

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK!

What a first week back it has been...snow, freezing temperatures and ice! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

WINTER

As we have seen this week, winter has arrived with a vengeance. Can I please remind parents/carers of what will happen in the event of a school closure and other bits and pieces regarding the weather:

- Parents will be informed via Class Dojo of a school closure as early as possible. We aim to do this before 7.00am, but please be aware this is subject to many factors having to be considered, so may be slightly later.
- If there is no announcement on Dojo, we are open.
- Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the winter, particularly with coats, appropriate footwear etc.

SPORT4KIDS (S4K)

If you need to book your child(ren) into the breakfast and afterschool club, there are various ways to do so:



Via this QR code...

- Telephone them on: 0300 3033866
- Book online at: <https://sport4kids.biz/school-booking-enrolmy/>

PARENTS' EVENING

This will be held remotely next week on Thursday 15th Jan. Booking can be done via a link posted earlier this week on your child's Class Dojo page. Each child is allocated a 10-minute slot and there will be only one appointment per child. Whilst we are sympathetic to families where parents have separated, the expectation is that appointments are shared as there is not the capacity to offer more than one appointment per child, especially as appointments are online and not face to face. In a class of 30, this equates to 5 hours chat time, so to offer more is difficult!

Booking will close at 10.00am on Weds 14th Jan. The office staff do not have access to the bookings so please don't call up for a late appointment...all bookings must be done through Class Dojo.

Awards for assembly Friday 16th January 2026: All parents/carers welcome to attend.

| | CATHOLIC VALUE AWARDS | GREAT WORK |
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| Reception | Halo Bowen: For being a helpful member of the class Arion Singh: For always being a happy and cheerful member of the class. | Malarni Cannon: For her super letter formation! Henry Morroll: For his super effort in subitising in maths. |
| Year 1 | Vlad Voiasciuc: For being very caring towards his peers. Grace Bayliss: For always being polite and helpful in school. | Darcy Gray: For super participation in our Nativity play. Finn Doyle: For trying really hard to blend his sounds in English. |
| Year 2 | River Lee: For always looking out for her friends Lucy Lindsay: For being a great and helpful friend in class. | Esme Molloy: For working hard to ensure her work is presented neatly. Felix Bird: For his amazing links between Bible stories. |

DINNER MENUS For w.c. Monday 12th January

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

| | Week 1 menu | |
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| Mon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepperoni or cheese and tomato pizza Served with wedges. | Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw |
| Tue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Bolognaise and pasta. Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Potato Crunches. | Jacket Potato with Beans |
| Wed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Gammon with Gravy. Cheese and Potato Pie. | Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Thur | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotdogs and Chips. Vegetarian Hotdogs and Chips. | Jacket Potato with Cheese |
| Fri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish Fingers and Chips. Quorn Dippers and Chips. | Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |

OFFICE HOURS

Please can I remind parents that the school office is open between 8am and 4pm. Calls, e-mails etc after these times will not be answered until the office is manned again, the next working day.

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.

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

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.

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.

WELL DONE!

A huge well done to Ella Bateman, who, over the Christmas holidays decided to raise money for homeless people by making prizes and creating a raffle. She raised a whopping £55 which is being sent to the Salvation Army. Well done, Ella...this is amazing!

EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY

On Thursday 26th February, we will be holding an Open Morning for any prospective parents who may wish to book a place for either Nursery or reception in the coming months/years.

This will run between 9am and 11:30pm.

No appointments are necessary...please just turn up and share the word between family and friends.

WEST MIDLANDS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT - FOOTBALL CLUB

Just a reminder that this club will run from Friday 16th January 2026 to Friday 6th February 2026 for Years: 1-2-3-4-5-6. To book a place, visit <https://wmsd.co.uk/sports-camp/st-thomas-more-football-club-jan-feb-2026/> and use the password STM21



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2026

- Weds 14th Jan Confirmation club for relevant Y6 pupils
Thurs 15th Jan Parent consultation meetings from 2pm (Virtual)
Fri 16th Jan Rec & Key Stage 1 celebration assembly 9.05am
Mon 19th Jan 9.00 Parents invited in to see a maths lesson in action
(Rec through to Year 6)

February 2026

- Sun 1st Feb 9.00 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (Y6 confirmation and Y3 candidates to attend)
Tues 3rd Feb Year 4 trampolining session at Cardinal Griffin (Details after Christmas)
Tues 24th Feb 7.00pm Confirmation at St. Mary's church.
Thurs 26th Feb 9am-12pm: EYFS Open morning (for prospective new families)