



Friday 15th November 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It was lovely to have pupils who are members of the cadets, scouts and guides, volunteer to be part of our Remembrance service this week. We are very proud of them and their commitment to these organisations over the years too. We are, once again, accepting donations for 'Feeding Families' food bank as part of our Advent Appeal. Whilst the first Sunday of Advent is not until December 1st the charity would like early donations so they can prepare as many boxes for families as possible. As a Catholic community we are called to serve the needs of others, and we do so out of love and selflessness which is at the heart of this week's prayer theme. Please send in any donations by Thursday 28th November. [📄 Feeding families Food List](#)

Prayer Theme

'And calling his disciples together, he saith to them: Amen I say to you, this poor widow hath cast in more than all they who have cast into the treasury.' - Mark 12: 38 - 44

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

Inspire us to be generous in spirit and action, just as the widow gave all she had. Show us that true generosity comes from a place of love and selflessness, regardless of our means. Help us to support one another by sharing our blessings.

Amen

Keeping Safe and Well Wednesday

- Pupils have been reflecting on the key message from the Anti-bullying awareness week of 'Choose Respect'
- All pupils have the right to be treated with respect and pupils have been exploring how they can show respect to others in our community and beyond.
- Pupils have also been reminded of the important of reporting any concern to a trusted adult or via our #neverok email address.

child on child
Abuse
#NeverOK



Violence #NeverOK Sexual Harassment #NeverOK Abuse #NeverOK

BULLYING #NEVEROK RACISM #NeverOK DISCRIMINATION #NeverOK

Homophobia #NeverOK Transphobia #NeverOK Sexism #NeverOK

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Winter Concert

- Please join us for a wonderful evening of music and singing at our annual winter concert
- Tickets are available via Arbor pay for our annual Winter Concert
- Tuesday 3rd December 6pm in the main hall



Christmas Carol Service

- Please note that our Christmas carol concert will once again take place in the wonderful setting of St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm
- All are welcome to attend this special event



Sixth form Open Evening Reminder

- We are holding our sixth form open evening on Thursday 21st November.
- It will be a great opportunity to learn about the many opportunities pupils have here at St Thomas More post GCSE's.
- Staff will explain the range of courses on offer, the Personal Development and extra curricular opportunities available and our unique Leadership Pathway for all pupils.

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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