



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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## Dear Families,

**Friday 23rd January 2026**

This week, we have been very excited to prepare for our Trust Feast Day celebration, focusing on the Jubilee theme of HOPE as we move from our Jubilee Year into making our Jubilee Pledge. This coming Wednesday, representatives from all 23 schools across our Trust will join together to celebrate Mass in honour of St Thomas Aquinas, our Trust's Patron Saint. St Thomas Aquinas is widely known as the Patron Saint of students and education and is recognised for his extraordinary wisdom and lasting contribution to lifelong learning. This special celebration offers a wonderful opportunity of unity, faith, and thanksgiving across our Trust family. A huge thank you to our school Chaplains, who will be representing us with great pride.

If you would like to join in the celebrations virtually, please click this [link](#).

**Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Mrs Dabbs.**

## St Thomas Aquinas CMAT



## Spotlight in school

**LOVE OF LEARNING**  
virtue for **JANUARY**

### Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

We are delighted that our school is part of this programme. This important initiative aims to strengthen the support we offer to children, ensuring every child can thrive.

As part of this work, we are setting up a Parent Carer Participation Group. This group is open to **all parents**. Our aim is to create a friendly, supportive space to:

- Work in partnership with families
- Ensure parent carers' voices are heard
- Bring families together to share experiences and build connections

**The sessions will be led by Leicestershire SEND Hub, the parent/carer forum for our county and Mrs Freestone, our school SENDCO.**

★ **Our first meeting will take place in school on Wednesday 28th January at 10am.**

Please do come along for coffee, cake and a chat — and feel free to encourage other parent & carers to join us too!

### Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

**9<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

We will be promoting this important week in school. Watch this space for more exciting information...

**BELONGING CHAIN**

The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **THIS IS MY PLACE**. The theme explores the vital role of belonging. When children feel they truly belong, they are more likely to have positive mental health, build healthy relationships, and believe in their ability to make a difference. This activity helps students reflect on how they feel a sense of belonging at school.

## Save the date...

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Year 5 begin swimming lessons on Monday afternoons**

**Wednesday 28th January - St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - PTFA Race Night - POSTPONED**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Open Classrooms - RE Focus**

**Friday 13th February - Mardi Gras Festival &**

**Go Bright For Bodhi Hodges Day - FUNDRAISING**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February Parents' Evening (FACE to FACE)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February PTFA Race Night**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March PTFA Special General Meeting &  
Coffee Morning in school**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Homework Project hand-in day**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Open Classrooms - Curriculum**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
EASTER HOLIDAY**

*Our Jubilee Pledge*

**We promise to pray for HOPE bringing peace, love & joy to our world:**

1. We will provide more opportunities for our school to pray together in different ways.
2. We will pray with families, friends, and staff in school.
3. Different people will lead our time in prayer so that we can learn from each other.
4. We will offer times to pray before and after school, and at lunchtime.
5. Our prayers will bring hope to each other, to our community, and to our world.