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THE MORE MESSENGER

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ

Anything in The More Messenger that is red and underlined is a dynamic link. Click or tap the link to take you to further information or booking forms.

Friday 6th November	PTA Glow Party - after school
Tuesday 10th November	Reception Tour 9:15-10:15 AM - Doors open at 9AM
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying week begins
Monday 23rd November	Reception Tour 9:15-10:15 AM - Doors open at 9AM
Tuesday 24th November	**Fire engine visit - Reception and Year 1**
Friday 27th November	Occassional Day - School Closed
Friday 4th December	Elfridges PTA Christmas shop
Sunday 6th December	Hospice Concert at St Albans Cathedral - School Choir
Monday 7th December	Advent Mass at Sacred Heart Church 10 AM parents are welcome
Monday 7th December	
Tuesday 8th December	**Stir Food cooking workshop - Reception and Year 1 -AM**
Tuesday 8th December	**Panto at Radlett Centre - Years 2 - 6 - AM**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96%	THIS YEAR - 96.4%

STMSA

Save the Date!!!

Wreath Making - Thursday December 3rd @7pm

Christmas Crafternoon - Friday December 11th

🧠🏆 **Quiz Night – Thank You!** 🏆🧠

Thank you so much to everybody who came along and helped make our Quiz Night such a success! We raised an amazing £1,414.03! 🎉

A special shout out to Denise Leahy and Regan Allen for all their hard work pulling the evening together 🙌🏻

Thank you for your continued support ❤️

🎁🎄 **Elfridges Gift Shop is coming! Friday 4th December** 🎄🎁

This festive season, let your children experience the joy of giving! Every child will be able to choose a gift for someone special. More details to follow soon!

We'll be accepting gift donations from Monday 23rd November – thank you in advance 🙏🏻

👩‍🦰 **Volunteers needed for our Alumni Event on Friday 13th November** 👩‍🦰

We're looking for volunteers to help directly after school with set up, or at the event itself from 7–9pm. We would appreciate any and all support!

If you/a family member are able to help please let your class rep know so that we can plan the day accordingly.

FOLLOW US

Find us on social media:
Instagram - @stmorecps
Facebook - St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

VOLUNTEERS DAY

💪 Volunteer day on Saturday 7th November 💪

A reminder that our Volunteer Day takes place this Saturday. Thank you in advance to all the parents, family members and staff who have generously offered their time to support our school. Your help is greatly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource can be found **here** to share with your families.

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families following the October half-term break. What a wonderful first week of the new half term it has been! We began the week by coming together as a school family to celebrate our All Souls Mass, taking time to remember and pray for our loved ones. Throughout the week, the children enjoyed taking part in our exciting Bayeux Tapestry workshops and were inspired by a special assembly led by Mr Masters. To top it all off, we ended the week with a fantastic Glow Party, filled with fun, energy and plenty of smiles. What a brilliant way to start the half term. We look forward to all the exciting opportunities and experiences that lie ahead in the weeks to come.



We have placed our Remembrance Book by the school office for anyone who wishes to share a special message, write a few heartfelt words or leave a personal tribute.

You are very welcome to pop by and add your thoughts and memories.

ASCAT MASS AND SYNOD



On Thursday, our house captains, proudly represented our school at the ASCAT Trust Mass and Synod Day. They were excellent ambassadors for our school community, participating reverently in the Mass and demonstrating our Catholic values through their respectful conduct and positive attitude throughout the day.
The children had the opportunity to meet pupils from across the Trust, working together in group activities, sharing ideas and building new friendships. It was a wonderful experience for them to be part of the wider ASCAT family and contribute to important discussions.

BAYEUX TAPESTRY WORKSHOPS

This week, all of our classes had the wonderful opportunity to take part in Bayeux Tapestry workshops led by Mrs Swarbrick. Working across the school, Mrs Swarbrick engaged the children in exciting activities, helping them to explore the history and significance of the Bayeux Tapestry in an interactive and memorable way. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about this fascinating period of history. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Swarbrick for sharing her expertise, enthusiasm and time with us. Her workshops provided a fantastic learning experience for all of our children.

ASHLYNS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & CHILDREN'S CRAFT EVENT SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Join us at Ashlyns School for our annual Christmas Craft Fair! This festive community event is a wonderful, informal opportunity for future primary students and their families to look around the inside of the main Ashlyns School building .
Every penny raised by the Ashlyns School Association (over £40k last year!) funds sparkle to the classroom, 'wow' experiences and fantastic equipment and resources that will benefit our future incoming local primary students.
60+ Stalls: Handcrafted gifts, decorations, jewellery, artwork, and more.
Festive Café: Serving hot food, drinks, and homemade cakes.
Children's Creative Classroom: A fun Christmas eco-craft workshop for children, run by a local crafting business, Growing Bright. Just £3 per child—no pre-booking required, just turn up.



FAMILY FAITH WORKER FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

Family Faith Worker – At Sacred Heart Parish we are exploring the possibility of introducing this role to support families in their faith journey and strengthen family life within our parish community. This role would focus on helping parents and children grow in faith, build connections within the parish, and feel supported in living out their faith at home. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our short questionnaire Helping Families Grow in Faith – Fill in form Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us understand what supports families need in their faith journey and shape how this role could best support the parish. Please submit your response by 13th November 2026. Thank you for taking the time to share your views to help plan for the future of family ministry in our parish.

FOREST SCHOOL INFORMATION

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Week 1	WB 1st Sept NO Forest School	WB 2nd Nov Year 6	WB 4th Jan No Forest School	WB 22nd Feb Year 5	WB 12th April NO Forest School	WB 7th June Reception
Week 2	WB 7th Sept NO Forest School	WB 9th Nov Year 3	WB 11th Jan Year 6	WB 1st March Reception	WB 19th April Year 5	WB 14th June Year 2
Week 3	WB 14th Sept Year 2	WB 16th Nov Year 4	WB 18th Jan Year 1	WB 8th March Year 1	WB 26th April Year 6	WB 21st June Year 3
Week 4	WB 21st Sept Year 3	WB 23rd Nov Year 5	WB 25th Jan Year 2	WB 15th March Year 2	WB 3rd May BANK HOLIDAY NO Forest School	WB 28th June Year 4
Week 5	WB 28th Sept Year 4	WB 30th Nov Year 6	WB 1st Feb Year 3	WB 22nd March Year 4	WB 10th May Year 1	WB 5th July Year 5
Week 6	WB 5th Oct Year 5	WB 7th Dec Reception	WB 8th Feb Year 4		WB 17th May Year 2	WB 12th July Year 6
Week 7	WB 12th Oct Year 1	WB 14th Dec Year 1			WB 24th May Year 3	WB 19th July Reception
Week 8	WB 19th Oct Reception					

MIGHTY NETBALL



NEW HEMEL NETBALL CLASS!
FOR YEARS 4,5&6
Book your FREE TASTER!*

Sundays: Longdean Sports Centre, Hill Common, Hemel Hempstead

NEW CLASS 9:05-9:50am: Years 4,5&6
Launching 8th November.
Book your FREE taster today.

9:55-10:40am: Years 3&4
Limited spaces remaining



10:45 - 11:30am: Years 5&6
FULL

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*Free taster availablie for 9:05am - years 4,5&6 session only

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All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for a number of our schools Local Academy Committees. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in a vibrant and collaborative Trust that is in the process of expansion and development. The role of Foundation Governor is incredibly rewarding and the benefits include:

- Professional Development
- Management and Leadership experience
- Supporting the local and wider Catholic community
- Build your professional and personal network
- Gaining insight into the Education sector
- Having significant impact on the schools in our Trust

Contact: governance@ascat.co.uk
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Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER 2027

UP TO AGE 17



National Rotary photo competition

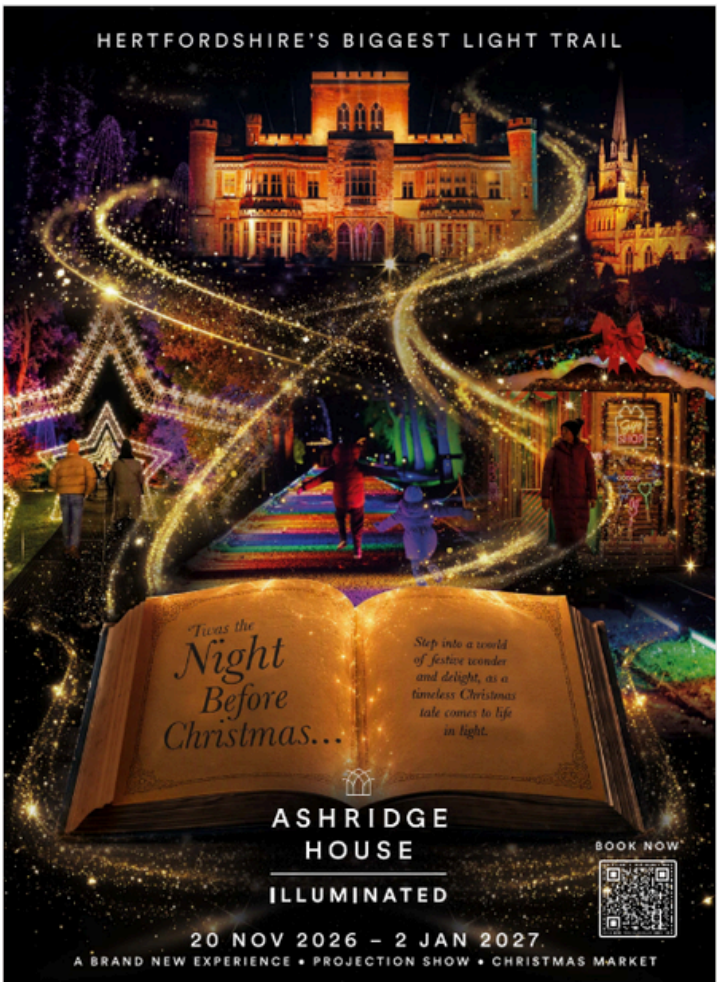
Theme - Friendship

Berkhamsted Rotary

berkorotary.org

Local and National prizes

Berkhamsted Rotary Trust Fund CIO UK registered charity No. 1182564



St. Thomas More
Catholic Primary School

90 YEARS

1936 – 2026

Alumni Drinks Evening

Celebrating together

Friday 13 November
7.00 – 9.30 pm

At St Thomas More
Catholic Primary School

We warmly welcome former pupils, parents and staff, alongside current families and friends of the school, to reconnect and share memories.

Enjoy a relaxed evening with drinks, catch up with old friends and explore a display of school photos, memorabilia and special moments from throughout the years.

RSVP TO THE INVITATION

Please let us know you are coming by completing the form using the QR code or the link below:

forms.cloud.microsoft/e/gTbCNmbZHn

We are also planning a larger anniversary celebration later in the academic year and will share more details once these are agreed.

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



Reception Tours for September 2027





- Supportive and engaged community
- Proud to be an OPAL Platinum school
- Rooted in Catholic values
- Academic ambition for all

Tuesday 10th November 9:15-10:15 am	Book here: https://forms.gle/L7encspGDmrLWCkd8
Monday 23rd November 9:15-10:15 am	
Monday 11th January 2-3pm	

"Leaders make early years a priority. They give children a happy and positive start to school."
- Ofsted Report June 2026

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