

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

There will be a meeting at St Mary's and St Thomas More Catholic Church, Cannock at 5:15pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. This will be followed by Mass that families are encouraged to attend as part of their commitment. Father Peter is looking forward to welcoming everyone.

### PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDER!

Mrs Stanley is running a parent workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm on Online Gaming and Mobile Phone Safety.



This is for KS2 parents and children are very welcome to attend also.

There is a lot of anxiety concerning how safe our children are as they grow up and interact more with the world online. This may include gaming, apps, YouTube and social media.

This workshop is designed to help with this anxiety, provide support and help both parents and children navigate the problems that both online gaming and using a mobile device can bring.

The parent board in the playground also has some interesting information and advice that may help.

### HEADTEACHER ABSENCE

A letter from our acting chair of governors was put on class dojo this week informing parents of the absence of Mrs Hewitt until half term. Mrs Gretton is currently covering the Headteacher role to ensure continuity and support across the school. Mrs Pearson and Miss Holmes are teaching Year 3 to ensure the continuity of high quality teaching and support during this period. Thank you once again for everyone's 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.

**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.

### NON UNIFORM DAY

There will be a Non Uniform Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> for the Parish Christmas Fair. If children can bring sweets or chocolate for donation towards the Parish Christmas Fair that would be great and appreciated. Thank You.



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS For Friday 10th October 2025

CLASS	CATHOLIC VALUE AWARDS	GREAT WORK
Year 3	<b>Gracie Caddick</b> - For always being a kind & helpful member of the class. <b>Harper Downey</b> - For always approaching the day with a big smile!	<b>Harley Lacey</b> - for his super maths work <b>Savannah Collins</b> - for her excellent work in English.
Year 4	<b>Mary Pearce</b> - Fantastic planning in prayer and liturgy. <b>Bella-Rose Tufft</b> - For being caring & kind towards friends in class.	<b>Billy Nunn</b> - Working really hard in maths. <b>Matilda Ball</b> - Working hard in all subjects & very helpful in class.
Year 5	<b>Ezra Brid</b> - for always being eloquent and showing kindness to all. <b>Amar Kallha</b> - for being understanding and supportive, especially in his role as play leader.	<b>Evan Gregory</b> - For showing an increased effort and determination in class. Keep it up! <b>Isaac Read</b> - for his effort in work, but especially in maths.
Year 6	<b>Evie Adkins</b> - for being a great friend. <b>Seb Lacey</b> - for always looking out for his friends	<b>Vinny Hogarth</b> - for always making links to his learning. <b>Nelly Garner</b> - for always trying her best in every subject.

## DINNER MENUS For Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

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

	Week 3 Menu	
Mon	<b>PIZZA PARTY!</b> A selection of pizza with various toppings.	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw
Tue	Katsu Chicken Steak.	Jacket Potato with Beans
Wed	Roast Beef Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding.	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Thur	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce.	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Fri	Fish Selection.	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 £40. You would need to give us at least a **weeks' notice** so that the food can be prepared. 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

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October is our Harvest Mass led by year 5. This year we are once again supporting our local foodbank and would be grateful for donations of tins, packets or dried goods. Donations are welcome to be brought into school Monday-Wednesday. Every donation makes such a difference to local families - Thank You!

## 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

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's Church. F.H.C & Confirmation Children meeting at 5.15pm, Followed by Family Mass 6pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Harvest Mass. 2.30pm. Well-being workshop - online safety for parents & children at 3.15pm.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Assembly. Non Uniform Day for chocolates and sweets
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age workshop, in school.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Vikings workshop, in school.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY. School Closed.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM.



### NOVEMBER 2025

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

### December 2025

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas fair (3.30pm to 5pm)
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Reconciliation service in school 2pm (Year 3)
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

## CAR PARKING

Can I please remind everyone to be courteous when parking at drop off and collection times. Please use the pub car park in the allocated slots where possible. There have been reports, yet again, of double parking on the yellow zig-zags and blocking our neighbours' drives. The safety of our children is paramount and everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your understanding.