



## St Thomas More RC Primary School

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

### Upcoming dates

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY**

School closed to children

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Children return to school

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Yr 4 visit to church

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Yr 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Bank Holiday – school closed

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday – school closed

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Yr 6 SATs week**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Ascension Day Mass at church – 10am

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Crowning of Mary

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Y6 school journey meeting – 3.45pm

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
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 17<sup>th</sup> April: No attendance for children\*\***

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

(Bank Holidays: 1<sup>st</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> May – for the Coronation of King Charles)

**-Summer half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June-**

#### Summer Term 2

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**\*\*INSET DAY – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: No attendance for children\*\***

### Term Dates 2023-24

#### Autumn Term 1

**\*\*INSET DAY – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September: No attendance for children\*\***

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**-October half term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October-**

#### Autumn Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**\*\*INSET DAY – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: No attendance for children\*\***

**Children return to school in the New Year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**