



St Thomas More's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you over the last two evenings for parents' evening. I hope you heard lots of very positive things about how hard your child is working. I know we are always very proud of what they achieve.

Don't forget, school is closed on Monday May 4th for the Bank Holiday.

Catholic Life of the School

We are hosting the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham for the month of May. The children have learnt about her and why Walsingham became the national shrine. The statue will spend time in each of our classes and will be available for parents on a Monday in the school hall throughout May at 3pm if you would like to come in and have some quiet time and prayer.

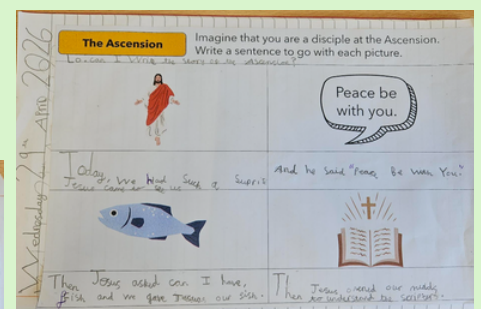
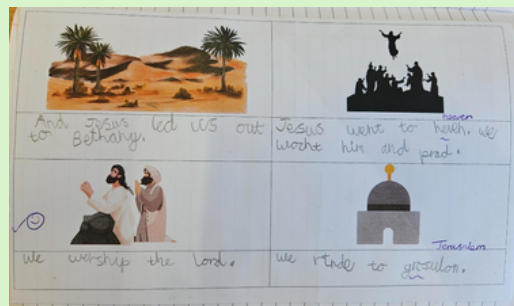
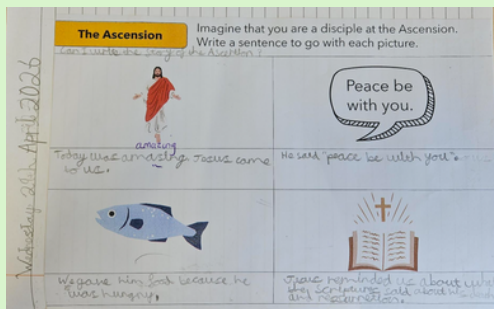


Collective Worship

Year 3 led a lovely assembly yesterday on putting our trust in God. Well done Y3!

Religious Education

Year 2 have been learning about The Ascension.... Look at their lovely work.





Our Stars of the Week are:



R	Myles	Leo
1	Reuben	Barnaby
2	Freddie	Nehemiah
3	Adele	Hanna
4	Charlie	Alejandro
5	Sofia	Julia
6	Faith	Ella

Parent Fundraisers

Our lovely fundraisers have been busy organising this year's sponsored walk. The sponsor forms are coming home today, so please look out for them. We hope to raise enough money to buy another class set of Ipad's for the children.

Thank you for your support.

Important Dates

May 11th to 14th- SATS Week
May 15th- Sponsored Walk (1.30pm)
May 22nd- Finish for Half Term
June 9th- Class & Team Photos

Main Gate

We are going to close the main gate at the front after school when there is a club on. The gate will be opened at 4pm for parents to come in to collect. This is not because anyone has wandered in etc. it is just with everything happening in the news, it gives us all extra peace of mind.

Additionally if you visit the office please do not wander down the corridor unless you are with a staff member.

Our next SEND coffee morning takes place on Thursday 7th May at 9am. There will be the usual hot drinks and cakes and we will be joined by representatives from SPACE. SPACE offers free support to families of children with SEND and the support is delivered by parents and carers with lived experience. They will be telling us what support is available and how you can access it.

Please let the office or Mrs Reid know if you would like to come along.



Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities

SPACE

SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

Get support your way:

- in person – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events
- by phone – talk one-to-one with a peer educator
- online – join webinars on key topics, led by peer educators
- on the SPACE website – find helpful info and guidance anytime



Book your place for an online session, or a phone call today!
parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk



LEGO CLUB

St John Payne Catholic Church Hall
Blackthorn Avenue
Colchester
CO3 3QD

Next Event: Saturday 09th May 2026
Time: 11:15 – 1:15pm

Come and join in the fun.
Where will your imagination take you?
All ages welcome.

Tea / Coffee / Squash and snacks provided
All Children to be Supervised throughout

House Points

Colchester 171


York 138

Bath 136

Lincoln 133

As we walk together with Jesus,
we love, live and learn.

Have a lovely Bank
Holiday weekend



Bridget Harris