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Dates for the Diary

Sun 21 Sept	Uniform Mass at St Michael & All Angel's 9.30am
Wed 8 Oct	School photographs (siblings and Individual)
Thur 16 Oct	School Nurse visit, whole school flu vaccination
Week Beginning 27 October Half term break	
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

Pre-School	99.5%
Jellyfish	99.5%
Neptune	99.0%
Aquila	96.8%
Delphinus	96.8%
Phoenix	96.8%
Columba	96.3%
Lyra	95.5%
Angelfish	95.4%
Jupiter	95.2%
Orion	94.3%
Mars	92.8%

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Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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**



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.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" **Psalm 121:1-2**





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.



Chapel News

There continues to be daily prayer from **8:15-8:40 am 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 Miss Cryer at the infant gate before **8:15am**.

Be assured of prayers for our school's intentions.



Friends of St Thomas More's PTFA

Thank you to all who managed to make our first meeting this academic year.

Various topics were discussed and we have set some dates:

Adult Quiz Night	Friday 17 October 7pm (over 18yrs only)
Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt	October Half Term Week
Naughty Elf Hunt	December 2025
Christmas Fair	Saturday 6 December 12-3pm

More information will be sent out soon.

Free Parent Online Safety Webinars

Keeping your children safe online is no easy task, so we are always looking for ways to support our families with this. So, we have registered our school with Natterhub, online safety specialists, who will be delivering two webinars as detailed below.



We invite all parents and caregivers of children aged five and under to join us for a **FREE** lunchtime session filled with age-appropriate online safety guidance.

Joining the session are two experts in Early Years education from Twinkl, who will be sharing their insights.

23 September 12 pm

Please use this link to join - <https://shorturl.at/Tlu87>

We invite all parents and caregivers of primary-aged children to join us for a **FREE** lunchtime webinar. This session will provide information to help those with young children find a healthy balance when it comes to looking after their digital lives.

25 September 1pm

Please use this link to join - <https://shorturl.at/WBAH1>





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



School Tuck

Tuck is sold every break time to children in KS2 only.

Apple Juice 50p

Orange Juice 50p

Milkshakes 50p

Bread 30p

Fruit 30p



Pre-School Request

Please can you help us by donating any found conkers, acorns and pinecones for the children to use in their mud kitchen.

Items can be dropped into Pre-school direct or to the school office.



Calling all singers, dancers and performers in faith.
An invitation from St John's Cathedral to the diocese.
All welcome!
Hoping to see STMS represented at this great event...

St. John's Celebration of Talents
Praise, Worship, Thanksgiving, Music, Dance, Songs
22nd Nov 2025, 13:30 onwards at St. John's Cathedral Hall, PO1 3QA
Open to all Ages.

To participate, sponsor or volunteer contact:
Biju Thomas 07716087407 / Icynt Ferraro 07845356013
Deacon Zacharius 07545280466

Snacks, Drinks will be available for purchase.
All money raised will go to Cathedral building funds.

*Parent / Guardian consent required & accompanied for children under 13 years to attend or participate.



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.

St Thomas More's Uniform Mass

Sunday 21st September will be our first School uniform Mass at St Michael and All Angel's Church at 9.30am.

We hope that many of our families will be present this Sunday.



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

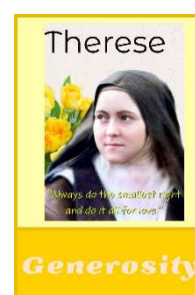
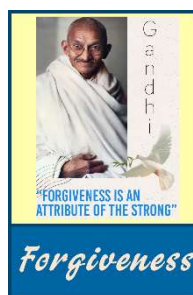
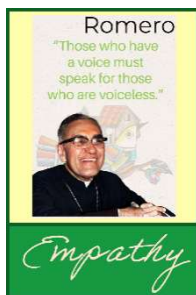
Class PE Days

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



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**.

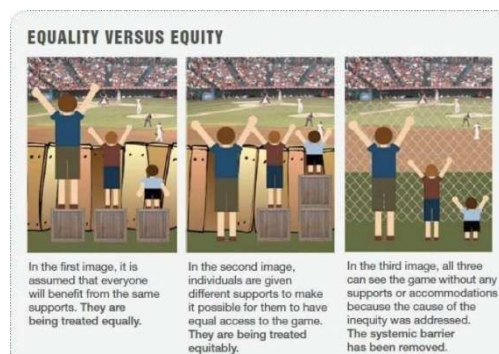
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.