

21st September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Monday 5th October – Y8 Feat Day for St Francis of Assisi

I am delighted to say that our Year 8 students have had an extremely positive return to St Thomas More after the summer I am looking forward to supporting your child through their second year at St Thomas More.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching programme, each year group has adopted a Saint to learn more about and look at the examples set in which we can follow. For Year 8, we have chosen Saint St Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of ecology and animals and promoted looked after nature.

On Monday 5th October, we invite the children to celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis. On this day, the Year 8 students are permitted to attend school in non-uniform for a voluntary £1 donation. The Year 8 students will also be raising money by way of a sponsored litter pick around our local community.

Finally, as part of the day, we will be walking up to St Anne's Church on Terrace Road for a Liturgy. We kindly ask that you support the children in their fundraiser by asking friends and relatives for a small sponsorship donation. The children will be coming home with a sponsorship form, or you may use the sheet attached.

Please note that the activities that take place as follows during Feast Day:

Registration – as normal.

P1 – Visit to St Anne's Church for a short liturgy.

P2 – Litter pick within the local area.

P3 to P5 as normal.

All monies raised on the day will go to the Year 8's chosen charity: RSPCA. Children can give their collected sponsorship to their Form Tutor by Monday 12th October. There will also be a JustGiving link sent out via text, which you can share with anyone who wishes to sponsor with card payment rather than cash.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs L Doherty-Perkins

Head of Learning Y8 and Y11