



Believe



Achieve



Succeed

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

9th February to 15th 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 26th January

Year 5 begin swimming lessons on Monday afternoons

Wednesday 28th January - St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

Friday 6th February - PTFA Race Night - POSTPONED

Tuesday 3rd February Open Classrooms - RE Focus

Friday 13th February - Mardi Gras Festival &

Go Bright For Bodhi Hodges Day - FUNDRAISING

**Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 23rd February Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday 24th February Parents' Evening (FACE to FACE)

Friday 27th February PTFA Race Night

**Friday 6th March PTFA Special General Meeting &
Coffee Morning in school**

Friday 6th March Homework Project hand-in day

Tuesday 10th March Open Classrooms - Curriculum

**Monday 30th March to Friday 10th 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.