

Harvest Mass

THANK YOU



Thank you so much for the donations for our Harvest Mass. On Wednesday we took the donations to the Lally Centre, below is the email we received.

Dear Mrs Butterworth

On behalf of Caritas Diocese of Salford, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for taking the time to appeal for and collect the food items you delivered to our Lally Centre food pantry and allotment. Please know that this practical support will be appreciated by someone experiencing poverty and homelessness in Manchester / Bury.

At the last count in March 2025, there were 386 people sleeping rough and 6,042 households in temporary accommodation, including 8,855 children (that's roughly a thousand more children than the same period last year!) And, there are thousands more at risk of losing their home, due to the financial difficulties they are experiencing.

Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to all the staff and pupils at St Thomas More RC Primary for their continued generosity and support. We never take it for granted.

Thank you once again for making this donation.

Kind regards,

Kirstie.



Medication Policy

In line with the advice from Health and Safety and following DfE guidelines the schools medication Policy has been updated. It is attached to the email with the newsletter, but I would like to draw particular attention to the section below.

Receiving non - prescribed medication from parents

As a school we are committed the Department of Education (DfE) drive to improve attendance and appreciate that sometimes pupils may need liquid paracetamol (e.g. Calpol) or liquid ibuprofen (e.g. Nurofen) or anti-histamine (e.g. Piriton).

Non -prescribed medication will not be administered without a Parental consent form being completed – **VERBAL CONSENT OVER THE PHONE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

If your child requires non-prescribed medication, you must provide it with their name clearly labelled. Unused medication will be returned to parents.

PARENTS MEETINGS WEEK

Reminder

Tuesday 25th November

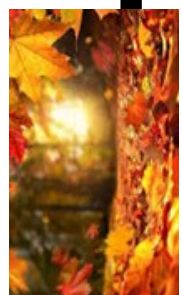
KS1—Mrs Craven & Miss Kadir & Miss Byrne—morning and after school

Wednesday 26th November

UKS2—Miss Hughes & Miss Newton & Miss McBride—morning and after school

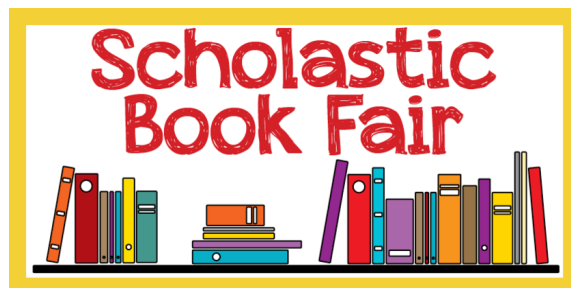
Thursday 27th November

LKS2—Mrs Quigg/ Mrs Owen & Miss Winnard & Miss Corry—morning and after school



BOOK FAIR

The book fair is taking place this week, until Thursday 20th November, in Miss Corry's classroom, please enter through the Main Entrance.



FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS MORE (FOSTM)

As you are aware the FoSTM discontinued at the end of last academic year. Their support and organisation of events outside of the school day had always been the envy of many schools.

At the time of the decision we believed that STM would have converted in October, however the decision was communicated to school in June that this process had been paused.

Some may have noticed that in the meantime a former member of FoSTM has continued to create opportunities for fundraising including Christmas Cards and the Bags to school collection.

Our pupil school leaders also have a plethora of ideas to raise funds for a range of projects.

Thank you for your continued support.

Arbor APP

A reminder that we are continuing to use Arbor, this gives parents chance to see information—we are also increasing our use as a form of communication.



The parent usage currently stands at 91%, this means that some parents have still not logged onto Arbor and downloaded the APP.

Please make sure you have downloaded the APP before the Christmas break as we will increase our use in the new year.

If you need any help please ring the office

Thank you for your prayers for our community and continuous support.

Mrs Butterworth

Headteacher

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.

Thought for the term...

Beatitudes - being Blessed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 4th December

Reindeer run for Springhill Hospice
pm Diocesan Carol Concert @ St Marys Langley
(Information shared with choir)



Friday 5th December

PANTO DAY

KS2 to theatre in the morning—details to follow

EYFS & KS1 in school—in the afternoon

Saturday 6th December

Parish Christmas Fair 12-4pm in STM Parish centre

St Peters and St Thomas More schools are collecting for the Choccobolla

Wednesday 10th December

9:15 EYFS Christmas worship - Miss Barran's Class

Thursday 11th December

9:15 EYFS Christmas worship - Miss Dunkerley Class

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & LUNCH

Friday 12th December

EYFS Party day

Sunday 14th December

Sacramental programme meeting after 11am mass

Monday 15th December

KS1 Party day

Tuesday 16th December

LKS2 Party day

Wednesday 17th December

UKS2 Party day

6:30 KS1 carol concert

Friday 19th December

1:30 FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK



Monday 5th January 2026

School reopens