



Friday 13th February 2026

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well today, as we come to the end of our penultimate week of the half term. There is no denying that it has been a rather wet one! Our year 7 pupils return from their retreat today and I can't wait to hear all about it from them next week. Thank you to the staff who helped organise it and joined our pupils to ensure they were well looked after and loved whilst away. I am sure they will all sleep well tonight. Please continue to hold them in your thoughts and prayers as they bring their experiences back into the Catholic life of our school.

Prayer Theme

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16



We have prayed together as a community:

Loving God, Thank you for calling us to be light in the world. Help us not to hide what you have placed within us, but to shine with kindness, courage, and truth. May our words and actions reflect your love, so that others may see and give glory to you. Amen

Children's Mental Health Week

- This week is Children's Mental Health Week and Place2Be's theme this year is 'This is My Place' exploring the theme of belonging.
- All pupils have spent time reflecting on this pastoral in 'Keeping Safe & Well' Wednesday.
- Every member of this school community belongs here and this is a place we want everybody to flourish in.
- Please speak to your child and remind them of the different ways they can reach out in school if they are worried about anything. Speaking to their tutor, Head of House, Learning Support, our school chaplain or counsellor.
- If they would like to report anything to us then they can use the #neverok email address or place a note in the 'Your Voice Matters' box at the Pop Up.



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Public Examination Timetables

- The generic A-Level and GCSE summer 2026 exams timetables are available on our website on: <https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/curriculum/assessment-and-examinations/exam-timetables/>
- A reminder that **Friday 26th June 2026 is a contingency day and all students must be available up to and including that day.**

Catering Debt

- As a school, we are committed to providing nutritious meals that support our students' learning and well-being. To ensure we can continue offering a high-quality service, we kindly remind all families to keep their lunch accounts in credit.
- We regularly contact families of students with outstanding debt on their lunch accounts of more than £5, but we have seen the level of debt rise significantly since the start of the academic year.
- We are always happy to support families paying this debt off via installments if appropriate.
- Please contact our School Operations Manager, Mrs D Jamieson on djamieson@stm.bwcet.com if you wish to raise any concerns in ensuring your students lunch account remains in credit.

Year 10 Parents Evening Reminder

- We are holding our Year 10 parents/carers evening online on Thursday 5th March 2026 4:00 pm - 6.15 pm.
- Please see the letter below for further details.
- [Year 10 Parents' Evening Letter 25 - 26](#)

A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese	Sixth Form
STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com

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Yours sincerely,

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