



Friday 4th October 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I am pleased to be writing to you at the end of another lovely week in school. What has been particularly nice to see is the amount of pupils taking part in our extra curricular activities at lunch time and after school. We have our popular club 'Dungeons and Dragons' starting again this Wednesday after school in the dining hall until 4.30pm. New members welcome! We were blessed with a visit on Tuesday from John Martin from 'Good news for everyone' who delivered a copy of the New Testament for all of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.

Prayer Theme

'For whosoever shall give you to drink a cup of water in my name, because you belong to Christ: Amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.'

Mark 9: 38 - 48.

- We have prayed together as a community:

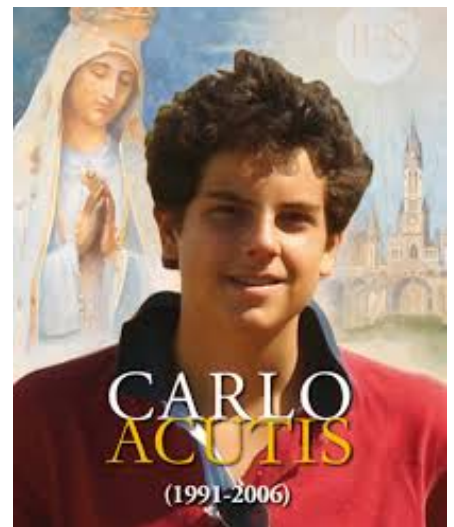
Dear God,

We thank you for the acts of kindness that Jesus showed to all of your people. We ask for your strength to make sure we support all of society and welcome people who do good in your name.

Amen.

Trust Saints Day - Thursday 10th October

- Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust has declared the 10th October as a day dedicated to Blessed Carlo Acutis, our Trust Saint.
- We will devote our House assemblies next week to him.
- Blessed Carlo Acutis will likely be proclaimed a Saint during the 2025 Jubilee
- Born to Italian parents in London, England, in 1991, Blessed Carlo was a web designer who died from leukaemia at the age of 15 in Monza, Italy.
- He was known for his devotion to Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed.
- Learn more: [Carlo Acutis - Vatican News](#)



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Cause for Applause

- Praise and reward is a very important part of school life here at St Thomas More
- Pupils receive merits and postcards for their efforts in class and around school
- Pupils are also invited to bring work they are proud of to the 'Cause for Applause' zone next to History where they can collect stamps that equate to prizes and treats!
- It is a lovely way for pupils to take ownership for their work and to be proud of what they have achieved.
- Mrs Vivash and her team are always pleased to see it so busy on Monday and Wednesday break times!



World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

- Next week in school we will be delivering sessions via pastoral on the importance of looking after our mental health
- Our Personal Development Pop up will focus on this too
- There are many different ways to seek support as a family. Please find below some links that you may find useful.
[A Guide to Kooth for Families](#)
[Programmes for families, children and young people | Mental Health Foundation](#)
[Mental health support for children and young people - NHS](#)





INSET Day

- A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Wednesday 16th October for a whole staff INSET day.

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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