



# St Thomas More's Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

I hope you have been enjoying the Initial Meetings for Parents with your child's class teacher. I know that the teachers always enjoying meeting with you especially if they have not taught any of your children before. Thank you for taking the time to come along, I hope you found it informative.

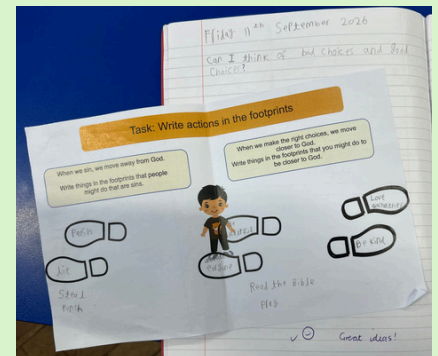
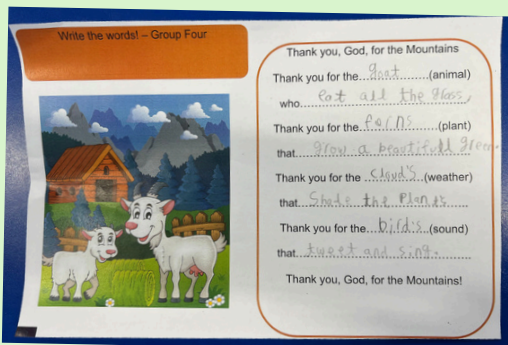
## Catholic life & Mission

It is always good to see just how well our older pupils take care of the younger ones. Y6 have met with the new class and have really helped with settling them in and making sure they are okay.



## Religious Education

Year 2 have been learning about Creation and Covenant. The class talked about God's wonderful animals and how He sent a rainbow as a sign to Noah. Here is some of their lovely work...



## Collective Worship

Thank you for joining us for our Start of Year Mass. It was lovely to see our new Reception Class with their buddies sitting so nicely in the Church. It was only their fourth full day in school and their behaviour was impeccable. What a lovely class they are going to be! Fr Philip made us feel very welcome and I hope you will agree the children read and sang beautifully.

Y5 led an assembly on 'promises' which they prepared themselves. They spoke about the promises that God makes to us, that we make to God and to each other, with particular focus on Abraham, Noah & Joseph. They were brilliant.



## Our Stars of the Week are:

**R**

**Aurora**

**Kendrick**

**1**

**Samantha**

**Ethan**

**2**

**Arpitha**

**Chi-Chi**

**3**

**Freya**

**Ivy**

**4**

**Meabh**

**Roman**

**5**

**Jermaine**

**Christopher**

**6**

**Clement**

**Shalom**



### Important Dates

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 2 Initial Meeting 2:50pm

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 1 Initial Meeting 2:50pm

September 28<sup>th</sup> - Individual & Sibling Photos

October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Artwork Templates going home

October 6<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening session 1 (4.00 - 6.30pm)

October 8<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening Session 2 (4.00 - 6.30pm)

October 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Residential - Thorpe Woodlands

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Mass 9.30am

The full list of dates for the year has been published to Class Dojo.

### House Points



**Lincoln 238**

**Bath 227**

**York 193**

**Colchester 177**

### Cinema Visits

Once again we have taken full advantage of the Intofilm festival which allows schools free access to film screenings in local cinemas. We have signed up as follows:

Rec and Y6 - Dora: Magic Mermaid adventures on November 10th

Y1, 2 & 3 - Pets on a Train on November 24th

Y4 & 5 - Minecraft Movie on November 10th

Y6 - Kensuke's Kingdom on November 19th

We will send further details closer to the trip dates.



### Year 7 Admission for September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 6 and you are considering St Benedict's Catholic College as one of your choices on your secondary school application for September 2027, please be aware that you will also need to complete the college's **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**. The completed form must be returned to the college by **31 October 2026**, together with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate or other appropriate evidence of Catholicity or Christianity.

The Supplementary Information Forms are available on our website via the following link:- <https://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk/welcome/admissions/supplementary-information-forms/>

Please note that the statutory national closing date for ALL Y7 applications is 31 October 2026.

You must submit applications to Essex Education as well as to your chosen schools.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

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

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

Have a lovely weekend

Bridget Harris