

MORE NEWS

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Diary Dates



- 2nd September** – Inset Day
- 3rd September** – Inset Day
- 4th September** – First Day Back at School for Children
- 24th September** – Year 6 to Harry Potter Studios
- 4th October** – Year 5 Bikeability
- 7th October** – Year 5 Bikeability & Flu Immunisations
- 8th October** – Year 5 Bikeability
- 9th October** – Year 5 Bikeability
- 10th October** – Year 5 Bikeability
- 11th October** – Year 5 Bikeability
- 18th October** – Year 5&6 Young Shakespeare
- 21st October** – Year 1 Indian Dance Workshop
- 23rd October** – Year 4 Altru Drama Day
- 4th November** – Pret-a-Portrait, Individual & Sibling Photos.
- 5th November** – Year 3 Cambridge Museum & Clothing Collection
- 13th November** – Year 5 Saffron Walden Museum

Lunch

w/c 2nd September Week 1
Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.40 per day

Swimming

Swimming Lessons will start w/c 9th September

Message from Mrs Hall

It has been a very emotional week. I am so grateful for all of the good wishes and gifts I have received. Thank you so, so much.

I would like to wish you all a fabulous summer – I hope the sun shines. I offer you all my prayers and love for new academic year.



Ollie Toms – Racket Day

We were delighted to be able to donate £348 to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Ollie Toms following our successful racket day earlier this month.

Summer Reading Challenge

All children are asked to read a particular book over the holidays. This year's Summer Reads are:

- Reception – Where a dragon goes to school by Carly Hart
- Year 1 – To Confirmed by Mrs Edgar
- Year 2 – Dread Cat by Michael Rossen
- Year 3 – Nell & the Cave Bear by Martin Brown
- Year 4 – The Last Bear by Hannah Gold
- Year 5 – Count by Melvin Burgess
- Year 6 – Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy

Please purchase your Summer Read from Harts in Saffron Walden. If you say you are from STM you will receive 20% discount.

School Money Balances

Please ensure all balances are paid. Thank you.

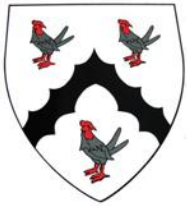
Prayer of the Week

Sunday 21st June is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia, Alleluia

Help us, Lord to grow in goodness and love.

Alleluia



Message from the Governors

School Fête

On behalf of the governing team, we wanted to write to say thank you very much indeed to all the staff and parents who gave up their time to make the summer fête such a success. These events simply cannot happen without a lot of preparation in advance and extra hands to help on the day. Thank you for giving up your time on a Saturday, and during the weeks of preparation, to provide such a fun afternoon for the children of our school. We really appreciate it... and judging by the happy faces on the children running around on the day - so did they!

Donations, Levies and Fundraising - where does it go?

At the end of another very busy year, we wanted to say a big thank you to all of you who have helped & supported the school this year. School budgets are extremely tight, and we feel incredibly proud and grateful to you for your continued support with the curriculum and termly donations. Thanks to the curriculum contribution, the children at St Thomas More have been lucky enough to benefit from staff and resources to support them with: Cookery, Art, Tea Concerts & DT... Not to mention Music, French & Sport/PE with specialist teachers – things that primary school budgets alone simply don't cover.

Your termly contributions go towards the care of the entire school site and buildings and helps to keep the school so smart, safe, clean, warm and welcoming for your children. This has been particularly important this year with the RAACS surveys that needed to be professionally carried out last September.

This year has seen several big fundraising events, which could not have been successful without your generosity and support. Thanks to your time given up to cycle, attend events, bake cakes, man a stall, get sponsorship, offer things for auction, financial contributions and more - the school has been able to purchase a brand-new adventure playground for the children to enjoy for years to come.

PSA

Pre-loved uniform

If you have some outgrown uniform at home we would be grateful for any donations to the school second hand shop! We are in particular need of:

- Polo shirts (all sizes)
- Grey shorts (age 9+)
- Jumpers (all sizes)
- Cardigans (age 7 upwards)
- PE t-shirts (all sizes)
- PE jumpers (all sizes)
- PE shorts/skorts (all sizes)
- Smaller black jogging bottoms (age 7 and below)