



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

- Wed 22 Oct School & Pre-School Open Day 9.30am-11.30am
Thurs 23 Oct KS1 Pirate Day – come dressed as pirates if you're in KS1!
Fri 24 Oct Rugby Festival (selected children)

Week Beginning 27 October Half term & Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt

- Mon 10 Nov School & Pre-School Open Day 9.30am -11.00am
Tue 18 Nov School & Pre-School Open Evening 4pm-7pm
Sat 6 Dec St Thomas More's Christmas Fair 12pm-3pm
Mon 15 Dec KS1 Nativity at St Michael & All Angels @ 1pm
Mon 18 May School Photos (Class and Leavers)

Attendance

Angelfish	99.5%
Phoenix	99.4%
Neptune	98.7%
Columba	98.3%
Jellyfish	98.3%
Jupiter	97.7%
Orion	97.0%
Aquila	96.1%
Pre-School	96.0%
Delphinus	94.5%
Mars	94.5%
Lyra	94.2%

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MATTERS

Calling all Grandparents and Grandparent Friends...

On **Thursday 13th November**, we are inviting grandparents and friends to join us at **St Thomas More's Pre-School** for a special intergenerational afternoon from **2.15pm to 2.45pm**.

Reading a story with the children Drawing pictures together Building with LEGO

Let's come together to share laughter, creativity, and connection as we help
build a stronger community.

Places are limited so if you would like to attend, please call the school office on 02392 475909 or by filling in this form <https://forms.office.com/e/4YDF98DeE3>



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.





Faith in Action – Columba Class

Our first Faith in Action project for year 2025-2026

Well done Columba.

It was so lovely to see you putting your faith into action this week, working with Kids Clothes Line and the wonderful Sally Codling. She was so impressed with how polite, kind, and hardworking you all were!

You did a fantastic job sorting through all the clothes, helping to prepare “wardrobes in a bag” for children who really need them. Your teamwork and care made such a difference today.

As Saint Oscar Romero reminds us:

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

And today, Columba, you truly showed what it means to be more— more caring, more generous, and more faithful in action.

Well done, Columba and thank you to anyone who contributed!



Neptune Faith in Action: Pilgrimage to St Michael with offerings of Mother Mary Prayer Bags

In this year of hope, Neptune made a pilgrimage to St Michael and All Angels in Leigh Park. During this month of Holy Rosary, each child made two or three Marian prayer bags which contained, a tea light, a Marian medal, and a picture of Our Lady with a prayer intention. The children wrote requests for Mother Mary to pray for the sick, lonely, homeless, poor, animals, the dead, teachers, children, creation and many more things.

These prayer bags are available at St Michael and All Angels (where the class made their pilgrimage on Thursday) and also at St Joseph's church in Havant. They are for parishioners to take away and pray to Mother Mary. Such a beautiful example of Faith in Action.

On arrival at the church, Father Tom greeted us to talk through features of the building. Earlier that day, he said that Mother Mary had a message and basket for Neptune class! Mother Mary was very thankful for the prayer bags and had gifted each child with their own rosary. It was such a special and exciting moment for everyone! After this, the class prayed three Hail Mary's and Father blessed the children before their return to school.

Well done to Neptune class for your pilgrimage and your fine example of faith in action. A great big thank you to Father Tom, our school governor Mr Kingdon and our parent volunteers. We hope some of our school community will discover our Marian prayer bags at either of the two churches.





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
	12:30pm	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)

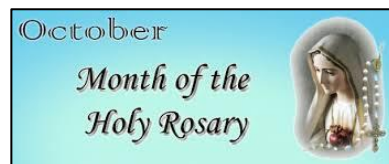
Chapel News

In the Chapel, we will honour Our Lady during her blessed month of the Rosary Monday to Wednesday with Miss Cryer.

Please come and join, as we pray the rosary, sing hymns and pray Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is an inspiring opportunity for parents to accompany their children for prayer. Any flowers are most welcome to celebrate our Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

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

Please be assured in our praying for school intentions.



Friends of St Thomas More's PTFA

Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt Maps on sale now !!

Maps can be purchased for £1 each from the school office or Tommy's Childcare.

Scavenger Hunt takes place over half term – There are 19 scarecrows to find.

Hand in your entry forms after half term to your class teacher. Prizes to be won and winners announced on Friday 7 November.



FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS MORE'S SCARECROW SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday 25th Oct – Sunday 2nd Nov

Purchase a Scarecrow Scavenger Map for just £1.00.

Maps will be on sale from the school office/Tommy's from Monday 13 October.

Find the scarecrows on display outside houses close to our school.

Solve the coded message.

Enter the draw to win a prize!

Please can you help us run this event by making a scarecrow to be placed in a location near the school?

If you are interested in this event, pop into the office, or email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk or call 02392 475909

One Tree Day

Today the children celebrated JUST ONE tree day, a day that focuses on the importance of trees in our world. Children were tasked with creating a "natural image" out of fallen materials from a tree.

All the donations collected will be forwarded onto the JUST ONE Tree charity, stay tuned for our grand total!

Thanks for taking part.





Pirate Ship Opening

Monday's assembly was held on the KS1 playground this week so that Mr Sendall could re-open our schools pirate ship, with a new addition... The St Thomas More's Sail.

Now the flooring around the pirate ship has been re-surfaced, the children are able to use the ship again at play time.



Is your child starting School in September 2026...

A reminder for families who may have children due to start school in September 2026, for those children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

Applications open:
Saturday 1 November 2025

Applications close:
Thursday 15 January 2026

For more information:
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Is your child starting Year 7 in September 2026...

A reminder for families who have children due to start Year 7 in September 2026. Applications opened on Monday 8 September 2025

Applications close:
Friday 31 October 2025

For more information: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Job Vacancy

We have a rare job vacancy for a part-time Early Years Assistant in our Pre-School.

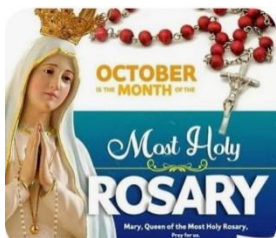
For more information, please visit the vacancies page of our website:

www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

or click

[Early Years Assistant job advert](#)
to view the job advert.

October is the month of Holy Rosary



We dedicate October to praying the Holy Rosary in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her intercessions are so very powerful and, in this month, we are called to pray rosary every day. These beautiful prayers bring us close to our Mother and even closer to her Son, Jesus. Rosary guides us with scripture and prayers of praise, thanksgiving, concerns and specific intercessions.

During this month, each phase will have a travelling Mary, rosary and candle for families to take home for the night to share these prayers and blessings in your home. If you would like to receive Our Blessed Mary to your home, please contact your class teacher who will arrange this.

We would love Mama Maria to visit many families during this special month.

May our travelling Mary supply our school community with all we need to remain close to Our Lady and obtain graces and blessings from Our Loving Father.



St Thomas More's Primary School & Pre-School

OPEN DAYS 2025

Teacher-Led Pre-School | Caring Staff |
Comprehensive Curriculum | Engaging
Extracurricular Activities | Safe and Supportive
Learning Environment



Wednesday 22nd October 2025 (9:30 - 11am)

Monday 10th November 2025 (9:30 - 11am)

Tuesday 18th November 2025 (4pm - 7pm)

We welcome children of any faith, or none

Hooks Lane, Havant, PO9 3DR

www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

02392 475909

If you can't make these dates, please visit the Open Day page on our website and use the form to request a different date.



Some reminders from previous weeks' newsletters...

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Just a reminder if you wish to take part in the Shoebox scheme, empty boxes can be collected from the school office.

Completed boxes will need to be returned to school between Thursday 16th October and Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Boxes cannot be accepted after this date.



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 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 to as soon as possible, please allow time for this to happen.

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.
No last-minute bookings on a Thursday.

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

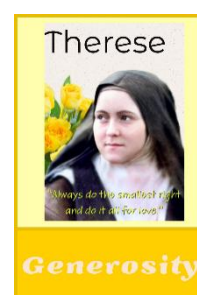
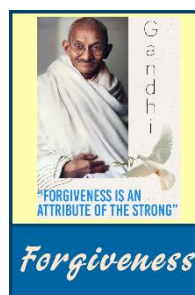
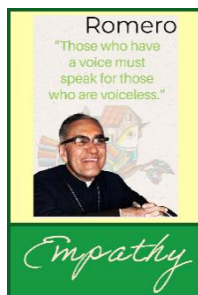
Class PE Days

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

Mars: Wednesday and Friday
Jupiter: Wednesday and Friday
Neptune: Wednesday and Friday

Columba: Tuesday and Friday
Delphinus: Wednesday and Friday
Phoenix: Tuesday and Wednesday

Aquila: Monday and Thursday
Lyra: Thursday
Orion: Thursday



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**.

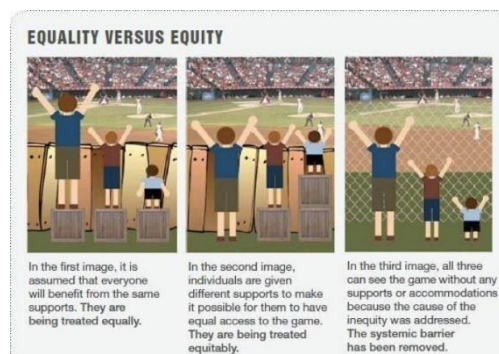
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.