



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday. As usual, there is lots going on this term so do keep an eye on diary dates and pop events on your calendars at home.

### ABSENCE DURING TERM-TIME

We have seen a huge increase in the number of holiday requests this term. We need to remind parents that fines will be issued by the local Authority for any absence over 3 days now - and parents should note that fines are increasing to £80 per pupil, per parent.



Whilst we are still awaiting the Ofsted report, parents should be aware that our overall attendance figures were noted as a concern, and one that can only really be rectified by parents. Our governors and children are looking at ways in which we can improve attendance and further details will be made available later this term.

In the meantime, we are going to reintroduce our weekly 'Attendance Teddy' and this will be awarded to the class with the best attendance each week. Furthermore, the class with the best attendance each half-term will be rewarded with Dominos pizzas. This has been shared with the children and they are very excited about it, so please do support them in getting into school every day.

### TEDDY PUPDATE

Last year, we applied to Tesco for their 'Stronger Starts' project, to see if we could get some money to support the cost of Teddy in school. We are delighted to say that we could be receiving some funding up to £1,500 towards his training costs - all by putting the blue tokens in the box when you shop at Tesco. This will be in place from the first week of April, to the end of June. You can use your blue tokens to vote for Teddy in the following stores:

- ~Cannock Stafford Express Store
- ~Hednesford Large Store
- ~Cannock Large Store
- ~Great Wyrley Express



This is really exciting news and remember, the more tokens that we get, the more funding we will get! We will keep reminding you on Dojo... and Teddy thanks you for your support.

### FRIDAY 19th April ASSEMBLY AWARDS KS1

CLASS	SHARING CATHOLIC VALUES AWARD	GREAT WORK
Reception	Harry Davis for always being kind to others. Darcey Tufft for looking out for other people.	Izabella McAllister for using her Phonics to independently write lists. Felix Bird for his super Maths work finding 1 more and 1 less.
Year 1	Elsie Davis for being a helpful member of class. Harrison O'Donnell for trying new foods for his friends.	Sophia Graham for great R.E work. Frankie Murphy for fantastic phonics.
Year 2	Darcie Devey for being a great friend to others. Harris Lacey for being a helpful member of the class.	Bella-Rose Tufft for super Science work. Zavier Powell for some super measuring in Maths.



# 12th April 2024



# BIRTHDAY PARTY LUNCH



Parents can now purchase a 'Birthday Party Lunch' for their child and this will be catered for in school. You would need to give us at least a weeks notice so that 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 per extra child. This must be paid for in advance on Parent Pay. There are a choice of 4 menus... Hot dog, beef burger, chicken nuggets or pizza to choose from. There is also a vegetarian option. Decorations, party hats, balloons and a birthday cake made by our cook is included in the price. Any further help you need please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please note we cannot facilitate parties on a Friday.

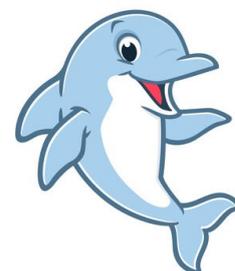
## DINNER MENUS For Monday 15th April

	WEEK 3 Menu For all Key Stages	Deli Bar For all Key Stages
Mon	SEE MENU BELOW	SEE MENU BELOW
Tue	Hot Dogs or Quorn Dippers	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Wed	Roast Pork & Stuffing or Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Thur	Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Fingers	Pasta Neapolitan
Fri	Fish Fingers or Cheese & Tomato Wholemeal Pizza	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Monday 15th April is

'DOLPHIN DAY!'

Our school cook has prepared a special menu for this day to celebrate.



MSC Certified Fish Fingers with Wedges

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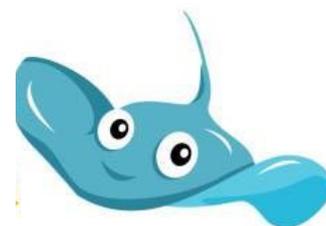
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges  
Sweetcorn & Green Beans

or

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Dolphin  
Friendly Tuna

Salad Bar Optional

Fruit Jelly & Ice-cream Tub



## NUTS REMINDER

We are a nut free school due to several children having allergies to various nuts. Please don't send in any nut products including chocolate spread.



## BLAST



We are open from 7.30am in the morning, then from 3.15pm until 6pm every evening. If you would like to book you can do so on line through our website [www.blastkidsclubltd.com](http://www.blastkidsclubltd.com) or contact Tami on 07783942084. If your child does attend an afterschool club and will be coming to Blast afterwards, please can you let us know.

## A MESSAGE FROM QUINTON PLAYGROUP

As from September 2024, we will no longer be offering 30 hours funding for 3 year olds. (St. Thomas More Nursery will be offering these 30 hours). We are looking to develop a nursery for children aged 18 months to 3 years. There is a lot of funding available for children aged 2 years plus... I am looking at opening any day to offer working parents an opportunity to let their children develop in a safe and happy environment. Seasonal Care will also be available. For more information or any queries please do not hesitate to come and see us in the Church Hall or call Lydia on 07990868774.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - Please note that all dates are subject to change so please keep checking the newsletter every week.

**APRIL 2024**

Wednesday 17th Swimming. Year 5. 9.15—10.15am.  
Thursday 18th No Mass.  
Friday 19th Key Stage 1 Assembly.  
Wednesday 24th Swimming. Year 5.  
Thursday 25th Year 5 & 6 Mass. 2.30pm.  
Friday 26th Key Stage 2 Assembly.  
Monday 29th Year 6 Trip to Harvington Hall.

**MAY 2024**

Wednesday 1st Swimming. Year 5.  
Thursday 2nd Confirmations, Year 6 at St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm.  
Thursday 2nd Year 1 & 2 Mass. 2.30pm.  
Thursday 2nd Polling Day. Church Hall in use. School Open.  
Friday 3rd Key Stage 1 Assembly.  
Saturday 4th First Holy Communion, Year 3 at St Mary's Church 12.30.  
Monday 6th Bank Holiday—school Closed.  
Wednesday 8th Swimming. Year 5.  
Thursday 9th Year 4 & Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip.  
Thursday 9th Year 5 & 6 Mass. 2.30pm.  
Friday 10th Key Stage 2 Assembly.  
**Monday 13th Year 6 SATs Week.**  
Wednesday 15th Swimming. Year 5.  
Thursday 16th No Mass.  
Friday 17th Key Stage 1 Assembly.  
Wednesday 22nd Swimming. Year 5.  
Thursday 23rd May Procession. Mass Reception, Year 3 & 4.  
Thursday 23rd Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip.  
Friday 24th Key Stage 2 Assembly.  
Friday 24th Break up for Half Term.

**JUNE 2024**

Wednesday 5th Swimming. Year 5 & Year 6.  
Thursday 6th Year 2 Mass. 2.30pm.  
Friday 7th Key Stage 1 Assembly.  
Monday 10th Laches Wood. Year 6.  
Wednesday 12th Swimming. Year 5.  
Thursday 13th Year 3 & Year 4 Mass. 2.30pm.  
Friday 14th Key Stage 2 Assembly.  
Wednesday 19th Swimming. Year 5.  
Wednesday 19th Big Bang Fair at NEC. Year 6.  
Thursday 20th St Thomas More Day.  
Mass Year 5 & Year 6. (Time to be confirmed)  
Thursday 20th Sports Day! EYFS - 10am. Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 - 1.30pm.  
FUNDAY. Straight after Sports Day.  
Wednesday 26th Swimming. Year 5 & Year 6.  
Thursday 27th Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Mass. 2.30pm.  
Friday 28th Key Stage 1 Assembly.  
Saturday 29th Great Wyrley Carnival.



A thank you letter from Landywood & District Voluntary Help Centre for the fundraising we did for them over Easter. We raised £500.



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04 April 2024

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School  
Huthill Lane  
Great Wyrley

FAO the Head Teacher

Dear Mrs Hewitt

**Donation to Minibus Fund**

We are writing to thank you for your generous donation towards our replacement minibus.

We are hoping that we could bring the minibus (when we have it) round to the school to let the children see what their contributions have achieved.

Please let us know if that would be possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Moran', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ann Moran

(Chairman Landywood and District Voluntary Help Centre)