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## Diary Dates



**28th June** – Summer Fete 12pm-3pm

**30th June** – 10am First Holy Communion celebration at St Mary's Church – whole school

**1st July** – Clothing Collection

**2nd - 4th July** – Y6 to Grafham Water

**3rd July** – Year 2 Forest School

**7th July** – Move Up day – children meet their new teachers.

**8th July** – Y5 Road Safety Day

**10th July** – Year 2 Forest School,  
Y6 Transition day to St Mary's Bishop's  
Stortford & PSA Disco  
Infants 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
Juniors 4.30pm – 5.45pm

**11th July** – Reports to go out to parents

**16th July** – Junior Production 2pm & 7pm

**18th July** – Last day of term. Leavers' Mass  
9.30am & Leavers' Assembly 11am

## Lunch

### w/c 30<sup>th</sup> June Week 2

Please pay lunches on School  
Money - £2.50 per day

## Swimming

**30<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3&5

**1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 2

**We hope you can join us tomorrow for the Summer Fete from 12pm – 3pm.**

### Clerk to Governors

The governors of St Thomas More are seeking a highly, enthusiastic, and self-motivated Clerk to the Governing Body to join our fabulous school. If you or anyone you know, would be interested in this role. **Please see attached document for further information and contact the school office for an application form.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

You have the chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline 01/07/2025.

Head to their website [www.pret-a-portrait.net](http://www.pret-a-portrait.net) and enter your sitting ID, the discount will automatically be applied.

If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on 0800 021 7626 or [customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net](mailto:customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net)

### Whole School Mass – St Mary's Church on Monday 30th June at 10am

We will be celebrating Mass with our children who have made their First Holy Communion. All parents welcome.

### September News

Classes will be taught by the following staff:

Reception – Miss Vinter

Year 1 – Mrs Edgar & Mrs Fisher

Year 2 – Mrs Bissett & Mrs Changer

Year 3 – Miss L. Hall & Mrs Heath

Year 4 – Mrs Sherwin & Mrs Heath

Year 5 – Miss Lowe

Year 6 – Mrs N. Hall & Mrs Changer

Before the end of term you will receive a letter from your child's new class teacher with information about the new term and the 'Summer Read' book. Children will be having a 'Move Up' session on the 7th July to meet their new teachers.

**Thank you to the children in Y4 who met their new Reception buddies at the 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' for our new Reception children. They did a fantastic job at welcoming them.**

### Clothing Collection – Tuesday 1st July

Please drop off any bags before 9am. These collections provide funds for the school so thank you for your support.

## Prayer of the Week

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June is the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Paul.**

**In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven".**

### Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,

Thank you for everything you give us:

Love, happiness, joy and kindness.

Help us to share these gifts generously.

Look after all the children who need a home,

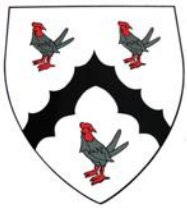
Give them your comfort and protection.

Help us to share these gifts generously.

We are grateful for the gift of friendship  
that makes us strong when we are sad or worried.

Help us to share these gifts generously.

Amen



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## **Reception Prayer & Liturgy**

Many thanks to our Reception children who delivered a super prayer and liturgy this morning about Saint Peter and Paul. They had worked so hard and we are very proud of them.

## **Year 1 Forest School**

Over the past three weeks, Year 1 have been embracing the great outdoors with their weekly visits to the forest — and what a magical time they've had!

The children have worked brilliantly together, showing fantastic teamwork and imagination. They've built dens and museums and even parks featuring zip wires and swings! Around the fire, they've cooked cinnamon bread, sung songs, and toasted marshmallows.

There's been plenty of hands-on learning too. The children have used real tools, including saws, and have crafted all sorts of wonderful creations. They've made bird feeders especially for the chiffchaffs, and explored signs of forest friends — spotting clues left by the bear family and even discovering fairy hideouts!

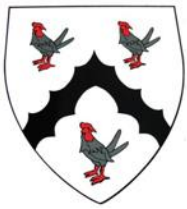
The forest has been alive with creativity, curiosity, and joy — a truly enchanting experience for all. Look out for photos on the website next week!



## **Year 1 and 2 – Judaism and linking with other communities**

Today Year 1 and 2 had the most amazing experience. Thanks to Mrs Fisher, we were able to zoom one of her friends Nitsa, who currently lives in Israel, just outside Tel Aviv. Both classes are currently exploring Jewish beliefs, practices and history, and this was a fantastic opportunity for us to interact with Jewish community members. This really helps the children on their journey to understand their own faith and those of others, promoting respect and dialogue. The children were fascinated to learn and ask all about the Torah, Shabbat, special clothing, Hebrew prayers and the Synagogue.





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## **Year 6 Transition session with KT Haynes**

Thank you to Kt Haynes who delivered a fabulous Soul Space session with Year 6 on the theme of transition. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to reflect on their time here and think ahead to the future. We are very blessed to have Mrs Haynes' support in school.

## **Charity Day: 11th July in aid of Stort Valley Trust**

We are fortunate to have Kt Haynes, who works for the charity, Stort Valley Schools Trust (SVST), with us every Wednesday. She has been in school on a weekly basis for a number of years now. Kt provides mentoring for children and runs a chaplaincy drop in session each week. She helps our Chaplaincy Team to deliver our popular Soul Spaces/Prayer Trails each term and offers the Rooted Hub sessions to Year 6. In addition, Kt offers support to Y6 children as they prepare for the transition to Secondary School and, as she is also based at SWCHS, this can continue into Year 7. She also enjoys coming to some of our RE lessons to talk to the children and answer any questions they may have.

We are very grateful to Kt as so many of our children benefit hugely from her support, which is provided free to the school. SVST are celebrating their 35th birthday this year and as a school we would like to help their fundraising initiative during this birthday year.

On 11th July we will be providing birthday candle templates for the children to decorate in school. We would like to see how far our birthday candles can reach when lined up. There will be small prizes for the most original infant and junior design.

We are asking for a £2 donation per child, available to pay on school money. In addition, we include the 35th birthday fundraising information in case you wish to make a further donation directly to SVST. Without kind donations, charity work provided by small charities like SVST is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain.

Thank you for your support.

## **PSA**

Many thanks for all your donations for the fete. We do hope you can join us for an afternoon of family fun.

## **Summer Fete Update – Saturday 28th June**

**I am delighted to tell you that our new headteacher, Mrs Stockdale, is hoping to attend the fete, so you will have chance to say hello.**

## **Cakes**

We would be very grateful for any cake donations on the day of the fete.

## **Karaoke**

Exciting news: this year we have hired a professional Karaoke Sound System for the fete, with up to 4 microphones. Release your inner diva and come and have a go – solo or group. It should be great fun!

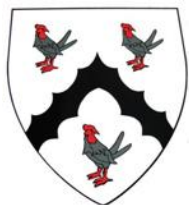
Please contact the PSA or the School Office if you are able to help with preparation or on the day. We would be very grateful for as much help as possible. **Please Note: We will be using tokens instead of cash. Tokens can be purchased via school money or on the day.** Please find attached poster for all the details.

## **Raffle Tickets**

Children came home with Raffle tickets before half term. If you would like to purchase these tickets, please fill in the stubs with your name and phone number and send them back to school with the cash.

There are more tickets available if you would like another book

The hampers will be amazing – don't forget to buy your tickets! **There will also be tickets available to buy on the day.**



## PSA Disco – Thursday 10th July

We will be holding a school disco on Thursday 10th July after school. **Please see attached poster with all the details.** Infants 3.15pm – 4.15pm & Juniors 4.30pm – 5.45pm. **If your child is attending Double Club on this day, you do not need to pay extra, but please remember to send a change of clothes.** Thank you.

## More Sports News

On Thursday 26th June our Junior Athletics team took part in the Uttlesford partnership District Athletics competition held at the Carver Barracks athletics track. The children took part in a variety of track and field events, concluding with the relay races. The children did exceptionally well across the events, with Year 3/4 team finishing 3rd and Year 5/6 team finishing 1st- leading to an overall second place position. Well done to everyone who took part, with a special mention to Isabelle Davidson who broke the Long Jump record with her jump of 2.01m, the Year 5 girls relay team, Emilia Wynne, Una Barnes, Sophie Kemp and Evelina Veitch who broke the relay record with a time of 46.9 seconds and the Year 6 boys, Max Dorren, Alfie Anderton, Solomon Riches and Reuben Chasey who also broke the record with a time of 42.3.

Well done to everyone and thank you to the parents who came to support the children.



## Amazon Wish List – Thank you to everyone who has donated!

All the classes are short of whiteboard pens, pencils and coloured pencils and we have added them to the wish list below, along with some other much needed items. Some parents have asked about class footballs. These are now added to the wish list. If you are able, we would be very grateful for any kind donations. Many thanks for your continued support.

### Reception

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### Year 1

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### Year 2

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### Year 3

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### Year 4

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### Year 5

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### Year 6

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### Sports

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