



# ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



School Office/Absences: 01206 865722  
Email: [office@st-thomasmores.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-thomasmores.essex.sch.uk)

Issue 15

January 9th 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family, and looking ahead I hope that 2026 brings all your wishes and more. It has been a little cold on our return to school but we have been more fortunate than some schools who are dealing with burst pipes etc. We might be cold but at least we are lucky to have all our services functioning well to keep us warm indoors. Long may that continue. The best bit about January is having the spring to look forward to!

## Catholic Life of the School - CAFOD/Eco Club

We joined the parish for mass on Tuesday to celebrate the Epiphany. Thank you to Fr Gervase for welcoming us to the Church. Fr Phillip is away at the moment following the loss of his father, please remember his family in your prayers.



Parents of Y6 are welcome to attend the class assembly on Wednesday 14th January. Please arrive to be seated at 2:40pm



## Our Stars of the Week are:

Tega	Roque
Eryk	Alex
Blessing	Elise
Nathan	Tife
Aoife	Naomi
Maurice	Kuba
Noah	Faith

## House points

Lincoln

156

Colchester

149

York

117

Bath

114

## Important dates

January 20th - Year 1 Liturgy in Church 2.30pm

January 27th - Year 5 Mass in Church 9.30am

February 6th - Reception Class Open Afternoon

February 10th - Year 4 Mass in Church 9.30am

February 13th - Valentine's Disco 5 - 8pm

February 16th to 20th - Half Term

## Mass date changes

Please note the new dates for Masses/ Liturgies in Church are:

January 20th - Year 1 Liturgy 2.30pm

January 27th - Year 5 Mass 9.30am

February 10th - Year 4 Mass 9.30am

February 24th - Whole School Lenten Mass 9.30am

March 3rd - Year 3 Liturgy 2.30pm

June 16th - Year 3 Mass 9.30am

## School Journey

Details of the Y6 trip (current Y5) for 2026/27 have gone out. We are staying with Thorpe Woodlands as we were overwhelmed by what they offered last year and at half the price of PGL!



## SEND Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a Coffee Afternoon for parents/carers of children with additional needs on Thursday 29th January at 2.15pm.

The afternoon will be an opportunity for parents and carers to network with other SEND families and to chat with our Senco, Mrs Reid. We are also hoping to have a speaker from the Local Authority joining us.

There will be tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

Please look out for an invite, or contact Mrs Reid via the school office if you would like to come along.

## Fr David Manson

Some of you will remember Mgr David who was Parish Priest here some years back; he passed suddenly just before Christmas and it was very unexpected.

Please pray for him on his final journey.



### SEND Inspection

Essex County Council is being inspected for SEND please consider making your views known by completing this survey. It closes on Tuesday 13 January at 9am.

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10364949>



Have a lovely weekend

Bridget Harris