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Diary Dates



09 September – Curriculum Evening

12 September – Uniform Sale 3.15pm

19 September – Mass 9.30am All welcome

23 September – Y6 to Harry Potter

24 September – KS1 Scooter Morning 9am – 12pm

10 October – Y5/6 Young Shakespeare

16 October – Flu Immunisations

22 October – Y4 Anglo-Saxon & Viking Day

27 – 31 October – Half Term

3 November – Y5 Bikeability

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5 November – Y5 Bikeability

6 November – Y5 Bikeability & Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm

11 November – Pret-a-Portrait Individual & Sibling Photographs. Parents Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm

12 November – Opening Morning for New Prospective Reception Parents

13 November – Year 3 visit to Cambridge Museums

17 November – Y5 Bikeability

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21 November – Jubilee Celebration Day

27 November – Clothing Collection

28 November – Christmas Fete

4 December – Opening Morning for New Prospective Reception Parents & Christmas Wreath Making Evening

5 December – Y3 Prayer & Liturgy

6 December – Y5&6 Spirit of Christmas

19 December – Last Day of Term

Lunch

w/c 08 September (Week 2)

Please pay lunches on School Money – £2.50 per day

Swimming

08 September – Year 3&5

09 September – Year 2

Message from Mrs Stockdale

A warm welcome back to school and to all our new starters this term both in Reception and across the school! I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday with your families. The children at St Thomas More have had a great first week and have settled into their new classes really well.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for your kind wishes and support in my first week as Headteacher of this incredible school. I am so excited to be here and I am looking forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks.

This week, children have been thinking about our Mission Statement: *Learning to love, loving to learn, through Jesus*. We have been capturing how we can put this idea into action through reflection and prayer.



Curriculum Evening – Tuesday 09 September

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher on Tuesday 09 September and hear about the curriculum for the year ahead. The meeting is for **parents only**.

Please do all you can to attend these meetings as it will help you to support your child through the new school year. **Please see below for class times:**

5pm	Year 2
5:30pm	Year 4
6pm	Year 1 and Reception
6:30pm	Year 3
7pm	Year 5 and Year 6

Autumn Term Clubs – start w/c 15 September

Clubs are still available to book. If your child would like to attend a club this term please log on to School Money to book. Please see attached clubs list. **Clubs begin week commencing 15 September.**

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 07 September 2025 is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Dear Lord,

As we begin our journey into a new school year, please help us to be kind, loving and friendly whilst also enjoying the opportunities we have.

Help us to carry on when things get tricky and to be determined to never give up.

Help us to be good role models and to serve you by putting our best into everything we do. Help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and be guided by his example to be the best version of ourselves.

Help us to learn to love and to love to learn, through Jesus.

Amen

Year 6 – Lenny, Emily, Will, Mairead, Flora, Ela and Jude



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Start of Day Routine

Now children are settled into their new classes, parents and carers are kindly reminded that all pupils should be dropped off at the main gates from 8:30am when they open. Children then will need to use the walkways to get to their respective classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

School Uniform

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Full names, rather than initials, make it easier for us to return items.

Prayer Garden

We have a beautiful new teak bench for our willow Prayer Garden, kindly gifted by Mrs McNally as a parting gift to the school upon her retirement. We are so very grateful to her for purchasing this for the school and are already enjoying getting out there (when the skies have cleared!) to spend some time reflecting outside.



Year 4 Eco Club

Year 4 will be doing Eco Club every Friday afternoon until Christmas. Please could everyone make sure they have their gardening gloves in school on a Friday. If there are any DBS parents or grandparents who would like to volunteer at Eco Club, please let the office know.

Thank you.

Mrs Poulter

Scooter Pods

A reminder about the Scooter Pods located on the school playground between Year 3 and Year 5 classrooms. If your child brings their scooter or bicycle into school, and would like to leave them here, please ensure they leave them in the scooter pods provided. Thank you.

Reminder - Football

The children are not allowed to bring in leather footballs. For safety reasons, we only allow soft balls for breaktime use.

PSA

Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Friday 12 September 3:15pm

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on Friday 12 September at 3:15pm in the school hall.

Unwanted Gifts/Bottles Donations

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles of wine/processco, the PSA would be very grateful of any donations in preparation for our Christmas Fete. Thank you in advance.