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Dates for the Diary

Tue 21 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass
Tue 21 July	Y6 Fun Day
Wed 22 July	Y6 Leavers' Picnic
Wed 22 July	Last day of term
Tue 1 Sept	INSET Day for both Pre-School & school
Wed 2 Sept	INSET Day for both Pre-School & school
Thurs 12 Nov	Flu Vaccination Day (whole school)

Menu Change – Weds 22 July

There will be no red or green option, the lunch choices will be:

White - Tuna mayo
Baguette
Blue – Pasta
Yellow - Cheese jacket
potato

Attendance

Phoenix	97.9%
Orion	96.1%
Mars	95.9%
Neptune	95.3%
Aquila	95.2%
Columba	93.3%
Delphinus	92.9%
Lyra	91.9%
Jupiter	90.3%
Jellyfish	89.6%
Angelfish	89.5%
Pre-School	85.3%

Mr Sendall says...

As the term comes to an end, we start thinking about buying new school uniform...!! So, before you all do this, please remember that we have a rack of donated uniform items available outside the school office which are free for you to take. You're welcome to take items, and you are more than welcome to take items for your child to try on and return anything that doesn't fit.

If you have any spare uniform pieces at home, we'd be very grateful for any donations to help others!

If you're finding it difficult to source uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us — we're here to help.

Uniform

- White tailored shirt
- School tie (dark blue with narrow red and yellow diagonal stripes)
- Tailored school trousers, skirt or pinafore in mid grey
- Navy blue V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with school logo
- Grey socks or grey tights
- White socks (preferably only with summer dresses but can be worn with winter uniform)
- Flat, closed black shoes
- PE KIT - Navy P.E. shorts, plain white top and plimsolls to be kept in a drawstring bag. Children will also require navy blue jogging trousers/leggings and plain navy sweatshirt (not hoodie) for cold weather.
- Long hair should be tied back with **very plain navy blue or white** hair bands, bobbles or clips.
- **No** large bows or accessories.

Most importantly, if you want it back, label it!! (Children are notorious for losing things, and often their only way of reclaiming their items is through smell...!! If items are labelled, we can return them to the child easily)

Bags and Bottles

For space, it is REALLY helpful if bags are small (book bags are ideal, but as the children get older, I appreciate that a rucksack may be preferred, but please can this be as small as possible).

Similarly, water bottles are growing in size so much that they take up a lot of space. We have cool water available at all times, so the children can refill them, so again, please can you buy smaller sized bottles. The school ones are ideal.

Many thanks for your support with this. It may seem trivial, but it really helps out.



Friends of St Thomas More's PTFA

Can you help save our PTFA?

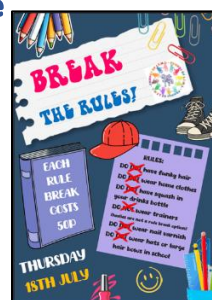


Our PTFA is currently largely run by school staff and we think we have done an amazing job of raising valuable funds for our school – over £20,000 in 3 years!

However, some of our committee members are standing down, and we are now looking for new faces in our school community to take over many of the key roles, to help continue the work of our well-established Friends of St Thomas More's.

We will be holding an AGM in the Autumn term, to hopefully elect new committee members, so over the holidays, please do chat with your friends and if you are interested in keeping the PTFA going, please contact the school office for more information.

If our PTFA closes, sadly there will be no more of the following fantastic fund-raising events that we have organised for our school community...





Treetops Sexual Assault Referral Centre

For people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

You don't have to speak to the police to come and see us

0300 123 6616

hiowhealthcare.nhs.uk/sarc



LEGO THERAPY

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We at Small Dreams are on a mission to help with a wide variety of additional needs, social development and mental wellbeing within our community through the power of play by using Lego



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Location

Unit 55 Southmoor Lane Workspace
Havant, PO9 1JW

LEGO THERAPY

LEGO offers a range of mental, emotional and developmental benefits:

Improves focus & concentration:

Following instructions and problem-solving strengthens attention span.

Boosts creativity:

Open-ended building encourages imagination and innovation.

Reduces stress:

Repetitive, hands-on building can feel calming and mindful.

Builds resilience:

Trial and error teaches patience and persistence.

Enhances social skills:

Collaborative builds improve teamwork and communication.

Develops spatial awareness:

Supports STEM-related thinking and planning.

Increases confidence

Completing a model creates a sense of achievement.

TEL: 07821 242660

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World Cup and Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign

This start of the World Cup, launched the **World Cup Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign** across Hampshire, and we are committed to supporting this important campaign.

With the football tournament taking place in the coming weeks, we want to ensure that our school community is aware of the support available and knows where to turn for guidance and help if needed. Major football tournaments and sporting events, bring people together, creating excitement and a sense of community. However, for many people, domestic abuse is a hidden harm that can intensify behind closed doors.

Research and local data consistently show that incidents of domestic abuse increase around major men's football tournaments, with reports rising by approximately 25% following matches, regardless of whether the team wins, loses or draws.

A range of factors can contribute to this increase, including changes in routine, heightened emotions, alcohol consumption, financial pressures and gambling-related stress.

Raising awareness helps people recognise the signs of abuse and understand that support is available before, during and after match days, whether this be the World Cup or another sporting event.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone and is not always physical. It can include emotional or psychological abuse, controlling or coercive behaviour, financial abuse, threats and intimidation, and online or digital abuse. Children too are affected by domestic abuse.

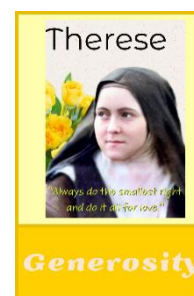
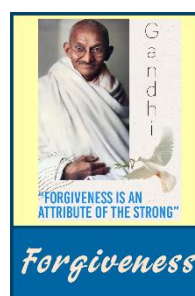
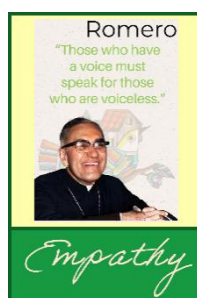
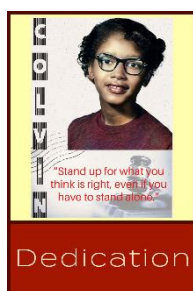
The Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign aims to raise awareness, support those affected and encourage everyone to take action. St Thomas More's are committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of all children and families and ensuring that those who need support know where to access help.

If you are worried about yourself, a child, a family member, a friend or a neighbour, support is available. You do not have to face this alone.

There are a range of professionals who can offer advice, guidance and support, including: school staff, your GP, health visitors, school nursing services, Children's Services, Domestic Abuse Support Services, the Police (if there is an immediate risk to safety).

Speaking to a trusted professional can be the first step towards getting help and support. All staff are here to listen, care and work with you to find the support you need.

Together as a school community, we can raise awareness, challenge domestic abuse and help keep our family, friends and communities safe.



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;

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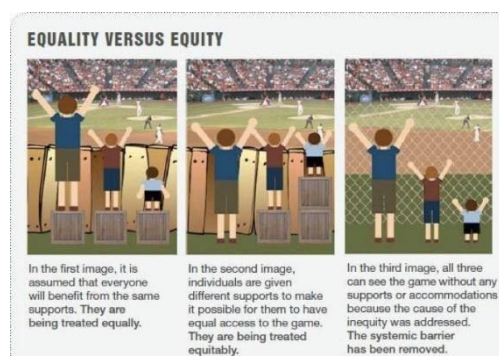
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.