



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher, Joanne Butterworth, Deputy Headteacher: Anna Quigg

Assistant Headteacher: Sarah Cassidy

4th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the amazing support for the Reindeer Run, Springhill Hospice have shared the total from our school **£1584** well done to all.



Pilgrims of Hope and Salford Singing Programme



On Christmas Eve Pope Francis opened the doors to start the Jubilee year – Pilgrims of Hope, in school we launched the Jubilee on Friday 24th January. There are many events throughout the year that will take place, plus a hymn

Pilgrims of Hope has been written. Before Christmas some of the children took part in the Christmas Carol Concert with Salford Singing Programme during the concert the children took part singing the hymn, the voices were recorded and shared recently with Salford Diocese headteachers – the YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvOYQXhIXtA>.



As part of the Jubilee school received an anchor which was blessed by Bishop John. He also blessed 3 large anchors that will travel across all schools in the 3 Salford Diocesan Catholic Academy Trust footprints.



Mental Health Week and My Happy Mind

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February is Children's Mental Health week which has coincided with the launch of My Happy Mind across school – a separate letter has been emailed regarding the parent APP.



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OPAL Play

All staff are committed to improving playtime in school and our Opal play training continues.

You may have noticed some additions and some new resources for Opal play that Mrs McNally and her husband have donated and installed during a weekend.

Each time we introduce new items we discuss playing safely and awareness that others may want to play with the resources, so our rules are

- Choose it
- Use it
- Put it away



I was saddened tonight at the end of the day to find the wooden spoons for beaters have been broken. Please remind the children about respecting our resources.

Thank you so much for your constant support.

Mrs Butterworth
Headteacher

Monday 3rd February

Launch of My Happy Mind across school

Friday 7th February

NSPCC number day—details to follow

Friday 7th February—14th February

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 14th February

School closes for Half term at 3:10pm (Annex open)

Monday 24th February

School reopens after half term

Friday 28th February

Y6 Nurses in for Height & Weight

Monday 7th April

Parents meetings week—details to follow

Friday 11th April

1:30PM FINISH FOR EASTER BREAK – NO ANNEX CLUB

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Trumpets herald change

Open our lives to the cry of the trumpet sounding the birth of the new.

Open our minds to the blast of the trumpet calling all slaves to break free.

Open our hands to take hold of the music breaking the shackles that bind.

Open our hearts to the Jubilee promise leading our actions and dreams.

In the holiness of the moment be with us.

In the stillness of the dance hold my hand.

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