



ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents & Carers,

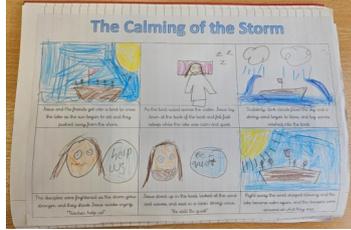
I hope you all had a lovely break over the half term, despite the rain. We have just started our shortest half term of the six, with much to fit in and this week has been no exception! We have enjoyed visitors to a few of our classes, a visit out by another class and a whole school Mass.

Catholic Life of the School - CAFOD/Eco Club

Our CAFOD club has been producing prayer resources for each class to use. They have also been discussing ideas for the Lenten walk which raises money for CAFOD each year.

Religious Education

Y2 has been learning about the miracles of Jesus. They have created some lovely storyboards. They are now moving on to learn about Lent.



Collective Worship

Thank you for joining us at our Lenten Mass on Tuesday which marked the start of our Lenten journey in school. We also had a very nice assembly by Y1 on Wednesday on kindness. Thank you for supporting them.

House points

York 198

Bath 197

Lincoln 187

Colchester 182

Our Stars of the Week are:



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| R | Leo | Ezmae |
| 1 | Kaira | Zuri |
| 2 | Cassie | Noah |
| 3 | Hanna | Michaela |
| 4 | Kelsey | Jermaine |
| 5 | Chris | Theodora |
| 6 | Alicia | Nicola |

Important dates

- February 26th to March 3rd - Book Fair in Dinner Hall 3:15pm
- March 3rd - Year 3 Liturgy in Church 2.30pm
- March 5th - World Book Day with costumes
- March 9th - Individual desktop photos with Happy Days
- March 11th - Cultural Dress Day
- March 13th - International Food Fair 3.15pm in Hall
- March 18th - Year 5 Science Museum trip
- March 23rd - Choir performance 3.30pm in church
- March 27th - School Reports sent home

World Book Day - 5th March

It is World Book Day next week and as usual your child is invited to come to school dressed as a book character.



I hope you are enjoying the book fair, a big thank you to parents who are helping to run it.

Castle Park Playground

Y6 had a visitor from Kompan who are the contractors that won the bid to refurbish the play area in Castle Park. He spoke to the children about the sustainability of the materials used, how careful they had to be with the Roman remains in the area and how accessible the new area will be.

He left us with a competition to complete, and the winning pupil from Y6 will get to cut the ribbon to open the newly refurbished play area!

We hope that the class will also get to visit the area with hard hats and high viz to see the work in action.





Y4 Visit to LEAF

Y4 went to the LEAF community centre in Colchester to make eco-bricks as part of a Colchester wide project.

Our bricks will go to the Royal Grammar School for one of their creative projects.

Valentine Disco

A big thank you to Kelly and her team of parent helpers for organising a very successful evening for the children. By all accounts they had a fabulous time. They raised £575.00. Thank you for supporting this event.

Y5/6 RAF STEM Day

Year 5 and 6 spent the day yesterday programming robots on floor mats. The theme of the day was to program devices to avoid environmental hazards.

A report from Cole: "We had to design a vehicle using a coding programme called My Blocks and program a car to follow a track. I got dojo points for a good idea which was to stop a house from flooding by building it on stilts."



Cultural celebration week - 9th to 13th March

We have a wonderful week planned for the children to celebrate the diversity of our school.

On Monday Y4 will enjoy a Chinese cookery class.

On Tuesday we will enjoy songs from around the world.

Children can come to school on Wednesday dressed in something that represents their cultural heritage. This could include a football kit, country colours etc.

Thursday is Geography day.

Friday is world food day. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to provide tasters for us to enjoy after school. I am sure there will be a wonderful variety of food.

There is a small fee of £1.50 per adult, children eat free.

Arpitha in Year 1 has had planned surgery this week and we understand that it was a successful operation. She needs a little time to recover but we hope to see her back at school soon.



Have a lovely weekend

Bridget Harris

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WORLD BOOK DAY

St Thomas More's Primary School

Invites you to come to school dressed as

**★ YOUR FAVOURITE ★
BOOK CHARACTER!**

Thursday 5th March 2026

Let your imagination run wild!
Will you be a wizard, a superhero, a fairy-tale princess,
a daring adventurer, or a classic storybook hero?

Bring your favourite book
to share with your class!