



# ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent,

We are well and truly back into preparation mode with Christmas songs being learnt on Tuesday lunchtime and Harvest songs blasting out for the rest of the day. We have been discussing harvest offerings and once again we would like to support the foodbank. We will be asking for donations nearer the time and it will be items on their list or cash donations. You may even see some new class scarecrows appear outside again.

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

We had a lovely start of year Mass on Tuesday in the Church with the whole school present including our new Reception Class. They sat very nicely with their Y6 buddies. Thank you for joining us.



## Collective Worship

Y4 led a wonderful assembly on Wednesday all about faith. They did a fabulous job.

## School Photos Friday 26th September - School uniform please

Children will have individual and sibling photos taken next Friday, during the school day. Please send children in wearing school uniform that day and not PE Kit. PE will be moved to Thursday for next week only. If you have a preschool sibling and would like to include them in the photos, please come to the main office at 8:30am and we will take you all up to the Chapel.



Preschool siblings are unable to join photos during the school day.

## House points

<b>Bath</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>Colchester</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>York</b>	<b>118</b>

## Important dates

22nd September - Christmas artwork templates to be sent home

25th September - PE Day

26th September - Individual/ sibling photos (come to school wearing uniform)

29th & 30th September - Y6 Bikeability Group 2

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

October 9th - Deadline for Christmas Artwork to be returned to school office.

## House Captains



Year 6 voted for their House Captains this week, congratulations to:

**Bath Captains - Jonah Whiteside & Faith Olapade**

**Colchester Captains - Jax Azuikie & Esmay Ebbs**

**Lincoln Captains - Leon Zdanowski & Lydia Marley**

**York Captains - Noah Gilooly & Olivia Uzuoku**

## Our Stars of the Week are:



Ralph Sykes

Esmay-Quinn Cox

Vaanya Panwar

Arpitha Reji

Francis Liew

Ethan Akrazi

Hugo Sykes

Antoni Dudziewicz

Rayansh Panwar

Rupert D'Souza

Tochi William

Jamie Goody

Nicola Jezewska

Mabel Courtney

## Bikeability Y6

Group 1 started Bikeability yesterday.

The first session was in the playground and by the afternoon they were off out on the road!

Group 2 have their sessions on September 29th & 30th.

This is such a great scheme to show children how to ride safely on the road and it is totally free!



## PE Day

**Thursday** is PE day next week because of school photos on Friday.

Please send the children in wearing PE kit on Thursday.

### **Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2026**

Secondary school admissions are open 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](http://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

St Helena: 25th September

Paxman Academy: 2nd October

TLA: 25th September

Colchester Academy: 25th September

St Mary's: 11th October

Colchester High School: 4th October

### **Road Closure**

I am not really sure what is going on in Queen St with all the temporary traffic lights but as far as I know the road will be closed on Monday. I am assuming Priory St will be reversed but we haven't been informed. Take care coming to school.

Have a lovely weekend



Bridget Harris