



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

Tue 18 Nov	School & Pre-School Open Evening 4pm-7pm
Fri 21 Nov	Time to Shine Day
Fri 28 Nov	Non-Uniform Day – Bring a donation for Christmas Fair
Sat 6 Dec	St Thomas More's Christmas Fair 12pm-3pm
Mon 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
Weds 4, Thurs 5 Feb	INSET Days

Attendance

Jupiter	98.3%
Orion	97.3%
Mars	96.9%
Jellyfish	96.1%
Phoenix	95.8%
Columba	95.0%
Pre-School	94.7%
Lyra	93.9%
Aquila	93.2%
Delphinus	92.6%
Neptune	92.0%
Angelfish	89.4%

attendance
MATTERS

Remembrance Day

We would like to say a big thank you to the Little Troopers who collected donations by selling poppies and Royal British Legion merchandise this past week and for leading the Remembrance Liturgy on Tuesday.

St Thomas More's Remembered



Class PE Days

please note there are a few changes

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

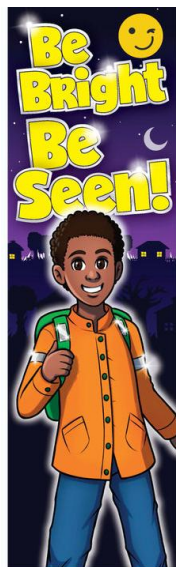
Year R:	Monday
Mars:	Wednesday and Friday
Jupiter:	Wednesday and Friday
Neptune:	Wednesday and Friday
Columba:	Wednesday and Friday
Delphinus:	Tuesday and Wednesday
Phoenix:	Tuesday and Friday
Aquila:	Thursday

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.





Time to Shine Day – Friday 21 November

The Junior Road Safety Officers would like to recognise the 'Time to Shine' Road Safety initiative again this year. They met as a team last week to share ideas that they can use to promote the message of wearing bright clothes, especially in the darker months, to be seen and stay safe whilst out and about.

They will be visiting classes next week to collect some data that they will then share in an assembly with the whole school. During this assembly they will also be sharing what they know and have learned about 'Be Bright, Be Seen' from their recent JRSO training.

Look out for the competition that they will be sharing too, which involves our children designing road safety posters to put out and about around our outside school environment.



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...

Christmas Grotto's, Winter Wonderland Walk & Snow Forecast

For our Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December, Father Christmas and The Grinch have both agreed to open their grottos up to visitors. We will be booking appointment slots from Wednesday 26th November....

Let's hope that naughty Grinch behaves himself this year!

Both grottos can be reached through the *new and improved* Winter Wonderland Walk. If you don't have a grotto appointment on the day you will still be very welcome to walk through the Winter Wonderland.... it will be for everyone to enjoy.

As an added extra for this year, our classes will be decorating the Christmas trees displayed in the Winter Wonderland Walk and visitors will have the option to vote for their favourite creation. The voting forms will be handed to you on entry to the fair and the winning class will win a magical Christmas treat.



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.

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:

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



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>

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.

School Council Update

This week, our new School Council held its first meeting! During the meeting, we decided on our roles within the Council and are excited to get started. Look out for the School Council members proudly wearing their new badges around school.

After the meeting, we returned to our classes to share the key question that will be the focus of discussion at our next meeting.

This week, School Council members sold Pudsey accessories to raise money for *Children in Need* and our newly appointed Treasurers will share the fundraising total with you.

We look forward to sharing more updates with you in the newsletter throughout the year!

Written by Jenna and Marnie

School Book Fair

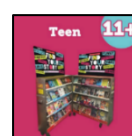


The Scholastic book fair will be visiting from 25th November to 1st December.

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





Early Years Practitioner Vacancy

We have extended the deadline for applications for our Early Years Practitioner vacancy in our Pre-School. For more information, please visit the vacancies page of our school website.

INSET DAYS

We have now been able to schedule our third and fourth INSET days. These will be together and are on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th FEBRUARY 2026. The staff will be spending these two days further developing the Foundation Subjects curricula.

Mr Sendall says

There are several groups I want to say "Well done and thank you" to this week.

Firstly, thank you to all those Year 6 children who have shown prospective parents around the school on the recent Open Days. The parents were so complimentary of the children - they did a really good job.

Secondly, a huge thank you to our Little Troopers, for the wonderful Remembrance Service they prepared and lead for us. You did your military parents proud!

And finally, for the School Council who did a fantastic job of collecting and counting the money for Children In Need. There were more donations at the end of the school day, so once that has been added to the total, we will let you know how much we have raised.

Have a great weekend.

Children In Need 2025

Thank you to our families for supporting our fundraising efforts for Children in Need Day. Well done to the children who also took part in a range of Challenge 25 activities as part of the day.





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)

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.



Our School Hall

Available for 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.

Christmas Fair Volunteers

As our Christmas fair approaches, we are looking for some help both prepping for the fair and helping at the fair.

If you are able to donate some time to help out, please contact the school office on adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk.

Prep-work has already started but to give you an idea of tasks still available...

Sticking tickets on the bottles for the bottle tombola.

Packing fluffy socks into gift bags

Making reindeer food bags for Father Christmas (even he needs our help!)

And so much more....

On the day, we run from 12-3pm. If you'd like to run a games stall, even if it is for 1.5hrs, this would help a lot.

Alternatively, you could join the Christmas shopping team and help sell gifts. Again, this can be a 3hr slot or part time.

Any help is greatly received and all goes towards making it a fun day for all.



FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS MORE'S

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER, 12PM - 3PM

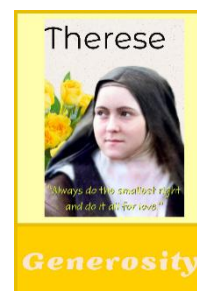
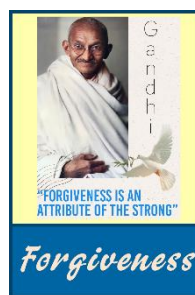
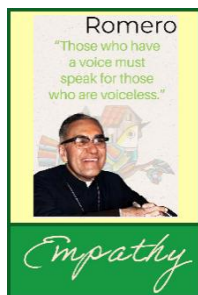
50P ENTRY - CHILDREN FREE

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**.

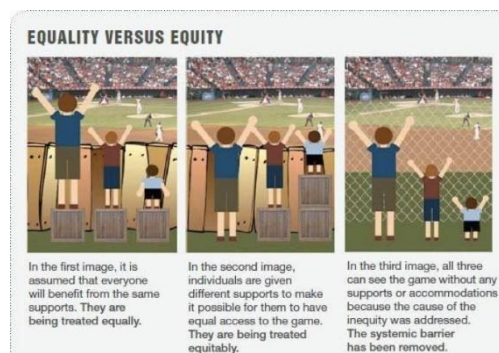
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.