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Dates for the Diary

Wed 8 Oct	School photographs (siblings and Individual)
Thurs 9 Oct	Year 3/4 Cookery Workshop
Thur 16 Oct	School Nurse visit, whole school flu vaccination
Fri 17 Oct	Quiz Night (adults only) 6.30pm, sign up essential
Week Beginning 27 October Half term & Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt	
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	99.1%
Mars	99.0%
Neptune	98.7%
Jupiter	97.9%
Columba	97.0%
Jellyfish	96.5%
Delphinus	96.5%
Aquila	94.4%
Phoenix	93.9%
Orion	93.3%
Lyra	92.6%
Pre-School	91.4%

attendance
MATTERS



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>

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Reminder

School nurses will be visiting the school on Thursday 16th October to administer the annual nasal flu vaccination to children in year R-6. This vaccination helps protect against flu.

Please either follow the link below for the electronic form and information. You will need to access this form to opt in or opt out of the process.

Link to website:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/>

Use School Code: **SH116377**

INFO@CM-SPORTS.CO.UK
02392 987881

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
YEAR 1 - 6 FOOTBALL CLUB



St Thomas More's Primary School

**WHEN**
Mondays
3:15pm - 4:30pm

**DATES**
Sessions Finish
December 15th

**COST**
£6.50 Per
Remaining Week

BOOK NOW



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

'Praise the Lord, you strong and mighty angels, who obey his commands, who listen to what he says.' Psalm 103:20





Friends of St Thomas More's PTFA – Donation Requests

As a charity, our aim to fundraise for the school, but we also want to give both children and adults a good quality experience during our organised events. If we can keep financial outlay for these events low, we can put more back into the school.

In a bid to help us succeed, we often ask for donations from you the parents, to help us out.

At our recent PTFA meeting we created a wish list, if you can help with any of the below requested items or know of anyone that works somewhere where a discount could be obtained, please contact us in the school office.

We appreciate everything we receive and thank you in advance.

Raffle prizes/gifts

We would love it if you could help us by donating items that can be used as raffle prizes.

No matter how small, we can always combine several smaller items to create a larger prize. Some ideas...

ANY bottles (alcohol, bubble bath, ketchup) - Un-opened gifts and games - Christmas items (new socks, gifts and toys)

Keter Store garden storage shed (1200L)

In order to home a recently donated set of giant Lego bricks, we ask if anyone works at a company who sells these storage sheds or has one they no longer need.

We have priced this item and am just hoping we could get a discount or free donation.



Bark Chip

To help replenish our Woodland Area, we are asking for a large, free donation of wood chip. Please contact the school office if you're able to help, prior to delivery as we will need check the supplied woodchip is appropriate for school use.

Scarecrow makers

If you would like to make a scarecrow and donate it to our Scarecrow scavenger hunt in the October half term break, please get in touch with the school office either in person or on adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk by the end of next week.

To give you give an idea, here's some of last year's participants along with our "how to guide" if you need one.



With regards to hosting a scarecrow for the week - We have a list of local addresses, which we will contact and ask permission for the scarecrow to be placed.

Just because you make one, it does not mean you need to home it.



Buy a
coverall
disposable
Suit

Pack the
suit with
screwed up
newspaper

Use an
old pillow
case for
the head

Dress
him/her
in old
clothes

Draw a
scarecrow
face on the
pillowcase



Pre-School News

We have had a great few weeks settling back in to pre-school and welcoming new friends and families.

The children have been busy learning through their play in discovery time. In group times we have been talking about our feelings, families and where we live.

We thought we would share some pictures of the exciting things the children have been up to.

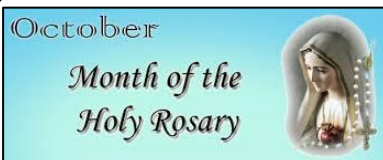


Chapel News

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. Thank you.



Please be assured in our praying for school intentions.

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 emergency bookings on a Thursday.



Domestic Abuse

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, support is available across Hampshire. Whether you're a victim, a concerned friend or family member, or someone seeking help to change abusive behaviour - there are services ready to listen and support you.

Help is confidential, free, and available to everyone.

You don't have to face this alone.

School staff have received training and are here to support you too. If you ever need someone to talk to, please reach out we're here to help.

Please follow this link for information that might help you better understand what abuse is and what this looks like. <https://stopdomesticabuse.uk/>

Stop Domestic Abuse 0330 0533 630

Hampshire Domestic Abuse help line Abuse 03300 165 112



to the new JRSO team



Noah - Isabelle - Oliver - Poppy - Zofia
Lily - Ellie - Jessica - Freddie - Alice



Rotary Shoebox Scheme

We will be supporting the Rotary Shoebox scheme again this year, which is a great charity that helps children in Eastern Europe receive a Christmas gift. You can make up a small Christmas gift box for those less fortunate, by filling one of the supplied shoeboxes with toys and gifts, which the Rotary Club will mail across seas on your behalf.

If you would like to get involved this year, please ask at the school office where you can collect your instruction leaflet and flat pack box.

Please do not completely wrap the box, as it will need to be opened and checked before posting.

You can decorate your box with stickers or colouring.

We have a leaflet which explains all.

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.

For more information visit www.rotaryshoebox.org



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.

St Thomas More's School Open Days

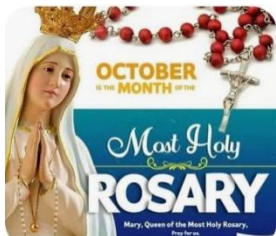
Please be aware that we will have the following Open Day events:

Weds 22 nd October	9.30am-11.30am
Mon 10 th November	9.30am-11.30am
Tues 18 th November	4pm - 7pm

If you or any other prospective parents would like to come along, please do so. No need to register, just arrive

We look forward to meeting you.

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.





Some reminders from previous weeks' newsletters...



St Thomas More's Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held on
Saturday 6th December 12-3pm.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE !!

If you would like to volunteer to help run a stall,
please contact adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk
or speak to the staff in the school office.



Earrings on PE Days

During PE lessons, children with pierced ears should either take their earrings out or provide their own medical tape to cover up.

School cannot provide medical tape for the children to use so we ask parents to do this instead please.

If children are to remove their ear-rings for the lesson, we ask that parents provide a container for them to keep their earrings safe during the lesson, as the office can no longer supply envelopes for this.

Lost Coat

Please can you check that your child hasn't brought home a lost coat by accident.

It is khaki green, Mountain Warehouse, aged 7-8yrs.

If you do find it, please return to the school office or Tommy's childcare.

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

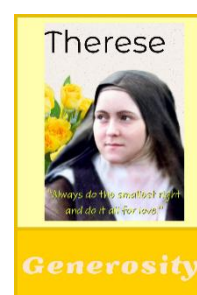
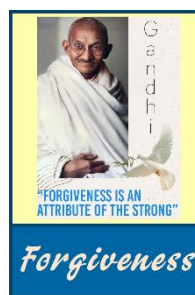
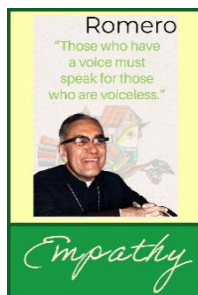
Columba: Tuesday and Friday
Delphinus: Wednesday and Friday
Phoenix: Tuesday and Wednesday

Aquila: Monday and Thursday
Lyra: Thursday
Orion: Thursday

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 17 OCT - STMS SCHOOL HALL

**SIGN UP IN ADVANCE BY 10 OCT AT SCHOOL OFFICE/
TOMMY'S CHILDCARE**



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**.

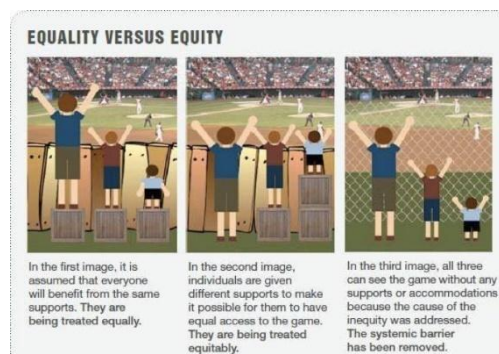
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.