



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

At St Thomas More's RC Primary School, each class has a 'Class Saint' assigned to them. We are pleased to announce that our 'Class Saint' this year is St Francis of Assisi.

On Sunday 4th October 2026, St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day will be celebrated. Over the next week in preparation for his Feast Day, we will be learning lots more about him and we will enjoy lots of activities and experiences based on his work.

We would really appreciate your support with this and, if possible, with your child at home please talk about St Francis of Assisi, his work and how this can be continued by each of us in our daily lives.

We also have another **challenge** for you at home. If your child would like to create a picture, painting, collage, construct a model or even create some mark making based on St Francis of Assisi this would be wonderful and we would really appreciate photographs of any 'creations' which you can send to us via our team emails:

Miss Barran: cebarran@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Miss Jones: ljones@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

We will share these with one another, print off any photographs and display in class.

St Francis of Assisi:

St Francis of Assisi (September 26, 1181 – October 3, 1226) is a Christian Saint. He is the founder of the Franciscan Order and is the Patron Saint of animals, the environment, merchants, Italy and Catholic Action. He was born in Assisi in Italy where a large basilica was built in his honour. St Francis of Assisi has remained as a powerful symbol of peace, with the Prayer of St Francis is widely known, said and sung in Church.

On his Feast Day, many churches have a ceremony for people to bring their pets and working animals to Church

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years Team



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