

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you so much for all your support at the Christmas Fair. It was a lovely event and was fantastic to see so many of you. As mentioned on Dojo, we have raised over £800 which is brilliant.



## ATTENDANCE

A reminder that school starts promptly at 8:45am, and arriving on time helps children settle into their day, hear important updates, and begin morning tasks calmly. Regular attendance is also vital—every child should aim for at least 95% across the year. While we understand occasional illness, children with mild colds are usually fine to attend, and we'll always contact you if they become unwell. Thank you for supporting your child's wellbeing and learning.

## BLAST

Any new starters who wish to join our before and after school club, please contact Tami on 07783942084 or [blastkidsclub@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Next week, we have our EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performances in school.

- The doors will open 15 minutes before each performance and visitors will be asked to enter via the main playground doors.
- There is no access to the site for vehicles, unless one of the visitors is a wheelchair user.
- Please feel free to take photos and videos, but we politely remind everyone NOT to share images on social media (or elsewhere) if they have other children in them.
- Most importantly of all...enjoy! The children have worked so hard and it's definitely one to remember

## KS2 CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

This will take place in St. Mary's church from 6pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The address is Hallcourt Crescent, Cannock WS11 0AA. Parking is available on the Asda Car park in Cannock, or at Aldi, but please be aware you may get a parking ticket after 2 hours!

In order to start on time, please try to arrive by 5.45. There will be a cash collection at the end for charity

## AWARDS for assembly next Friday: All parents/carers welcome to attend.

CLASS	CATHOLIC VALUE AWARDS	GREAT WORK
Year	<b>There is no assembly next week due to the EYFS &amp; KS1 performances</b>	
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	<b>This week's attendance award goes to:</b>	

## DINNER MENUS For Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

## PARKING

**An apology!** A photograph of poor parking last week showed two of our grandparents in the picture...we would like to point out that it was not either of their cars that were poorly parked and apologise that the image that may have depicted this.

Please can we gently remind parents/carers to park considerately outside of school and to not park on or near the bend where children will cross the road.

## WINTER

Now that the cold weather has well and truly arrived, please could you ensure children are sent to school each day with suitable outdoor wear, as they will be outside during the colder weather several times a day.

We have also spoken to the children about NOT going onto the grassed areas around the playground, as they will be muddy and wet (and it ruins the grass). We would be grateful if you could ensure they adhere to this before and after school too. Thank you.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December 2025

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School closed: INSET day</u>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's Christmas fair (Parish Centre) 12.00 to 2pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Rec Christmas play: 2pm Theatre group trip to Walsall Studio school
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm: KS1 Christmas play.
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup>	Matinee performance by Musical Theatre group (2pm)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Evening performance by Musical theatre group (6.30pm)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am: KS1 Christmas play. 11:00: Nursery and Rec Christmas play: THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family mass (Blessing of the Baby Jesus) at St. Mary's church @11.00am
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	TREAD theatre Panto in school.
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup>	No mass in school KS2 Christmas reflection in church at 6pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY

### January 2026

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School opens at 8.45 for the Spring term
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Confirmation club for relevant Y6 pupils
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parent consultation meetings from 2pm (Virtual)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00 Parents invited in to see a maths lesson in action (Rec through to Year 6)



### February 2026

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.00 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (Y6 confirmation and Y3 candidates to attend)
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## 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 of and a note popped into your child's lunch box. Thank you for your support in this.

## COMMUNICATION

If parents need to communicate in writing with Mrs Hewitt, please do so via [headteacher@st-thomasmore.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-thomasmore.staffs.sch.uk) and not via Dojo.

## **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.**