

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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START OF THE DAY

It's been a busy half term and the children are doing well. However, in order to help them settle into their school day can we please remind you that school starts at 8:45am promptly. This is a crucial part of the day where the class teachers outline the timetable, the dinner menu is explained and ordered and any questions answered. Morning tasks also begin upon the children's arrival in the classroom. If your child is late, they may miss this which can lead to confusion and upset. This can be of greater impact to our younger children. We understand that at times being late can be unavoidable but we cannot stress enough the importance of being on time to the wellbeing of your child's school experience. Thank you for your understanding.



ATTENDANCE

A reminder that every child should aim for at least 95% attendance across the school year. We do carefully monitor this and will be engaging with families who have persistent absence. It is vital pupils are in school every day or as much as possible. Whilst we know children get ill and germs can spread quickly, they do not need to be kept off for a light cold. We will always call if your child is poorly, so if in doubt, please send them in.



HALF TERM BREAK

Please remember that we break up on Thursday 23rd October. Friday 24th October is a staff INSET day so children are not in school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November.



BLAST

Any new starters who wish to join our before and after school club, please contact Tami on 07783942084 or blastkidsclub@yahoo.com. Please note you can book a morning session up until 6am of the same morning. For the afternoon session, booking will close at 10pm the night before. In cases of an emergency booking, please call Tami.



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

CLASS	CATHOLIC VALUE AWARDS	GREAT WORK
Year 3		
Year 4	No awards this week due to school being closed for INSET day.	
Year 5		
Year 6		

DINNER MENUS For Monday 20th October

Please note... dinner money **MUST** be paid for in advance every Monday morning on Parent Pay.

	Week 1 Menu	
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepperoni or cheese and tomato pizza Served with wedges. 	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Bolognese and pasta. Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Potato Crunches. 	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Gammon wit Gravy. Cheese and Potato Pie. 	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Thur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Tikka Wrap and Wedges. Vegetarian Enchiladas. 	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish Fingers and Chips. Quorn Dippers and Chips. 	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

ALLERGIES

Do not send any nut-based products or kiwi fruit into school. Lunch boxes are checked, so if you do send these in, please be aware they will be disposed off and a note popped into your child's lunch box. Thank you for your support in this.



BIRTHDAY PARTY LUNCH

Parents can purchase a 'Birthday Party' for their child and this will be catered for in school. You would need to give us at least a **weeks' notice** so that the food can be ordered. The minimum we do is for 10 pupils and that is £40. If you want to add extra pupils on then it would be £4.00 per extra child. This must be paid in full before the party on Parent Pay. There are three choices of menus... Hot dog, Chicken Goujons or Pizza. There is also a vegetarian option available. Decorations, party hats, balloons and a birthday cake made by our school cook are all included in the price. **Please note we cannot facilitate parties on a Thursday or Friday because of lunchtime changes.**



Harvest Mass And Non-Uniform Donations

Thank you so much for the generous donations towards our local foodbank during this harvest time. They will make such a difference within our local community. Also thank you for the many chocolate and sweet donations that will be going to support our Parish for the Christmas Fair next month. We are very grateful.

READING AT HOME

A polite reminder to all parents that reading with your child at home, is vital to ensure success in all areas of Literacy and other subjects. Please do try to support your child by reading with them at home as much as you can: and don't forget that ever important bedtime story. Do come along to our KS2 workshop to find out how you can support your child at home, particularly as they move through the school and reading becomes more challenging.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday 22 nd	Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age workshop, in school.
Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 Vikings workshop, in school.
Friday 24 th	INSET DAY. School Closed.
Monday 27 th	HALF TERM.

NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 3 rd	Return to school 8.45 am
Friday 7 th	Non-uniform day for sweets/chocolates (Christmas fair).
Sunday 9 th	Family mass 11.00 at St. Mary's, Cannock
Friday 14 th	Open day for prospective EYFS pupils for next year
Friday 28 th	Non-uniform day for bottles (Christmas fair).

December 2025

Monday 1 st	Christmas fair (3.30pm to 5pm)
Weds 3 rd	First Reconciliation service in school 2pm (Year 3)
Fri 5 th	<u>School closed: INSET day</u>
Sat 6 th	St. Mary's Christmas fair (Parish Centre) 12.00 to 2pm

