

MORE NEWS



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SWIMMING

Monday 9th December—Year 3 and 5

Tuesday 10th December—Year 2

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during swimming lessons and must have a red swimming hat.

CATERING NEWS

**Juniors please pay lunches
on School Money- £2.20 per day**

Christmas Lunch—Thursday 12th December

Roast turkey and sausages
Yorkshire puddings
Roast potatoes
Honey roasted carrots and parsnips
Stuffing (for juniors)
Brussels sprouts and peas
Desert—Chocolate salami

Menu change Friday 13th December

Fishcake burger and beans
Jacket potatoes with fillings
Mousses

Week 3

**Kindly make sure the kitchen is
aware of any allergies.**

Snack Bar 25p

DIARY DATES

**Autumn Term 2019
December**

7th Year 5 and 6 Spirit of Christmas 5.30pm
9th Year 6 Cooking Week
11th Infant Production 9.30am and 6.30pm
12th Christmas Lunch
16th Year 1 and Year 2 Cooking Week
16th Infant Christmas Party 1.30pm
17th Junior Christmas Production 2pm and 7pm
18th Christmas Mass 9.30am—All Welcome!
18th Junior Christmas Party 1.30pm
19th Christmas Jumper Day
19th Walk to School Day
19th End of Term

January

6th Start Spring Term
14th Mass New Year 9.30am—All welcome!
15th USSP Swimming Gala
17th Year 2 Visit to the Tower of London
23rd Height and Weight Reception and Year 6
Please note—Re-arranged date
31st PSA Cinderella Pantomime
February
5th Year 1 Assembly
11th Year 2 Assembly
12th Year 4 and 5 Jazz Concert Saffron Hall
17th—21st February Half Term

PUPIL NEWS

Infant Performance 11th December—

Please could you bring your child back to school at 6pm on Wednesday 11th December so they can get changed for the evening performance of the Nativity play which starts at 6.30pm.

The performances are at 9.30am and 6.30pm.

No tickets will be issued but a register will be taken on entry. Two people per family per performance will be allowed. If you have a small child they may sit on your knee at the 9.30am performance only. Only adults will be admitted to the 6.30pm performance. Seats are not transferable between families.

Infant Parents—To help us remember the Christmas Story we would like to invite you to join our special project called "The Travelling Crib." This is to help us to remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and as a family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas. Each night the crib will go home with a different family to be returned the next day.

The attached leaflet will tell you more about the travelling crib project and explain what to do if your child is lucky enough to take it home.

Many thanks for your support—The Infant team

Year 5 and 6 Spirit of Christmas—All Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in this concert at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden on **Saturday 7th December.** The concert begins at 5.30pm but the children are asked to be at the church at 4.45pm for a rehearsal. It should be finished by 7pm.

Boys are expected to wear their normal school uniform. Please can the girls wear a skirt with black tights and a sweatshirt, not cardigan. The children will then look smart to perform in the choir.

St Peter—This term our house competition is to draw a Santa. It can be a design of a traditional Santa or you can put a twist on it by making a different outfit to the normal Santa.
Giselle and Kaiah.

St Francis—Our competition is to make a Christmas cookie. The closing date is on 12th December. Please try and enter the competition because we didn't get a lot of entries for our last competition. Good luck! Zachary and James.

Children's nails—We have noticed that some of our children's nails are too long. May we kindly ask you to keep an eye on your child's nails and keep them short. It is very easy for them to get caught in something and get hurt or hurt someone else while playing. Many thanks.

SCHOOL NEWS

ALL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES CLUBS HAVE FINISHED THIS TERM

Early Bird and Double Club will continue until the end of term.

Visitor Badges—Please can you return your visitor lanyards and badges should you have any at home or in your handbag, we have none left in the office! Many thanks.

Christmas Trees—If you are buying a real Christmas tree this year, for every Christmas tree you buy from Squires on the Cambridge Road in Stansted they will donate £5 to our PSA. All you need to do is mention St Thomas More School. (Squires is located in the grounds of Sworders)

British Legion—The British Legion have sent their thanks. £286.59 was collected on their behalf during Remembrance Week. Thank you for your generosity.

School Photography—If for any reason you have lost your original viewing instructions please don't worry. Pret-a-Portrait will be more than happy to help and you can contact them directly on 0800 021 7626

or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net
Here are our Christmas delivery deadlines:
<https://www.pret-a-portrait.net/about-us/news/>

Autumn Levy—The Governor's Levy is a contribution from parents for the upkeep and development of the building and premises. We would like to encourage all parents to contribute as it is an essential fund. The Levy can be paid for on SchoolMoney. The suggested donation is set at £15, however you can change the amount by clicking on the green highlighted button. All contributions are gratefully received. Please find the Gift Aid form attached to More News. Kindly fill in a form if you have made a contribution.

Many thanks

Books for Schools—The Sun newspaper are starting a scheme to donate books to schools. From Saturday 23 November until Saturday 18th January tokens will be printed daily in the newspaper. We can claim books worth more than £600. Please ask family, friends, neighbours etc. to save tokens for you and bring any into school. We will team up with other local schools in Saffron Walden if we don't manage to collect enough tokens and split the books. This would be a great boost to the library. Many thanks.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy Father

We are waiting patiently for many things,

Help us to understand what some of these things are

Waiting for the lamps to be lit during Diwali to show us the way to freedom.

Waiting for the birth of our precious Jesus, in the hay.

Waiting for our special journey of peace, love and hope to prepare us on our way.

During the weeks of Advent, help us to be kind, thoughtful and considerate, showing respect for others who won't have a Christmas like ours.

As the trees sleep quietly and the animals hibernate, we hope we will find our quiet place in your presence.

Amen

Leo, Marissa, Max, Anna, Imala

Year 1

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

I can work, play, rest and pray each day.

WEB NEWS

Look on our website to see photos of Year 6 Assembly.

PSA

Giving Machine—As you will be buying your Christmas presents soon, you can help raise donations for St Thomas More Catholic Primary School without even leaving your sofa. It doesn't cost you a penny! If you shop online, you can raise a free cash donation with every purchase. It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via the Giving Machine website and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for us, at no extra cost to you. TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. With over 2,000 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Ocado, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation. In order to start raising free donations please go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-16> and JOIN – it's that easy. Or you can download the app on your phone!

The PSA have booked the pantomime **Cinderella** for families to attend on 31st January at 3.30pm. All families including younger siblings, relations and friends are invited. School age children do not have to have a parent in attendance however pre-schoolers do. The cost is £6. We are putting this event in the shop area of SchoolMoney. In the past the panto evening has been really good family fun.

Celebration Ball

Thank you for your interest in our Ball. We do still have a limited number of tables left so it is not too late to get your tickets! To secure your place for the ball we would ask for a deposit of £20 by the end of October. To spread the cost and make it easier for people to pay we have set up the following payment plan:.

2nd instalment of £20 due by
30th November 2019

3rd instalment of £20 due by 29th February
2020

4th instalment of £20 due by 30th April
2020

Final payment of £20 due by 30th June
2020

For those of you who are currently at the school we will add this to your SchoolMoney account. If you are not currently at the school you may pay by cash, cheque payable to St Thomas More Catholic Primary School or by bank transfer
(Sort Code 30-97-13 Account Number: 0396610)

