to keep safe on the roads when it's dark. I know that some of them were a little nervous before they started, but you would never have known this. They were so confident and delivered this really important message excellently!



So, thank you Junior Road Safety Officers - you truly shone brightly today!

## Spare IT equipment available

In the upcoming weeks, we will have some computer monitors, keyboards and mice available for free, if you know of anyone or anywhere that can make use of such equipment. Please contact either Mrs Carpenter (via Class Dojo) or leave a message with the school office if you are interested at all.

Thank you



## 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 below for you to use to be able to provide the correct equipment at the correct time:

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
|               | 24/11, 1/12,<br>8/12, 15/12 |
| Art           | Lyra                        |
| Forest School | Orion                       |
| CM Sports     | Aquila                      |

## ELF SCAVENGER HUNT

STARTS THURS 4TH DECEMBER

FIND THE ELVES ON THE PLAYGROUNDS EACH DAY... WORK OUT WHO IS THE ELF EACH DAY.....

ARRANGE THE LETTER CLUES TO SPELL OUT A CHRISTMASSY WORD.

ENTER YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO BE IN FOR THE CHANCE OF WINNING A PRIZE!

P1 ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE/TOMMY'S FROM 25 NOV



### Jesus Prince of Peace Parish

Mass Schedule as of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

| Day                   | Time    | Church                                       |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>       | 12:00pm | St Michael's                                 |
| <b>Saturday Vigil</b> | 5:00pm  | St Thomas'                                   |
|                       | 6:00pm  | St Colman's                                  |
|                       | 6:15pm  | Sacred Heart                                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>         | 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 <sup>th</sup> 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                                 |
| <b>Monday</b>         | 7:00am  | Sacred Heart                                 |
|                       | 1230pm  | Queen Alexandra Hospital                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>        | 9am     | St Colman's                                  |
|                       | 6:30pm  | St Edmund's                                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>      | 9:30am  | St Joseph's                                  |
|                       | 10:15am | St Michael's                                 |
|                       | 10:30am | St Patrick's                                 |
|                       | 12:00pm | Sacred Heart                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>       | 10:00am | St Thomas'                                   |
|                       | 10:00am | St Edmund's                                  |
|                       | 10:30am | St Patrick's                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>         | 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](mailto: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              |

### Chapel News

In the school chapel, we continue to pray rosary Monday-Wednesday mornings before school starts.

In the month of **November**, we particularly pray for those who have died and for our school intentions. This is an inspiring opportunity for parents to accompany their children for prayer.

Please arrive at the infant gate entrance before 8:15 and Miss Cryer will let you through. Thank you.



### 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](mailto: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

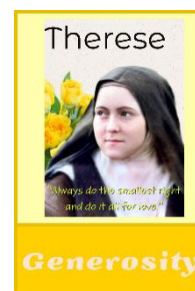
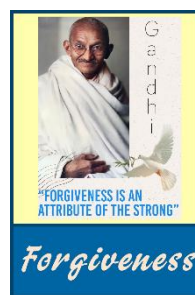
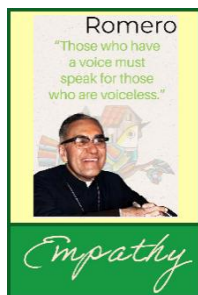
50P ENTRY - CHILDREN FREE

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**.

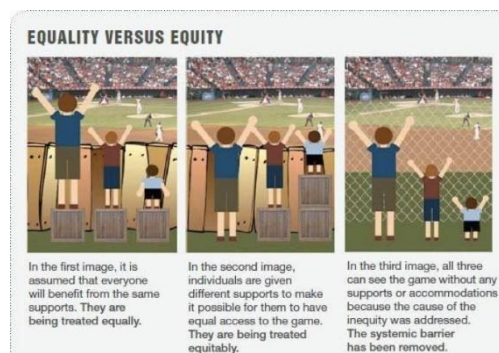
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

**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.