



St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy

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Reminder: After School Club Closed Days

A reminder that there will be no After School Club on **Thursday 9 May** and **Wednesday 5 June** due to whole staff safeguarding training.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Butterworth and her family as she is expecting a baby! Mrs Butterworth is planning on starting her maternity leave in September. We will keep you posted regarding a replacement for Mrs Butterworth while she is on maternity leave.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fun Fact Friday!



A cow is a compass while it snacks. Farmers have noticed that cows usually all face in the same direction, either north or south, when they eat. Scientists have studied thousands of grazing cattle around the world, but still can't explain this strange habit!

Important Dates:

Monday 29 April – Friday 3 May 2024

Y5 Bikeability (in school)

Thursday 2 May 2024

Kingswood Information session for Y4 parents

Monday 6 May 2024

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 20 May 2024

Y5 Sports Summit @ EIS Sheffield

Please arrive at school by 8:30am

Monday 20 May – Wednesday 22 May 2024

Y4 Residential to Kingswood (Peak Venture)

Friday 24 May 2024

Inset Day – School Closed

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024

Half Term – School Closed

Tuesday 11 June 2024

Y3 Derby County Football @ Derby County Training

Please arrive at school by 8am

Wednesday 12 June 2024

Y6 Rounders @ Yewlands

Tuesday 18 June 2024

Y5 Water Polo @ Graves Places for People

Please arrive at school by 8:20am

Monday 24 June – Wednesday 26 June 2024

Y6 Residential to Whitby

Thursday 27 June 2024

Y2 Trip to William's Den

Friday 28 June 2024

Y5 Netball District @ EIS Sheffield

Tuesday 9 July 2024

Y2 Walk to Library @ Parson Cross

Tuesday 9 July 2024

Y4 trip to Padley Pilgrimage

Thursday 11 July 2024

Y2/Y6 EIS Sports Day @ EIS Sheffield

Please arrive at school by 8:20am

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to become the wonderful person God created us to be



Whole School Information



After School Club Information

The club has the children participating in different and fun activities each day. The club is split into three different sessions which are listed below:

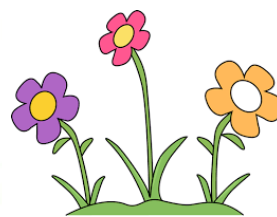
Bookings can be made via [Parent Mail](#) up until **3pm the previous day**. After this time bookings can be made by contacting the school office. For the parents whose children attend after school club, please don't hesitate to get in touch and leave any feedback!

15:20 - 16:15	The children will take part in a different activity until it is time to be collected (£3)
15:20—17:00	The children will take part in a different activity and will be given a choice of either a hot or cold food followed by a snack such as fruit or a sweet treat. (£6)
15:20—18:00	The children will take part in a different activity and will be given a choice of either a hot or cold food followed by a snack such as fruit or a sweet treat before either starting a new activity or carrying on with the previous one. (£8)

Please note: ***NO After School Club on Thursday 9 May 24 and Wednesday 5 June 24***

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15:20—16:15 16:30 - 18:00	Sports	Paper crafts/ Paper planes making and racing	Nature garden	Jam Tarts	Disco
16:20—16:45	Fish Finger Wrap or a choice cheese, ham, tuna wrap.	Toasties (cheese, cheese & ham) or a choice of cheese, ham, tuna sandwich.	Pasta & sauce or a choice of cheese, ham, tuna sandwich.	Hot Dogs or a choice of cheese, ham, tuna sandwich.	Buffet

Hopefully, we can get out onto the field in the warmer weather.
All activities will have a second choice!





After School Club – What we've been up to!





M & M's 'Jungle Book' production – 23.04.24



On Tuesday 23 April, students enjoyed watching M & M's production of 'Jungle Book'. Afterwards, Y5 took part in a workshop!





A Culture of Safeguarding at St Thomas More

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



Parent & Carer Coffee Morning in Sheffield



PARENT & CARER COFFEE MORNING

PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND FOR ADULTHOOD

Guest Speaker:
Nigel Beatson
from the
DWP



Friday 17th May



Sharrow Community Forum, The Old Junior School,
South View Road, Sheffield, S7 1DB



10am - 12noon



Scan our QR Code to register your attendance or
visit the **Sheffield SEND Facebook Group** for
further information.



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities who's preparing for adulthood?

Join other parents and carers in a similar situation at **Sharrow Community Forum on Friday 17th May from 10:00am-12:00pm** for a Parent & Carer Coffee Morning.

We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, **Nigel Beatson, Disability Employment Advisor Lead** for the **DWP**. Nigel will be on hand to answer offer advice and answer questions.

If you would like to attend, please register your attendance for free at the link below.
[SEND: Post-16 Parent/Carer Coffee Morning Tickets, Fri 17 May 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Please direct any questions regarding the event to maria.swift@sheffield.gov.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to **Sharrow Community Forum** on Friday 17th May!



Free Wellbeing Course for Parents

FREE WELLBEING COURSE FOR PARENTS

**ONLINE ON WEDNESDAYS 6.30–7.30PM
STARTING 8TH MAY**

A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you.

Join us to explore;

- Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.
- Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.
- Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.
- Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.
- Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in our life.

Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

What previous participants have said about the course:

"This has been a great opportunity for me to think about how I manage stress in my life. I've learnt new strategies and skills to cope better"

"I've really enjoyed being a part of this group, all the other members were great, I learnt a lot from them!"

"I would recommend this course to anyone who wants to think about looking after themselves better, it's been great, particularly in improving my communication skills"

"This course has helped me to say 'No' which has had a big impact on my mental health and wellbeing"

For more information and to book in please contact
Janet Kent on 07927657462 or
email jkent@hallam-diocese.com





Issabelle's Appeal Ball – 8 June 2024

ISSABELLE'S APPEAL BALL 

8th June 2024

at OEC, Penistone Rd, S6 2DE

7pm – late

DANCE / EAT / RAISE MONEY

Tickets: £40 pp

Includes a 3 course meal,
live music, raffle and lots of fun.

{ issabelle's
Appeal }



Join us for the Annual *Issabelle's Appeal Ball* on 8 June 2024!

Please speak to Mrs Futter in the office if you would like a ticket, or contact us on our website here: www.issabellesappeal.co.uk / facebook group: www.facebook.com/issabellesappeal



Celebration Winners

W/e 19 April 2024



F2	Daniel	For	Your beautiful writing this week! Your handwriting is amazing and you have tried so hard to think of your own sentences and use your sounds to spell words! Well done Daniel ☺
	Peggy		Your care and consideration towards living things. You have been so nurturing towards our eggs and baby chicks and have enjoyed telling everyone how to care for them and help them feel calm. Well done Peggy! ☺
Y1	Jack	For	Making huge improvements in his writing this week. We have seen how hard you have been working by using lots of adjectives in your writing. Well done!
	Delaney		Showing resilience and determination in your learning! You completed an amazing piece of work in Geography this week- it has been lovely to see you working so hard. Well done.
Y2	Joshua	For	Showing more confidence in his writing this week and for a big improvement in your presentation. I am really looking forward to reading your big write next week. Well done!
	Maks		Showing great focus in our morning tasks this week. You have been able to answer lots of questions in a morning and you have also used a range of strategies to help you answer them. Well done!
Y3	Emlyn	For	Being a brilliant member of Year 3. You have grown in confidence in your maths and writing. Keep on trying. Well done.
	Nerae		Trying hard in your swimming. You are growing in confidence every week. You have taken to your lessons like a fish to water. Well done.
Y4	Carolynne	For	Your hard work in English this week! You have planned your diary big write well including a range of features we've been learning about. I can't wait to read your big write! Well done Carolynne ☺
	Poppy		The increased focus you've shown in class this week! You've shown that you're ready to learn and have produced more work in writing based tasks. Well done Poppy ☺
Y5	Evelyn	For	Being a kind and considerate member of the class. It is lovely to see you setting a great example for others through your values. ☺
	Jonathan		Showing great leadership and teamwork. It is great to see you being inclusive when working with others and thinking about how everyone can work together to achieve. ☺
Y6	Ava	For	Being such a kind and caring person all of the time, but particularly this week. You have impressed us with your thoughtful ways and you have demonstrated our school values with your friends. ☺
	Phelix		Your efforts this week in our English lessons. You thought carefully about writing sentences to describe. Well done Phelix! ☺



Out of School Achievements



Congratulations to Rheya F2, Valentina, Hugo, Hettie & Pixie Y1, Fergus & Dominic Y3, Ruby, Daisy, Erin & Amayah Y4 on your out of school achievements!

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/e 26 April 2024



This week's winner is Freddy in Y2
You have earned this celebration award for:

Showing a huge improvement in his writing and for showing great resilience in his maths work in recent months. We are so impressed with your effort, your listening during lessons and your positive attitude towards your work. You show lots of focus and you are trying so hard to make improvements. Well done Freddy.



100% Attendance for the Spring Term



Congratulations to the children on the Roll of Honour who have had 100% attendance in school during the Spring Term, before the Easter Holidays.

The following students will be treated to an extra playtime, a snack and a drink with Mrs Faley.
Well done children! 😊



F2 100% Winners

Finley, Tyrone, Romari, Anika, Callie, Emily

Y1 100% Winners

Bobby, Chay, Valentina, Harry, Rory, Isaac, Lottie, Ada, Lena, Hettie
Jacob, Lola, Elliott

Y2 100% Winners

Freddy, Emilia D, Arthur, Ted, Miles, Eli, Emilia L, Robyn, Sean
Thiyansh, Harry, Nathaniel





100% Attendance for the Spring Term



Y3 100% Winners

Nathan, Filip, Stanley, April, Erin, Casey, Lucy, Piper, Benjamin, Kailan
Fergus, Sebastian, Zack

Y4 100% Winners

Jeremy, Carolynne, Mollie, Grayson, Fatima, Mathaus, Adi, Anayah, Scarlett
Stasiu, Finlay, Jensen

Y5 100% Winners

Emmanuel, Philomena, Milly, Kornelia, Oskar, Douglas, Romaine, Jonathan
Roger, Bruno, Oliver, Zosia

Y6 100% Winners

Franklyn, Ava, Caleb, Lottie, Oskar, Vanessa, Darcia, Lewam





Attendance and Punctuality W/e 26 April 2024



Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	98.6	3
Y1	97.0	2
Y2	99.7	0
Y3	96.7	1
Y4	99.4	4
Y5	96.7	1
Y6	94.7	2
School Total	97.5	13

Wow! Keep it up! Y2 will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Our whole school attendance target for this academic year (23/24) is
95.5%

N.B. We are currently reviewing all children's attendance and punctuality so far this academic year. If your child's attendance is below 92%, and/or your child has a significant number of lates, then you may receive a letter for your information or be asked to attend a meeting in school to find ways to support you to help improve your child's attendance. Thank you for your support.



100% Attendance and Punctuality!
W/e 26 April 2024

F2	Oluwafimijoba
Y1	Liam
Y2	Nathaniel
Y3	Seb
Y4	Faithe
Y5	Lily
Y6	Lewam





Trips and Events








STM Sporting Events and Competitions 2024






Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
Bikeability	Y5	In School	29/04/24 - 03/05/24
Sports Summit	Y5	EIS Sheffield	20/05/24 - tbc <i>(please arrive at school by 8:30am)</i>
Derby County Football	Y3	Derby County Training Ground	11/06/24 - 9:30am - 12pm <i>(please arrive at school by 8am)</i>
Rounders	Y6	Yewlands	12/06/24 - 1pm - 3pm
Football District	Y6	Derby Country Training Ground	14/06/24 9:30am - 12pm <i>(please arrive at school by 8am)</i>
Water Polo	Y5	Graves Places for People	18/06/24 9am - 11:30pm <i>(please arrive at school by 8:20am)</i>
Netball District	Y5	EIS Sheffield	28/06/24 9:30am - 12:30pm
EIS Sports Day	Y2/Y6	EIS Sheffield	11/07/24 9:00am - 3pm <i>(please arrive at school by 8:20am)</i>
Tag Rugby	Y5	Mount St Mary's	16/07/2024 - 9:30am - 1pm
Kwik Cricket	Y4	Mount St Mary's	17/07/2024 9:30am - 1pm



Trips and Events








	<u>Y1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park</u>
	Wednesday 10 July 2024
	8:40am
	<u>Yorkshire Wildlife Park</u>
	Coach
	The cost of the trip is <u>£21.50</u> per child. If we do not receive enough contributions, the trip may have to be cancelled
	<p>Y1 will be going on a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Wednesday 10 July 2024. The cost of the trip per child is £21.50.</p> <p>Students will need to arrive in school at the earlier time of 8.40am for the coach to leave at 9am and then will need to be picked back up at 2.00pm to arrive back to school for around 3pm.</p> <p>Children will need a water bottle and pack lunch, or will need to order a school packed lunch.</p>






	<u>Y2 Trip to William's Den</u>
	Thursday 27 June 2024
	Normal time
	<u>William's Den</u>
	Coach
	The cost of the trip is <u>£23.00</u> per child. If we do not receive enough contributions, the trip may have to be cancelled
	<p>Y2 will be going on a trip to Williams Den on Thursday 27 June 2024. They will be going on a nature walk to support their learning in science and they will also be making use of the amazing playgrounds as a reward for all their hard work this year!</p> <p>The cost for this trip will be £23.00 – which includes the full day at Williams Den and return coach.</p> <p>We will be leaving at 8:45am so we are asking that children are dropped off at school by 8:20am on this day please. Hopefully the weather will be great so please ensure your children are given sunscreen to apply themselves.</p> <p>Please indicate if you would like your child to have packed lunch provided through school or if they will be bringing one from home.</p>



Trips and Events








	<u>Y2 Walk to Local Library at Parsons Cross</u>
	Tuesday 9 July 2024
	Normal time
	<u>Parson Cross Library</u>
	Walking
	No payment required
	<p>On Tuesday 9 July 2024, Y2 will be walking to the Local Library at Parson Cross.</p> <p>Students will be leaving school at 9:45am to arrive at the Library for 10am. The children will be able to explore the library and read books, supported by school staff, volunteers and the Librarians. Students will be back in time for their school lunch.</p> <p>Please let the school office know if you do not want your child to attend.</p>

	<u>Y4 Trip to Padley Pilgrimage</u>
	Tuesday 9 July 2024
	Normal time
	<u>Padley Pilgrimage</u>
	Coach
	N/A
	<p>Y4 will be going to Padley Pilgrimage on Tuesday 9 July 2024. Students should arrive at school at the normal time. The Coach will leave school at 10am and will arrive at Padley Pilgrimage for 11am.</p> <p>Please ensure students bring a packed lunch with them, for any free school meals packed lunch orders, please contact the office.</p> <p>The trip is free, with cost of the coach kindly covered by the Friends Association.</p>



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	<u>Y4 Residential to Kingswood (Peak Venture)</u>
	Monday 20 May 2024 - Wednesday 22 May 2024
	Normal school time, the children leave around lunchtime on Monday.
	<u>Peak Venture Yorkshire Outdoor Education Kingswood</u>
	Coach
	The cost of the trip is <u>£235.00</u> per child
	<p>Exhilarating Adventure Park with apparatus including a zip wire, 3G swing and leap of faith, plus specially designed bush craft sessions and nature walks.</p> <p>Flexible indoor space for all weather activities including fencing and indoor initiatives. Located adjacent to our water sports area, situated on the Scout Dike Reservoir, offering exciting activities including canoeing and raft building.</p> <p>Other facilities: Diner, shop, social hubs, party leader lounges, indoor classroom spaces. Offering each child an opportunity to increase their resilience, grow their confidence and develop their character.</p> <p>Here is a link to the Peak Venture website: <u>Peak Venture Yorkshire Outdoor Education Kingswood</u></p>



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	<h3><u>Year 6 Trip to Whitby</u></h3>
	Monday 24 June until Wednesday 26 June 2024
	TBC
	<u>YHA Whitby Abbey Hostel Accommodation Whitby</u>
	Coach
	The total cost of the trip is <u>£180</u> . Once confirmed, please make the deposit of £20 and provide consent on <u>ParentMail</u> .
	<p>We are pleased to announce that we are offering a 2-night residential to this year's class six pupils on Monday 24 June 2024 until Wednesday 26 June 2024. The children will be staying at the Youth Hostel in Whitby next to the Abbey.</p> <p>The stay will include all accommodation, including 3 meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner, and refreshments during the stay. The cost to parents will also include the coach to and from Whitby. The cost for the transport and accommodation including all meals and supervised activities per child is £180.</p> <p>We will be offering an information session for parents to attend in the near future to find out more about the activities the children will be participating in and further information on the YHA Whitby Centre. We will also be giving you information on clothing and footwear the children will need for the trip.</p>

