

It has been an eventful week in school this week and I must thank you all for your patience and understanding when the children had to come in through different doors on Tuesday. It wasn't what I expected two weeks into a new role, but on reflection, it allowed me to witness first hand the way the wonderful staff, pupils and parents pulled together and ensured that the education of the children was not disrupted. We have had structural engineers in school this week to assess the crack in the ceiling and once I receive their report I will be able to update the parents with children in Year 2 with more long term plans. We are lucky to have the Art Room, a fully functional classroom, where Year 2 are based at the moment.

I was able to join Year 6 at swimming on Thursday. It was great to see them represent St. Mary's with pride while they were out of school. They are making great progress with their swimming.

Next Friday is our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A great way to socialise while also supporting a well deserving charity. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Mr Price

Toasty Friday

A huge thank you to those of you who volunteered to help support Toasty Friday. We will be starting Toasty Friday on 6th October. A link has been put on ParentPay.

Parking

Thank you for parking a little bit away from school and helping to ease congestion around the school gate. There is a voluntary one way system in place around school which also keeps your children safer when they are coming into school.



Key dates

Tues 26th Sept – Football match – Away at St Peters.

Weds 27th Sept – Year 3 and 4 to attend parish mass.

Weds 27th Sept – Tameside Catholic School Cross Country event.

Fri 29th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Mon 2nd Oct – Flu Vaccinations.

Wed 4th Oct – Year 2 and Year 5 to attend parish mass.

Wed 11th Oct – Year 6 and Year 1 to attend parish mass.

Wed 18th Oct - Year 3 and 4 to attend parish mass.

Thurs 19th Oct – Creative homework to be returned to school.

Fri 20th Oct - Homework displayed for parents/carer to view.

Fri 20th Oct – School closes for half term.

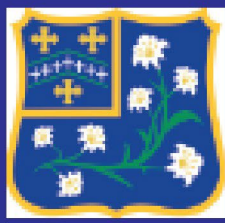
Mon 30th Oct – School opens for Autumn 2.

Weds 1st Nov – Whole School Mass – All Saints Day

Mon 13th Nov – School photos

Homework

You should have received a letter today with information on about homework. Your child should be bringing homework home tonight. For all classes, homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan coffee morning will take place next Friday (29th Sept). The hall will be open for cakes and drinks from 8:40 when you drop off your child. We ask that children bring in donations of cakes, either bought or homemade, on Thursday 28th September. On Friday, we ask that children make a small donation to Macmillan. [This can be done online by clicking here](#), or by bringing a donation into school. In the afternoon, children will then receive a cake. More information about the work of Macmillan can be read by clicking www.macmillan.org.uk

Pupil Premium Funding

The Pupil Premium is additional funding provided by the government. It is designed to help disadvantaged pupils of all abilities perform better and close the gap between them and their peers. Disadvantaged students are defined as those currently in receipt of free school meals (FSM), or have been entitled to this in the past six years. The school also receives an enhanced premium for Looked After Children (those that have been in care or adopted).

If you feel your child may be in one of the categories above and you have not applied for funding in the past, please contact the school office and they will be able to assist you in checking eligibility.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Emily, Nathan, Leo, Roman-James and Conor who have celebrated their birthdays this week.



Stars of the week

Congratulations to Myla, Charlotte, Emily, Dayaker, Darcie, Aiden, Harriet, Sophie, Layla, Izzy, Una and Conor who have been nominated as stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

PE stars of the week

Congratulations to who have been nominated as PE stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

Attendance

Good attendance at school gives your child the best possible chance to succeed. Congratulations to Reception (F2) who have had the highest attendance this week.

	Reception	99.3%	
Year 1	92.8%	Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%	Year 4	95%
Year 5	91%	Year 6	92%

St Thomas More RC High School

St Thomas More will be holding an open evening for prospective pupils and their parents on Thursday 28th September. 6pm – 8pm