

## Welcome back

Thank you goodness the sun has decided to shine, despite it being quite chilly , it is nice not being in the rain.

It was lovely to see the children come back after Easter enthusiastic to return. They have been enjoying the new picnic benches and we are hoping to purchase some more this term following the success of the Easter raffle.

**Please take the time to read the newsletter as it includes quite a lot of information and important dates.**

## Annex Club and Arbor

On Newsletter 10 in February it was explained that there were significant changes being made to the Annex Club including using Arbor to book and pay for sessions.

The changes were necessary for a few reasons including

- Attendance of children not booked and debts being accrued, the school budget cannot be used to subsidise before and after school club and at times the funds were so low that wages had to be subsidised.
- Staffing is pre-arranged and due to the fluctuations we need to ensure that the children are insured at all times

The morning Annex (breakfast club) has 35 places and the afternoon Annex (after-school club) has 40 places, these are booked and paid for in advance. Children must be registered via the booking form and the office team will ensure a child's name is registered and access to the Arbor booking system is arranged.

We have been in contact with Arbor support and hoping to be able to add a message if sessions are full, but in the meantime the advice we can share is that if the date you are looking for is not available or missing this session is FULL.

A message has been sent today to parents who regularly use Annex club from Arbor support via the in App message service.

Thank you for your patience whilst we deal with the gremlins of a new system, but it is essential that we made the changes to ensure sustainability of the Annex club as an out of school provision.



## SAVE THE DATE

**St Thomas More Feast Day celebration**

**Friday 19th June**

**2-4pm**

BBQ, Cake Sale, ice-cream van, face painting, STM school choir singing,  
Bottle Tombola, Chocolate Tombola, raffle  
and many more stalls.

The Mr McCorriston football tournament and our annual sports competition  
will be held.

Further details to follow.

Please join us for our celebration afternoon.



## April 2026 Parents meetings

Thank you so much to the parents who have attended the parents meetings the staff thoroughly enjoy sharing your child's learning journey with you.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Week 27th—1st May**

Sponsored Mini London Marathon in school—details to follow from Sports Leaders

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Year 5/6 trip to Blackpool Zoo

### **Thursday 7th May**

6:15pm Year 4 Maths family night preparing for Multiplication tables check—school hall

### **Friday 8th May**

OPAL play own clothes day—details to follow from OPAL play leaders

### **Week 11th—14th May**

Year 6 SATs week

### **Sunday 17th May**

Sacramental Programme meeting after 11am mass

### **Tuesday 19th May**

Class photos

### **Wednesday 20th—22nd May**

Year 6 Robinwood residential

### **Friday 22nd May**

School closes for half term

### **Monday 8th June**

School reopens for Summer 2

### **Friday 19th June**

School will finish at 1:30pm (Annex will be available but we would appreciate if possible for the children to be picked up to participate fully)

St Thomas More celebration will start at 2pm

### **Monday 22nd June**

St Thomas More Feast day the children will join the parish for Mass at 9am.

### **Saturday 27th June**

9:30 First Holy Communion for children on the Sacramental Programme at St Thomas More Church

### **Saturday 4th July**

Parish Summer Fair – details to follow

### **Friday 10th July**

Year 6 prom—details to follow

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

As servants of God, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. through his love, we guide each member of our family on their own spiritual journey to achieve and grow.

We love, we learn, we live with Christ.