



St Thomas More RC Primary School

'Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others'

Upcoming dates

Monday 17th April – INSET DAY

School closed to children

Tuesday 18th April

Children return to school

Wednesday 19th April

Eastertide Mass @ 9am
St John Fisher and St Thomas More Church

Friday 21st April

Yr 4 visit to church

Friday 28th April

Yr 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May

Yr 6 SATs week

Thursday 18th May

Ascension Day Mass at church – 10am

Wednesday 24th May

Crowning of Mary

Thursday 25th May

Y6 school journey meeting – 3.45pm

Friday 26th May – last day of term

School finishes at 3.30

Head teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We finished our term with a moving performance of the Stations of the Cross led by Year 6, who told the story with such reverence and beauty. It allowed us all to reflect on the suffering Jesus was subjected to but also that he never forgot his love for us. As Holy Week begins, we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages and recommit to our faith. On behalf of all the staff, we wish you and your family a happy and blessed Easter and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 18th April.



Mrs Collins

Goodbyes, Hellos and Congratulations!

Today we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Pearson, our Year 5 teacher. I would like to thank her for her dedication to the children and her commitment to the school during her temporary post here, she quickly became part of the team and I am sure we will see her again soon.

We will be welcoming our new Year 5 teacher, Miss Cleary in the summer term. She has been to say hello to the children and is eager to start and we look forward to welcoming her into our St Thomas More family.

Finally, we would like to send our best wishes to Miss Bone who is getting married during the Easter Break. Congratulations and we welcome her back as Mrs Jarvis!

Weekly Attendance Figures

It was lovely to hand out so many attendance awards this week and recognise those children that are really trying hard to attend school every day. Thank you parents for your commitment to this. I must remind you that if you would like to take your child out of school due to extenuating circumstances you must come in to the office and collect an absence request form.

| Class | % Attendance |
|--------------|--------------|
| Reception | 78.3% |
| Year 1 | 100% |
| Year 2 | 84.6% |
| Year 3 | 92.9% |
| Year 4 | 96.6% |
| Year 5 | 96.2% |
| Year 6 | 90.0% |
| Whole school | 91.4% |

The return of Sharing Assemblies

I am pleased to announce that sharing assemblies will be returning in the summer term – those of you with older children may remember them! It is a chance for the children to show case their learning and an opportunity for you to see them perform. Assemblies will start promptly on Fridays at 10.10am starting towards the end of May. Please look out for the upcoming dates on our next Weekly roundup when we return.

Inventry – Electronic sign in system for parents and visitors

We are pleased to inform you we are having a new electronic sign-in system called Inventry installed over the Easter holidays, this will be replacing the signing in and out books we currently hold at reception.

From Tuesday you will be required to use InVentry for:

-Hopscotch bookings, signing your child in, in the morning, and signing them out from Hopscotch pick up.

-Any late arrival, after registers have closed, from 9am

Any early pick-ups for appointments.

We believe the new system will make our school an even safer environment for your children and we look forward to your support in using our new system.

PE Timetable

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| Reception Class: | Monday and Friday |
| Year 1: | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Year 2: | Wednesday (dance) and Thursday |
| Year 3: | Wednesday (double session inc dance) |
| Year 4: | Monday (swimming) and Wednesday (dance) |
| Year 5: | Monday and Thursday |
| Year 6: | Tuesday and Friday |

Spring/Summer Menu

When the children return we will be moving onto our new spring/summer menu and have some exciting new dishes created by our school chef Toni. If you would like your child to have school dinners, please inform the office when we return in April.

PTA news

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter competition and congratulations to our winners, you can see their fabulous designs on our website. The PTA would like to thank you for the continued support and as a gesture of thanks each child has received a chocolate bunny.

Breakfast club bookings

We want to take this opportunity to remind parents they need to book their places in advance for breakfast club, via School Money. We have noticed a higher uptake in breakfast club places over the past few weeks and we want to ensure parents are not turned away on any mornings due to all the places already being allocated. Ideally we would like parents to book all their slots for the whole week, in advance, to avoid disappointment. If you do not have your log in details or are having issues with the app, please contact the school office.

Extra-Curricular Clubs this term

In addition to the letters sent out this week, please see below a list of our clubs for this half term. If you would like to request a place for your child, please contact the school office.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Taekwondo Yrs 2-3 | Dodgeball Yrs 4-6 | Art Club Yrs 2-6 | Prokickers Yrs 3-6 | Creative dance Rec and Yr 1 |
| | Choir Yrs 3-6 children are selected by Miss McGill | | Musical Theatre Yr 3-6 | |

****If your child attends a club that doesn't fall on their PE day can they please bring their kit in a bag and wear school uniform as normal.****

Nut allergies and Birthday Treats

Following serious concerns from parents can we please remind you that no varieties of nuts and sesame seeds are allowed in school i.e. in packed lunches or in birthday treats/gifts. This is due to some of our children having very severe allergies. If you are bringing food/treats in to give to any child, other than your own, please bring in via the School Office and not directly to the children. We would recommend that if you are wishing to bring in birthday treats that it is not chocolate based.

Please do not give treats to children, other than your own, after school in case of unknown allergies.

Summer Uniform and PE Kit

When the children return they can begin to wear their summer uniform – weather permitting! This remains primarily the same but with the option of **red checked dresses for the girls** and **grey shorts for the boys**:

Children are expected to wear and be proud to wear our school uniform.

| Boys | Girls |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Grey Trousers | Navy Skirt or Pinafore |
| White Shirt | White Blouse |
| Navy Jumper | Navy Cardigan or Jumper |
| Red Tie | Red Tie |
| Grey or Black Socks | White or Navy Blue Socks / Navy Blue Tights |
| Black Shoes - no Boots or Trainers | Black Shoes - No Boots or Trainers |
| Dark Blue / Navy Blue Overcoat | Dark Blue / Navy blue Overcoat |

*****Please remember to label ALL items of clothing so they can easily be returned*****

Term Dates

Summer Term 1

****INSET DAY – Monday 17th April: No attendance for children****
 Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May
 (Bank Holidays: 1st May and 8th May – for the Coronation of King Charles)
 -Summer half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June-

Summer Term 2

Monday 5th June to Thursday 20th July
****INSET DAY – Friday 21st July: No attendance for children****

Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 1

****INSET DAY – Monday 4th September: No attendance for children****
 Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October
 -October half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 27th October-

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December
****INSET DAY – Thursday 21st December: No attendance for children****
Children return to school in the New Year on Monday 8th January 2024