



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

Sat 20 June	School Summer Fair, 12-3pm
Mon 22 June	STMS Retreat Day
Tues 23 June	Sports Day (KS2 9:15am – 12:00pm)
Tues 23 June	Sports Day (Year R & KS1 1:00pm – 3:00pm)
Fri 26 June	Reserve Sports Day (if bad weather on 23 rd June)
Wed 8 July	Musical Theatre Club Gaiety Club Show
Wed 8 July	Whole School Mass @ St Michael and All Angels
Mon 13 July	First Holy Communion Liturgy
Tue 21 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass
Tue 21 July	Y6 Fun Day
Wed 22 July	Y6 Leavers BBQ
Wed 22 July	Last day of term (whole school and Pre-school)
Thurs 12 July	Flu Vaccination Day (whole school)

Father Gerard

As we lovingly remember Fr Gerard on the anniversary of his passing, we give thanks for the faith, kindness, and generosity he shared with our parish and school community.

Before he passed, Fr Gerard gifted a special book to Fr Tom — a gift that has now become a beautiful way for us to continue celebrating his legacy. The children were invited to look through the book and vote for their favourite images, and the chosen artwork will be purchased and displayed in his memory.

This project is especially meaningful because it brings together Fr Gerard's love of faith, beauty, and children. Through the children's voices and choices, his spirit continues to inspire and guide us.



Sports Day

There is the possibility that our Sports Day, currently scheduled for Tuesday 23 June, may need to be postponed due to the forecast high temperatures.

The UK Health Security Agency has issued an Amber Heat Health Alert, which is in effect until 8pm on Tuesday 23 June across the South East and wider southern regions.

The alert advises that significant impacts are likely due to high temperatures and highlights the particular risks for younger children and those with health conditions.

Guidance includes avoiding strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day, seeking shade where possible, and ensuring good hydration.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and families is our highest priority. Therefore, we will continue to monitor the weather forecast closely over the coming days before making a final decision.

A definite decision will be made and communicated to families by 12:00pm on Sunday. We wanted to give you advance notice that, should temperatures remain at levels that make outdoor activities unsafe, Sports Day may be moved to Friday 26th June (same timings and arrangements).

We appreciate your understanding and will keep you updated.



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

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” **Mark 10:14**





Aspirations Day

Wow!! What a fantastic two days we have just had in school as part of this year's Aspirations Days event.

We have had nearly 30 volunteers, (not including the Search and Rescue Dog, a full Fire Crew and a whole Motorcycle Display team!), come into school to share their passions, careers and aspirations – it really has been a great two days and an absolute pleasure to meet and listen to everyone!

THANK YOU if you helped support this super initiative which really does inspire the children.

There will be a bigger article on the two days next week but just for this week...a little bit of fun....

Can you work out what each of these children aspire to be when they are older? The first letter of each one is a letter which spells out ASPIRATIONS.



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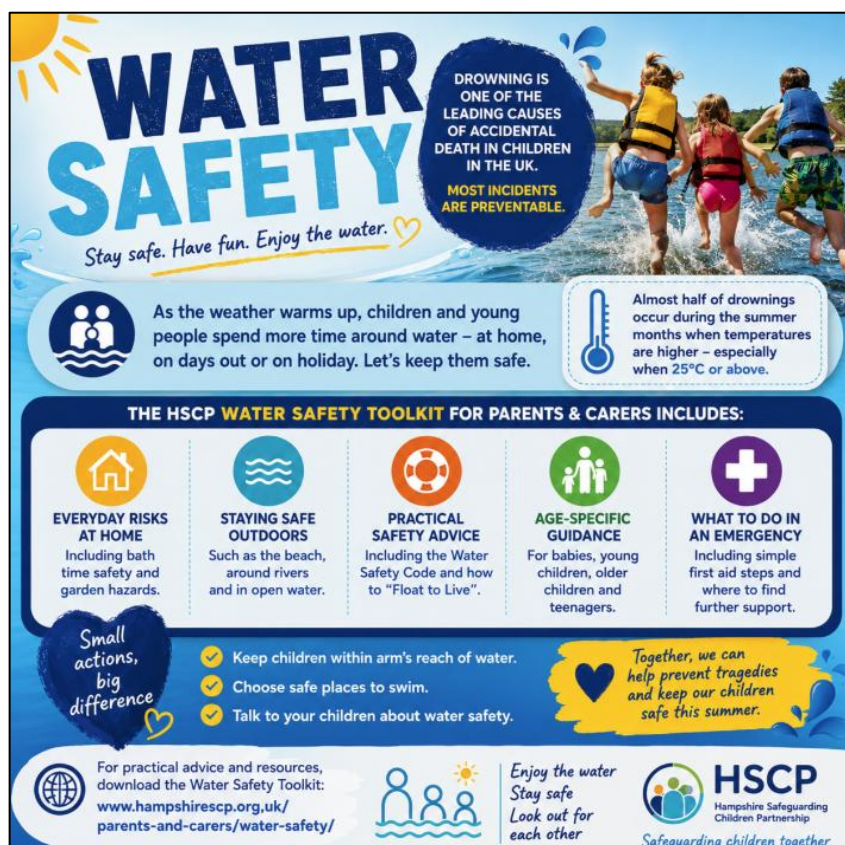
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WATER SAFETY

Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK. MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME**
Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS**
Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE**
Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE**
For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY**
Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit:
www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water Stay safe Look out for each other

HSCP
Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Safeguarding children together

Help and advice can be found here:

www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety

Forest Club – Day Change

Just a reminder, due to the family feast day, Monday 22nd June's Forest School will now be on Tuesday 23rd June and will return to its normal day the following week.



WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026

STMS IN THE WEST END MUSICALS!

THE GAIETY SOUTHSEA
BAR | FOOD | MUSIC | VENUE | HIRE
SOUTH PARADE PIER • TICKETS AT BOOK.EVENTS

St Thomas More's Pre-School

Hooks Lane, Bedhampton, Havant PO9 3DR

Tel: 02392 475 909

Email: psadmin@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

St Thomas More's Pre-school is a teacher led pre-school situated in the grounds of St Thomas More's School

Childcare is available from 7.45am to 6pm (term time only)

PLACES AVAILABLE



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 need to be booked in advance.

No last-minute bookings on a Thursday.





Purbrook Park School

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026
5:00-8:30PM

Mr Foxley will be speaking in the Main Hall at 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:00pm, at the beginning of your booked visit.

OPEN MORNING - THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 - 8:30AM-12:00PM



WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ Aspirational for all pupils
- ✓ Staff create inclusive classrooms
- ✓ Positive relationships between staff and pupils
- ✓ Pupils feel safe and welcome
- ✓ Excellent personal development and enrichment

ENJOY ENRICH EXCEL

BOOK NOW

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/purbrook-park-school-open-evening-2026-tickets-1991355882049>



Word Cup Kick off

As the world Cup kicks off, we hope you saw the information sent out on the 1st June, regarding the stop domestic abuse campaign.

If you missed this, please refer to the original email sent on 1st June or find it in our latest newsletter.

We hope that this information is helpful for you and/or a friend or family member.



THE WORLD CUP KICKS OFF TONIGHT!

CHEER ON YOUR TEAM. SUPPORT EACH OTHER. EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE.

STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE

IT'S NOT OKAY. | YOU ARE NOT ALONE. | HELP IS HERE.

ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE SUPPORTING STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE

HAMPSHIRE
Free, confidential support is available 24/7.
Stop Domestic Abuse: 03300 533 630 (24/7)
More information and support: <https://www.gov.uk/domesticabuse>

PORTSMOUTH
Free, confidential support is available 24/7.
National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247 (24/7)
More information and support: <https://www.gov.uk/domesticabuse>

ENJOY THE GAME. RESPECT AT HOME. RESPECT EVERYWHERE.

School Nurse Clinic

Please see attached poster advertising the School Nurse Clinic taking place at school.

These sessions are one to one so if you wish to make an appointment, please call the school office to book an appointment or email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

Appointment slots are from 9am to 1.15pm.

The first date of sessions will be on Thursday 9 July.

NEW

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse Clinic

Who are we?
School Nurses are public health professionals who work with parents, children, and young people to support health and wellbeing needs.

What will be doing?
We are trialing a bookable school nurse clinic once per half term for your school. This will give you the chance to meet face-to-face with a team member to discuss any concerns you may have about your child.



sleep
toileting
healthy lifestyles
emotional wellbeing

Contact the school office to book your appointment.



World Cup and Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign

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

With the football tournament beginning 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.



GRAND RAFFLE
Lots of awesome
prizes to win!

Friends of
St Thomas More's
Catholic Primary School

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 20th June
12 – 3pm

ADULTS 50p – KIDS FREE

GAMES – GO KARTS – FOOTBALL

STALLS – REFRESHMENTS – BBQ

ICE CREAM – BOUNCY CASTLE

REPTILE TENT and plenty more

Hire a stall plot NOW & keep your earnings

ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hooks Lane, Bedhampton PO9 3DR

• 02392 475909 or email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk



Faith Corner



Chapel News

The month of June, celebrates the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There continues to be daily prayer from **8:15-8:40 Monday to Wednesday** with Ms 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 Ms Cryer at the infant gate before **8:15am**. Please be assured of prayers for our school's intentions

Teach me to pray

This week our group continued with the luminous mysteries. These are the mysteries of light and the second decade we focused on the Wedding Feast at Cana. We were happy to welcome a new Grandparent Volunteer, who kindly gave a little gift to the group- a small Jesus figure with a cross key chain and prayer card. Thank you, Carol!

Teach me to Pray is a beautiful opportunity to bridge our older and younger children to grow spiritually, share wisdom and pray together as one community.

Through the Rosary, Scripture reflection, and shared intentions, we hope to nurture our faith and pass on the rich traditions of our Catholic faith to the next generation.

All children from year R to 6 are welcome to join. We meet on Mondays at 2:45 in the chapel and children return to class before the end of day for normal end of day collection.

If you would like your child to join Teach me to Pray, please let your teacher know or message them on dojo. All children who join will receive a rosary which has been blessed by Pope Leo.

Prayer intentions this week:

Anne- teachers

Abi- Mother Mary

Uche/Zina- our family here and in Nigeria

Tiggy- the elderly and those who have passed away

Freya C- those in war and for God's creation

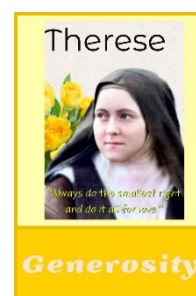
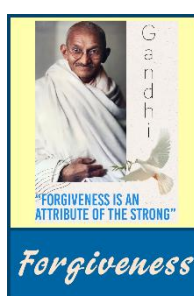
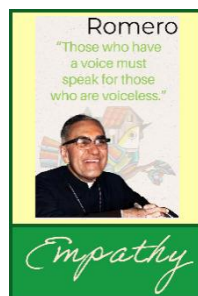
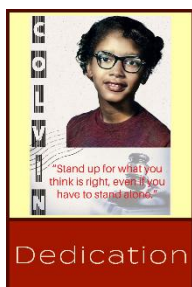
Freya H- my new baby sister

Freddie G- suffering animals including those who are endangered

Grandparents- First Holy Communion candidates, all hospital patients and world leaders

The Grandparents Association pray for all the children making their first Holy Communion or Confirmation and also for children undergoing exams.





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**.

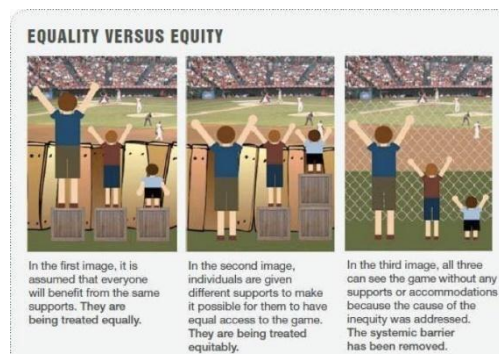
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.