



# 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 16

January 16th 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have enjoyed our first full week back in school with a full timetable of lessons and extracurricular activities. The children are working hard and seem very enthusiastic about all the activities offered. Some members of the school choir have learnt a piece from Starlight Express for a national competition, they sound amazing. Year 5 went on a trip to Leaf and Year 6 went to the newly reopened library. Clubs are busy but the weather is not always kind to us, so sometimes they have to come inside to play tennis or football.

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

CAFOD Club has been very busy preparing resources for prayer and liturgy in the school. They have been very industrious and their help is much appreciated.



## Religious Education

We have all started our new topic for this half term, Galilee to Jerusalem. The children will be learning about Jesus' ministry following his baptism.

## Collective Worship

Year 6 led a beautiful assembly on the important women from the Bible. They planned and wrote the whole assembly, with the accompanying PowerPoint too. Thank you for joining us.

## Night Owls

Mrs Story has organised the Night Owls team to come and visit us on the morning on February 6th. They are a Bird of Prey demonstration team and will be holding a talk and flying display session for the children to take part in.



During the visit, all of the children will be given the wonderful opportunity to have their photograph taken holding their beautiful Barn Owl Dottie, if they would like to, which is a lovely souvenir of what we hope is a great experience for the children.

You will be given the chance to buy these photographs if you wish to, there is no obligation for children to have the photograph if they do not want to, or for you to purchase these photographs. A proof card will be sent home with the children a few days after the visit, if you wish to purchase your child's photograph we ask you to complete the proof card and return to the school with cash payment in the envelope provided by February 13th.

Night owls will then collect your order and return the photos to us.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## House points

Lincoln 342

York 281

Colchester 280

Bath 273

## Valentines Disco

We are busy planning the Valentines Disco for February 13th 2026. Tickets will stay at last year's price of £2.50 per child and will go live in Parentmail next week.

Key stage 1 children can attend from 5.00pm to 6:30pm and Key Stage 2 children can attend from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Children should not be left without a supervising adult on site at the event.

Some parents have already expressed interest in helping on the night with sales of refreshments, foam glow sticks and bracelets etc, but we do need more volunteers please. If you can help for a short time while you are there, please pop to the office and we will add you to the rota.

Thank you

Kelly.

## Car Park

We received a complaint from a member of the public about one of our parents having a disagreement with a parking officer before school yesterday.

Please be kinder to people doing the more unpopular jobs in life.

Thank you.

### STM International Food Fair

Two of our Year 6 pupils organised a very successful food fair two years ago when they were in Y4, and they would like to put on another event after school on March 6th after school.

If you can bring along a dish that everyone can try, please let the office know by February 27th. It would be great if we could represent as many countries as possible in the world to celebrate the wonderful, rich diversity of our school. We will send out a form soon via Parentmail so that we can give those making food an idea of the numbers attending.

*"This year me and Ella have organised another culture day for everyone! We missed it last year so this year we are going all out! In order to enjoy this exciting celebration, we need some volunteers to help with the preparation of food at the end of the day. Come and try some amazing food from different cultures for just £1.50 per person."*

*Faith & Ella*

### 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

Have a great weekend



Bridget Harris



### **Our Stars of the Week are:**

<u>R</u>	<u>Tega</u>	<u>Emem</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Reuben</u>	<u>Ruby</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Gabriel</u>	<u>Ashley</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Tymek</u>	<u>Hugo E</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Ella</u>	<u>Mia</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Kuba</u>	<u>Clement</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Emmanuella</u>