



# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

'Do all that you do with Love'

19th June 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS EXLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I also had the privilege of meeting the parents of our new Reception Class who will be joining us in September. Their enthusiasm was clear to see, and I am sure they will be made to feel very welcome when they become part of our school family.

Our Nursery and Reception children also enjoyed a wonderful visit from Farmer Gows, where they had a lovely morning meeting lots of farmyard animals. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought their learning to life.

This weekend, some of our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith.

As the weather continues to warm up, please also see the notice regarding school uniform expectations and guidance for hot weather.

School is currently very busy, and we really appreciate parents and carers keeping up to date with all communications. As a reminder, all messages and updates are shared via ParentHub, so please ensure you check it regularly so you don't miss any important information.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs J Exley



Loving God,

Thank You for our St Thomas More Catholic School and Nursery family.

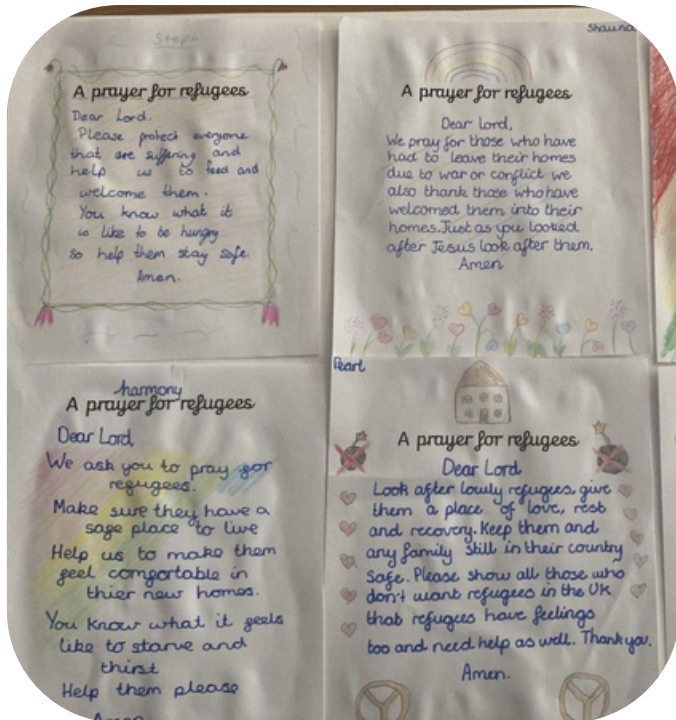
Bless our children as they learn and grow, our staff as they guide and care,  
and our families who support us each day.

Inspired by St Thomas More, help us to live with faith, kindness, courage, and  
love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## REFUGEE WEEK



During Prayer and Liturgy in Year 6, we listened to Matthew 25:35–40: “For I was hungry and you gave me food...” and reflected on how we are all part of one family, called to care for and support one another through solidarity.

We learned about the experiences of refugees from Ukraine and discussed how many families were forced to leave their homes and rely on the kindness of strangers when war broke out. We reflected on the questions:

How can I welcome others?

Why is it important to help those in need?

What is kindness?

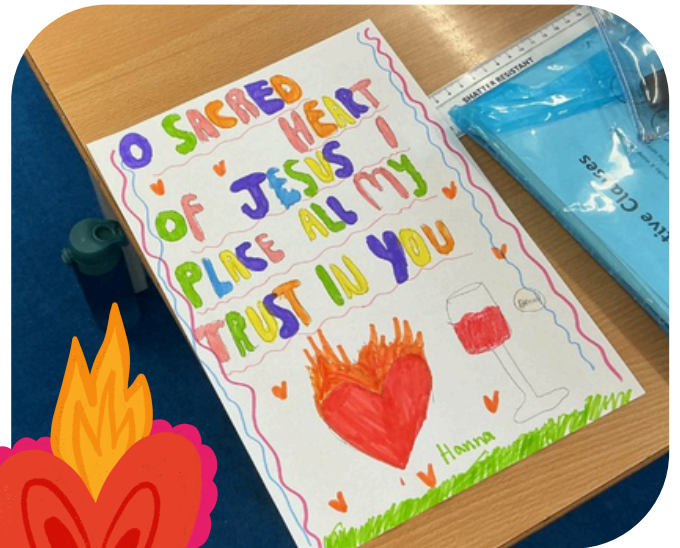
What acts of kindness can I do?

The children then wrote thoughtful prayers for refugees, which are displayed in our classroom and recorded in our RE learning journals.

## The Sacred Heart

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart is a devotion and symbol representing Jesus’ burning love and compassion for all people. In Sunday’s Gospel, we are reminded of the deep love and care Jesus shows to everyone.

Today in Year 5, we reflected on the great love Jesus has for each of us personally and considered how we can share that love with others in our everyday lives. The children created posters featuring the symbol of the Sacred Heart, using words and images to express their own understanding of its meaning.



O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place all my trust in You

Good Luck to Our Confirmation Candidates  
We would like to wish all of our children receiving the  
Sacrament of Confirmation the very best of luck.



# TIME TO CELEBRATE



WINNING HOUSE



## ATTENDANCE AWARD NURSERY



Well done, Yanis, on your football awards! 🏆🏈  
We are very proud of you. Keep using your God-given talents to shine and achieve great things.  
Congratulations, Yanis!



## CERTIFICATES

RECEPTION

YEAR 3

YEAR 1

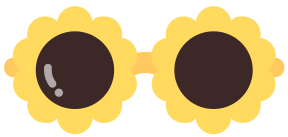
YEAR 4

YEAR 2

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

**CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED NEXT WEEK!**



## Summer Sun Safety

As we move into the warmer weather, children may come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days to help them stay comfortable throughout the day. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are clearly name

To help us keep pupils safe and comfortable in the heat, we kindly ask that children bring a water bottle to school each day so they can stay well hydrated, particularly during outdoor activities and playtimes. A sun hat is also recommended to provide protection during time spent outside.

As part of our sun safety procedures, children will be spending more time outdoors during warmer weather. We therefore ask that sunscreen is applied before school, ensuring children are protected at the start of the day. If necessary, children may bring a named bottle of sunscreen to reapply independently where appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe, healthy, and ready to learn during the summer months.

# ST. THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!

## Year 5

### YEAR 5 SEPARATING MATERIALS

In Science, Year 5 continued their learning about reversible and irreversible changes by exploring how to separate different materials. The children investigated mixtures such as rice and flour and discovered that sieving was the most effective way to separate them.

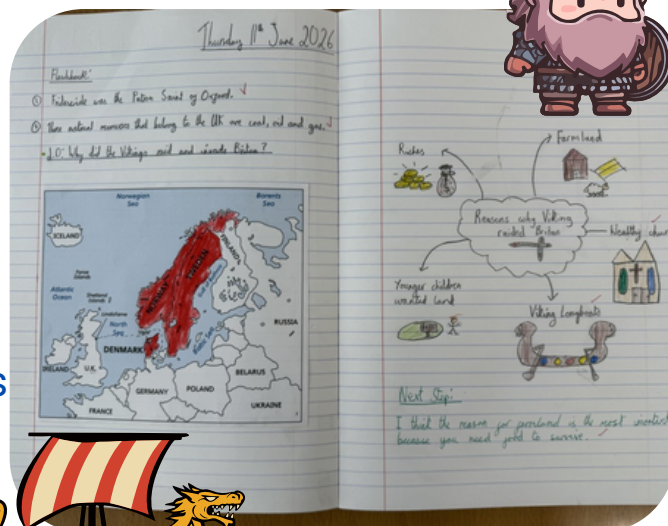
They also worked together to set up a filtering investigation to separate sand from water, showing excellent teamwork and organisation. Next week, Year 5 will tackle the challenge of separating solids that dissolve in water!



## Year 4

### YEAR 4 HISTORY MEET THE VIKINGS! ✂️

This week, Year 4 began their exciting new History topic on the Vikings. In our first lesson, the children explored who the Vikings were and investigated the reasons why they raided and invaded England. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they started their journey back in time to learn about this fascinating period of history.



## Year 3



Throwing for distance and accuracy

In PE we looked at using the chest pass to build out distance and accuracy with passing and throwing. We played a game of 'Bump' to improve our speed and accuracy in a competitive scenario!

# ST. THOMAS MORE IN ACTION!

## Hands-On Farm Fun for EYFS



# A Taste of Catholic School

## Life at BGN



Year 5 had a brilliant day at Blessed George Napier School (BGN) and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing life as a secondary school student.

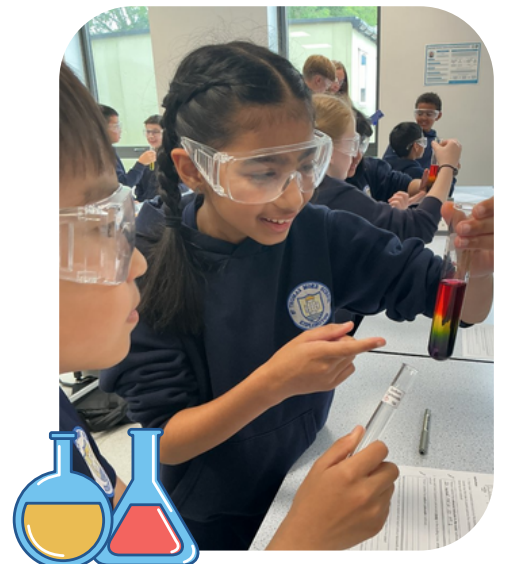
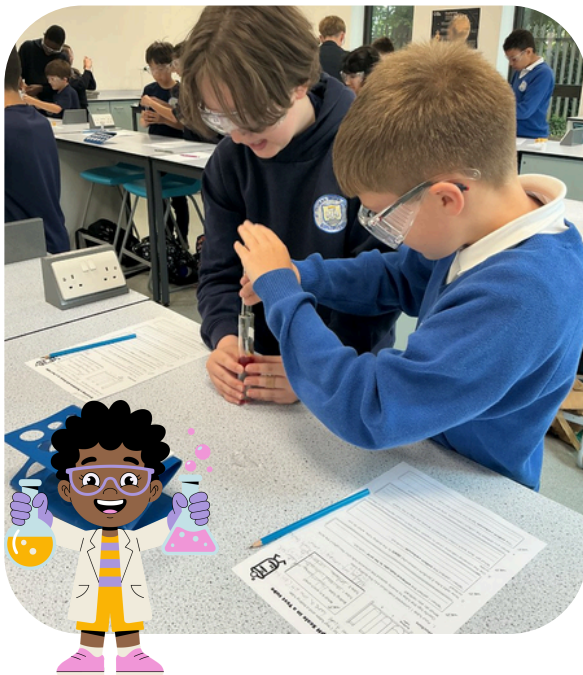
BGN is part of the Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company, making this a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to gain a real insight into life at a Catholic secondary school and what their future educational journey could look like.

The day began in the science laboratories, where the children tested different liquids to discover whether they were acidic or alkaline. They created a rainbow effect in test tubes and explored the pH scale using a range of household liquids.

Next, the pupils visited the Design and Technology department, where they designed and created their own badges. They also learned how computers can be used to create and develop digital images.

To finish the day, the children took part in a PE session. Supported by sixth-form students and the Head of PE, they learned a variety of golf skills, including putting and chipping, while aiming for different targets.

It was a fantastic experience that gave the children a valuable taste of secondary school life within a faith-filled Catholic environment. The pupils represented our school brilliantly throughout the day and returned full of enthusiasm about the opportunities that await them in the future.



# Year 6 Harry Potter Studios Visit

Last term, our Year 6 children enjoyed their special SATs treat with a visit to Warner Bros. Studio Tour The Making of Harry Potter.

We had a fantastic day exploring the studios, and the children were a pleasure to take around the busy tour. From seeing iconic sets and props to discovering the magic behind the films, everyone had a wonderful time and created some unforgettable memories.

We hope the children had as much fun as we did! 📷 ✨



# Harry Potter





# DATES FOR SUMMER TERM



Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Prayer Service
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

**We return to school on  
Thursday 3rd September 2026**