



ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent,

We have completed our first full week for most classes and even our new Reception Class has been in every day with us, full-time since Wednesday. They all met their buddies for the first time and have been getting to know them at break times. We are very pleased with how the new class has started off as it has been a very positive start for them.

Catholic Life of the School - CAFOD/Eco Club

Mrs Duncan has registered us for the Eco School Award this week. She will be working closely with the CAFOD Club this year so that we can achieve it. All of our new recycling bins have been delivered and I have no doubt we will hear more about recycling soon.



Collective Worship

Y5 led a lovely assembly for us yesterday on the theme of spreading kindness. Thank you for joining us.

Mr Livesley

Unfortunately Mr Livesley fractured his leg on Monday night so he has been resting it this week.

Hopefully he will be back next week once he has mastered the crutches but we may have to swap classrooms between Y3 and Y5 so that he does not have to negotiate the stairs. I am very grateful to Mrs Pembroke for covering the class this week in his absence.



Mrs Westera will be covering on Monday.

Important dates

16th September - Start of Year Mass 09.30am

18-19th September - Y6 Bikeability Group 1

22nd September - Christmas artwork templates to be sent home

26th September - Individual/ sibling photos (come to school in uniform not PE kit)

29th-30th -Y6 Bikeability Group 2

October 6th & 7th - Parents Evenings 4.00 - 6.30pm

Please see information below for September initial parent meeting dates.

Our Stars of the Week are:

All of Reception Class

Ella Victor

Reuben Moriarty

Cassie Allid

Matilda Beczala

Tife Osikamaiya

Dorothe Moncur

Timothy Akintola

Halle Finch

Zofia Dudziewicz

Charlotte Turner

Kamsi Akubailo

Ayden Murphy

Initial Meetings with Parents 2.50pm

DATE CHANGES please see final dates below

We welcome you to the classroom on the following dates to hear all about the year ahead. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. This is for the teacher to share general information with you and not an opportunity to talk about individual children.

Year 6 - 15th September

Year 4 - 16th September

Year 5 - 17th September

Year 3 - 18th September

Year 2 - 19th September

Year 1 - 22nd September

Queen St Roadworks

There are signs up advising of road closure in Queen St from September 22nd to 25th.

You may find it easier to use Britannia Car Park on those dates.



Y6 School Journey Meeting

This will be held at 3.15 in the Y6 classroom directly after the Initial Meeting with Parents on September 15th.

As we are going to a new venue this year please try to attend even if an older sibling has been on a residential before.

House points

Colchester

485

Lincoln

465

Bath

415

York

410

School timings

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.40am every day. Our gates open at 08:30am, children need to be in their class line or entering the building at 8.40am so that they can start their lessons promptly. It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others. Thank you

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2026

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on today for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

All of the application information is available on the website above.

Open Evenings for Secondary schools

Please check school websites as you may have to book a place to attend.

St Benedict's: October 2nd

The Gilberd: 17th September

St Helena: 25th September

Paxman Academy: 2nd October

Philip Morant: 18th September

TLA: 25th September

Colchester Academy: 25th September

St Mary's: 11th October

Have a great weekend



Bridget Harris