



Friday 12th July, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

What a lovely week it has been meeting our year 6 pupils and seeing them experience school life here at St Thomas More. We wish them all a lovely summer and look forward to seeing them in September! Thank you if you were able to attend our Summer Concert on Tuesday evening, the rain meant we had to move indoors but it was a great event nonetheless. Well done to all pupils and staff involved and a big thank you too. We are all looking forward to next week's Sports Day on Thursday for Key Stage 3 and our end of year services on Friday morning for all pupils and staff at St Anne's Church.

As part of the Church's 'Year of Prayer' our Diocese has shared a resource with the Lord's prayer in many different languages. We are blessed with families speaking several different languages at home and I think this is a nice way to introduce your child to prayer in a different language or to celebrate your own first language if that is different to English.

[The Lord's Prayer in the World's Languages - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



Prayer Theme

Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family." Mark 6: 1-6

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

Help us to not be so quick to judge people without knowing them or listening to them properly. Help us to truly be open to the wisdom and knowledge of others. Inspire us to accept faith willingly without question.

Amen

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Work Experience

- Good luck to our Year 10 pupils who are on their Work Experience next Monday-Thursday.
- Can I remind you that if you have any queries during the week then please do not hesitate to contact us via the House email address and to keep communications open with the provider if required.
- We hope they all have a great time and learn a lot about the world of work!



Summer Mental Health - Kooth letter for parents/carers

- Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students during the holiday period.
- Kooth offers free, safe and anonymous access to online wellbeing support and advice for children and young people aged 11-18 in Newcastle and Gateshead. www.kooth.com.
- [Newcastle and Gateshead - Parent_Carer letter Kooth. July 2...](#)



Trust Celebration of Sport

- A group of our Year 9 pupils have volunteered to be Sports Leaders at the Trust Celebration of Sport on Monday 15th July at Gateshead Stadium.
- I would like to thank all pupils in advance for representing our school and ensuring that over 40 of our Trust Primary schools are able to take part in such a great sporting event!
- Hopefully the weather will be kind and I am sure they will have a great day.



Reminder: Whole School Lockdown Drill

- [Whole school lock down letter](#)



Northumbria Police - Bike Safety - Info for Parents/Carers

- Northumbria Police have asked schools to share helpful information about the law around E-scooters, EAPCS, E-Bikes and motorcycles

Bike Safety - Info for Parents and Carers V2.pdf

Reminder: School Buses on the last day of term - Friday 19th July 24

- [Important bus information 19/07/24](#)

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community. As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch using the pastoral email addresses below:

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Yours sincerely,

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