

Christmas 2024

AUTUMN 1 WHAT A BUSY TERM!

In September our Early Years parents enjoyed stay & play with their child, meaning the children have settled in beautifully to the family of St Thomas More.

We held our first Phonics coffee morning, which will be followed by Reading cafés later in the year.

Thank you to all who supported our Macmillan coffee morning—the cake sale went down a treat with the children. A BIG well done to our winners of the Bake Off.















December 2024



Individual photos were taken and have been given out.

FoSTM Christmas card designs have been scanned and given out to the children for you to order.

Meet the Teacher

It was so wonderful to see so many families join us for our Meet the teacher event, especially as we had had to postpone it due to the Ofsted, thank you so much for your support.

Parents meeting sign up

The sign up sheets for the parents meetings will be on display in the mornings at drop off time. We used these prior to the online booking.

Please PRINT your child's name in an allocated time. If struggling to book in the morning please email clearly stating the class teachers name.

TIME	CHILD'S NAME	TIME	CHILD'S NAME
9.00am		3.50pm	
9.10am		4.00pm	
9.20am		4.10pm	
9.30am		4.20pm	
9.40am		4.30pm	
9.50am		4.40pm	
10.00am		4.50pm	
10.10am		5.00pm	
10.20am		5.10pm	
10.30am		5.20pm	
10.40am		5.30pm	
10.50am		5.40pm	
11.00am		5.50pm	
11.10am		6:00pm	
11.20am		6:10pm	
	EVENING SESSION	6:20pm	
3.30pm			
3,40pm			
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Communication issues

The school **website** is now up and running again, However there is an issue with the **email system**, therefore some letters will be uploaded onto the website and a text message will inform you. Once the situation is resolved you may receive letters that were already in the system and may appear delayed.

Class Dojo this is nearly running however some classes still need to be connected. It will be used very differently as we will not be able to access the messaging service. It will be used for class story, information, celebrations and importantly for the children to gather their Dojo points.



Extra-curricular opportunities

Mrs Owen's Art club for UKS2 has been very popular, the first group finished before the half term and the next cohort of children began their sessions last week.

LKS2 staff have been running a number of popular clubs including Movie club, Drawing club and Wellbeing club. The children are thoroughly enjoying the activities on offer.

Miss Barran had a great response to re-establishing the Choir, all staff were amazed last week by the beautiful singing. The choirs has been invited to sing at the Parish Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th December.

Cross country events are nearly complete and have been well attended by our children. Mrs Pennells has been so pleased by the effort of every child participating.

LKS2 Stone Age day



The children thoroughly enjoyed the day to celebrate their learning, lighting fires and many other activities took place during the

day.





Ofsted Report

Late on Friday evening we received the Final draft of the inspection report from our recent Ofsted that took place 1st and 2nd October, which we are thrilled to share with you. Since September 2024, Ofsted are not grading schools an overall judgement. It will be published on our website this week.

Your children were a credit to you and made us as a staff very proud. It was delightful to see that 96% felt their child was happy in school. The inspectors recognised the amazing work staff undertake in St Thomas More, resulting in a wonderful inspection report.

We will be sending out a questionnaire to ensure we plan effectively to move school forward on its journey of improvement.

I would like to thank the children, staff and governors for all their commitment to our school community, but especially you as parents for your continued support.

Well done and thank you.

Mrs Butterworth

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thought for the month... We will remember them

<u>Information</u>

Monday 11th November

School are joining St Thomas More parish at 9am mass

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November

KS1 trip to Elizabeth Gaskell House (pleas e see letter form department)

Tuesday 19th November -

9:00 - 11:30 LKS2 parents meetings - held in the Nursery Building

3:30 – 6:30 LKS2 parents meetings – held in the EYFS classroom

Wednesday 20th November

9:00 - 11:30 UKS2 parents meetings - held in the Nursery Building

3:30 – 6:30 UKS2 parents meetings – held in the EYFS classroom

Thursday 21st November

9:00 - 11:30 KS1 parents meetings - held in the Nursery Building

3:30 - 6:30 KS1 parents meetings - held in the EYFS classroom

Thursday 5th December

Salford Singing programme Carol Concert Year 3 & Year 4 – details to follow

Friday 6th December

PANTO DAY- details to follow

Wednesday 11th December

9:15 EYFS Christmas worship – details to follow

Thursday 12th December

9:15 EYFS Christmas worship—details to follow

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & CHRISTMAS LUNCH – details to follow

Friday 13th December

EYFS Party day

Saturday 14th December

Parish Christmas Fair

Monday 16th December

KS1 Party day

Tuesday 17th December

LKS2 Party day

Wednesday 18th December

UKS2 Party day

6:30 KS1 carol concert

Thursday 19th December



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

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.

