

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

A huge congratulations and well done to all of our pupils in EYFS and KS1 who performed their play in school this week. You were all amazing.



### MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

This week, for the first time, some of our KS2 children took part in a musical theatre extravaganza! This was lead and co-ordinated by Luke Stanley, who is a student at Walsall Studio School. Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Allen supported him, and the result was simply amazing!

The children performed a range of songs and acts from a variety of well-known shows, including, Matilda, Wicked and Bugsy Malone. HUGE congratulations to all who took part...you were fantastic! Big "Thank you" to Luke, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Allen for their hard work and giving up so much of their own time too.



## 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.</b>	
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## DINNER MENUS For Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

	Week 2 menu	
<b>Mon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due to the pantomime, we are offering picnic bags of ham or cheese today.</li></ul>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw
<b>Tue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All day breakfast</li><li>• (All day veggie breakfast)</li></ul>	Jacket Potato with Beans
<b>Wed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roast Chicken with gravy and stuffing</li><li>• (Quorn Balls)</li></ul>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
<b>Thur</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chicken Tikka masala</li><li>• Pasta Neopolitan</li></ul>	Jacket Potato with Cheese
<b>Fri</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fish Finger bap</li><li>• Country vegetable bake</li></ul>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

## 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.

## 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.

## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR.

We had one nomination for our Parent Governor vacancy: this was Mr. Matthew Walker, whose son, Oscar, is in Year 2. He currently works for an International/UK education Think-tank and so has a lot of educational experience and knowledge to support our school with. We look forward to welcoming him onto our Local Governing Board.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December 2025

- 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)  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Year 4 trampolining session at Cardinal Griffin (Details after Christmas)  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00pm Confirmation at St. Mary's church.

## 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.



## COMMUNICATION

Please could we remind parents that Class Dojo should not be used as a primary method of communication between home and school...this should be done by contacting the school office by phone or e-mail. Staff may only check Dojo once or twice a week, so important issues should not be addressed that way.

## BREAK SALES

There will be no break sales on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December due to the Pantomime being performed in school.

## **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.**

## **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.

## **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.

## **BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLIS**

This Sunday at 11.00 mass in St. Mary's, Father Peter invites everyone to come along with the baby Jesus from their cribs at home, where he will bless them. This is one of our focussed school and parish family masses and some of the children are invited to read too. Please do your best to come along...it's a very special mass.

## **AND FINALLY: A YEAR 6 MUSIC CONCERT**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm, Mr. Drury would like to invite Year 6 parents/carers to a small musical concert. This will start at 2.30pm in the church hall opposite the school. We believe there may be one or two festive numbers to lead us into the last day and term and Christmas!