



ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

'Do all that you do with Love'

12th June 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS EXLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school. Well done to our Reception class who were awarded 'class of the week' in assembly this morning. They enjoyed a Seaside Holidays workshop in the hall on Tuesday, and the organisers commented on the beautiful behaviour of the children and were impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Today, our Year 5 pupils visited Blessed George Napier school for a taster day. This is a great opportunity for children to find out what it is like at one of our PFMAC secondary schools; the children took part in a Science session, Design and Technology and Golf in the sports hall. We can't wait to hear all about it! Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 5 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday.

The children received the Sacrament with grace and prayerfulness, and it was lovely to see them dressed so smart and to be present for this important occasion. We look forward to the Year 6 Confirmation on Sunday 21st June.

Well done to the Year 1 children who completed the statutory phonics check this week. We are very proud of their progress in reading, and the results will be shared with parents later this term. A big thank you to all our teachers and teaching assistants who have worked incredibly hard leading phonics lessons, small group keep-up sessions 1:1 reading sessions and reading groups.

Thank you also to the parents who have supported their children with practising their reading at home. It really does make a difference!

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Machin



Thank You for the many blessings You give us each day. Help us to follow Jesus with kindness, love and faith in all that we do.

Bless our school community and keep our families safe in Your care.

Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

This is a very special milestone in their faith journey, as they received the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first time. Through prayer, preparation, and learning, the children have deepened their understanding of God's love and the importance of the Mass in our Catholic faith.

We are incredibly proud of the reverence, commitment, and enthusiasm they have shown throughout their preparation. We thank our parish priest, catechists, staff, and families for supporting the children as they prepared for this sacred sacrament. May God continue to bless our First Holy Communion children and their families.

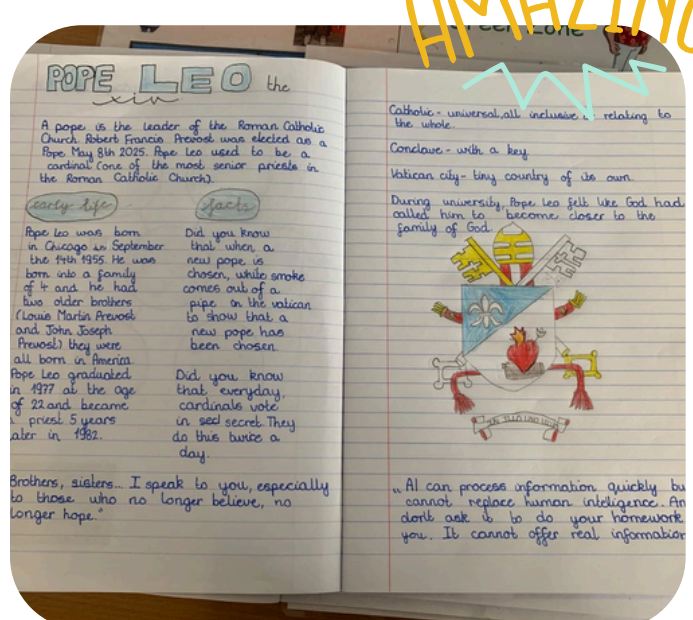
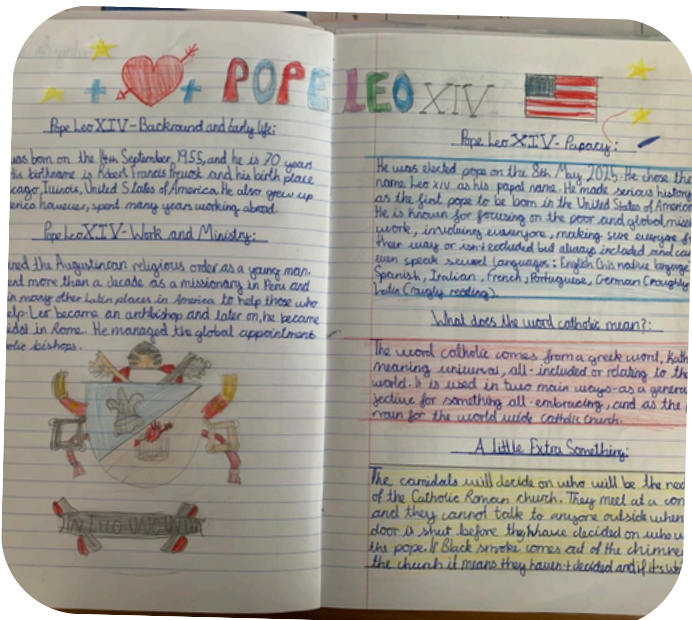
Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love, and strengthen their relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist.



Congratulations!

Year 6 Explore the Life of Pope Leo

Year 6 have been learning about the life and mission of Pope Leo. As part of their research, the children explored key events from his life, his journey to becoming Pope, and the values and leadership he demonstrates. They then presented their findings in beautifully detailed double-page spreads, showcasing their excellent research, creativity, and presentation skills. We are very proud of the effort and thought that went into their work. Here are some photographs of their fantastic projects.



AMAZING!

TIME TO CELEBRATE



WINNING HOUSE



ATTENDANCE AWARD

YEAR 6



Congratulations, Grisha, on receiving this football award! Your God-given talent and commitment have helped you achieve something special. Well done and keep up the great work! 🏆⚽👏

CERTIFICATES

RECEPTION ENZO AND FATIMA

YEAR 1 ELI AND SOFIA

YEAR 2 DAVID AND TOLEEN

YEAR 3 NYARADZO AND NAOMI

YEAR 4 DANIEL AND TALIAH

YEAR 5 HANNA AND MIGUEL

YEAR 6 SHARONN AND SEBASTIAN

Stay Up to Date: Check Parent Hub and the School Website Regularly

As we enter one of the busiest periods of the school year, we would like to remind all parents and carers to regularly check both your child's class page and the St Thomas More page on Parent Hub.

We understand that family life is busy and that keeping up with school communications can sometimes be challenging. However, we are currently experiencing a high volume of phone calls and emails to the school office requesting information that has already been shared on Parent Hub.

To help us keep our phone lines and office staff available for urgent matters, please take a moment to check Parent Hub for updates, letters, event details, key dates and other important information before contacting the school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Regularly checking Parent Hub helps ensure you stay informed and allows our office team to focus on supporting pupils, families and the smooth running of the school.

Thank you for helping us keep communication efficient and effective for everyone.

ST. THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!



Year 2

Learning About Money 💰



In Year 2, we have started learning about money. We began by exploring 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. The children worked hard to find different combinations of coins to make amounts such as 8p and 20p. It was great to see them using their problem-solving skills and developing their confidence with money. 😊

Year 4

Exploring Symmetry



In Year 4 we have been learning about symmetry in 2D shapes. We used mirrors to help us identify and investigate lines of symmetry, discovering how shapes can be divided into matching halves. We enjoyed exploring different shapes and finding out which ones were symmetrical. ✨



Year 6 Light Fantastic

Year 6 took part in an exciting science workshop called Light Fantastic, led by Nicola Keymer from The Engineering Trust. The workshop explored the science of light, reflection, and refraction through a range of hands-on activities.

The children investigated how light travels, explored refraction through practical experiments, used mirrors to direct laser beams around a maze, and designed their own periscopes. They also learned about real-world engineering careers and the important work carried out at the Diamond Light Source in Harwell.

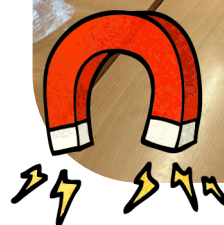
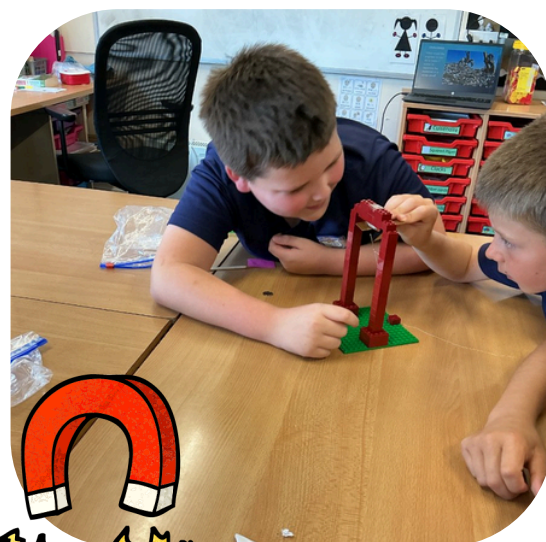
It was a fun and engaging afternoon that helped consolidate our learning about the physics of light while inspiring the children to think about future careers in engineering.

Year 5 Magnetic Magic! ⚡

Year 5 took part in an exciting Magnetic Magic science workshop led by Nicola Keymer from The Engineering Trust.

The children explored magnetic materials, made paperclips levitate using powerful magnets, and worked in teams to create electromagnets using batteries, nails and wire. Many groups exceeded the challenge of lifting 10 paperclips, with some successfully lifting 15!

The session finished with an investigation into how engineers use magnets in everyday technology. The children showed fantastic focus, teamwork and determination throughout the afternoon and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm for science and engineering.



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Year 3

PE Team-Building Activities

In PE, we continued with our team-building activities. The children worked collaboratively to complete a variety of challenges, developing their communication, cooperation, and problem-solving skills. They showed great determination and supported one another as they worked towards shared goals. It was fantastic to see their confidence and teamwork continue to grow throughout the session.



The Ark

The children in the Ark dressed up as astronauts and joined Teddy and Owl on an exciting adventure to the moon. At the creative table, they decorated butterflies using stickers and felt-tip pens and coloured in space-themed pictures. On the floor, the children drew stars and added star stickers to create their own wonderful universes.



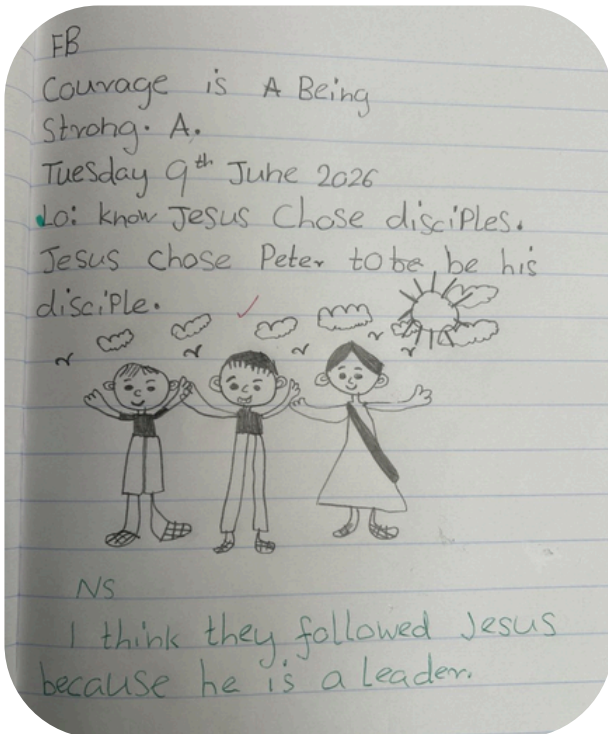
Year 1



Nursery

Peas & Carrots Sensory Exploration

This week, the children enjoyed exploring peas and carrots using pots, pans, and kitchen utensils. They had fun scooping, pouring, and mixing while developing their fine motor skills, curiosity, and early counting skills through hands-on sensory play. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the activity! 🌱🥕



Year 1 are doing an excellent job in RE just look at their fantastic work!



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



RECEPTION SEASIDE WORKSHOP

Reception had a fantastic time taking part in a Seaside Workshop led by Alison from the Oxfordshire Museum. The children enjoyed learning about what seaside holidays were like in the past and exploring a range of historical artefacts, including traditional swimwear, Punch and Judy puppets, and seaside headwear.

They compared how people travelled to the seaside many years ago with how we travel today and were fascinated to learn that people had to stand completely still for over 40 seconds when having their photograph taken! Alison also showed the children some very old cameras, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

The workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and provided a wonderful introduction to our History learning. We look forward to continuing our exploration of seaside holidays from the past over the coming weeks.



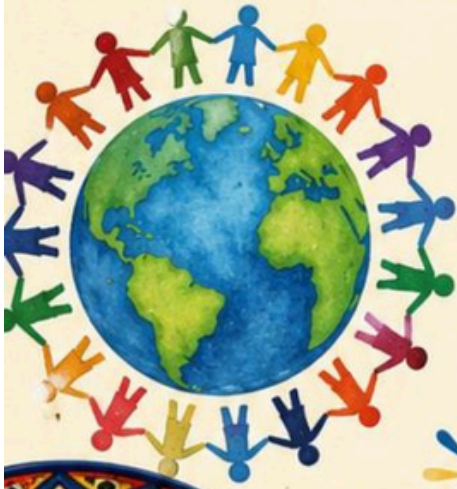


INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

and

ST THOMAS MORE DAY

AT ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**FRIDAY
19TH JUNE**



6PM - 8PM

FREE ENTRY



*Bring a dish or two
from your culture to share
with the community*





DATES FOR SUMMER TERM



Monday 15th June	Refugee Week
Tuesday 16th June	Year 1 class trip
Thursday 18th June	Farm Visit Nursery & Early Years
Friday 19th June	International Food Night 18:00-20:00
Sunday 21st June	Year 6 Confirmation
Wednesday 24th June	Year 3 Class trip
Wednesday 24th June	Gosford Hill Transfer day
Wednesday 24th June	DT Week in school
Tuesday 30th June	Year 5 to Gosford Hill production of Matilda
Friday 3rd July	EYFS Sports Day 09:15
Friday 3rd July	Rocksteady concert
Friday 10th July	Sports Day (Year 1 – Y6)
Friday 10th July	Move up afternoon-children will meet their new teachers
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9:30am
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 17th July	School finishes 1:00pm (no after school club)
Monday 20th July	INSET day



Summertime

HOLIDAY