



ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent,

Thankfully, after a particularly hot start to the week, we have returned to normal temperatures. It was a little unbearable at times but the air con and the fans made a real difference. School journey was warm but it could have been so much worse.

I heard on Sunday that we are losing our lovely Fr Chris as he retires. It will be sad to see him go!



Our Stars of the Week are:

Kaira Akubuilu	Alex Murphy
Holly Empson	Callum Brown
Byron Boxell Roa	Noah Hickman
William Koutalonis	Rayansh Panwar
Olivia Malicki	Maurice Harnett
Cole Buckingham	Nicola Jezewska
Andre Ndjangi	Michael Goodluck

House points

Colchester	156	Lincoln	100
Bath	97	York	97

Decorators

We have been offered free painting of the classes by the company who repaired our roof. They have offered to paint the 7 classrooms free of charge!

They want to do 2 classrooms over the next 2 weekends and the rest in the summer break at times convenient to them and when they can fit us in. I am really grateful to them for their generosity.

Year 5 has already been done.

Important Dates

July 7th - Changeover Day

July 8th - Choir Performance 4pm

July 11th - End of Year Summer Party 5 - 8pm

July 15th - Year 6 Play 6pm

July 17th - Leavers Mass 11am

July 18th - End of Term 3.15pm

Catholic Life of the School - CAFOD/Eco Club

Our Y6 pupils travelled to Chelmsford with pupils from St. Teresa's for a joint Y6 Mass with the other schools in the Diocese. We started the day with a lovely mass followed by a picnic and a play. It was a great day.



Religious Education

All pupils will move on to the new Religious Education Directory in September using the new Magister resources. Currently it is just KS1 using them but the Diocese want us all to move on to the new directory and be fully compliant by September 2026.

Collective Worship

All of our assemblies and hymn practices have been directed towards moving on, Year 6 to secondary and the classes moving up a year. Time passes so quickly it is unbelievable.

2025-2026 Classes

It is that time of year when we finalise teachers for next year. The children will get to spend a short session with their new teacher on Monday in their new classroom. Y2 (Y3 Sept) will be meeting their new teacher in the Chapel as their classroom is being painted over the weekend, they did visit the year 3 classroom yesterday though.

Reception - Mrs Milner-Moore and Mrs Solomons (Miss Gudgeon supporting)

Y1 - Mrs Story (Miss Registe and Mrs Robinson supporting)

Y2 - Mr Wright (Mrs Forde supporting)

Y3 - Mr Livesley and Mrs Westera (Mrs Millward supporting)

Y4 - Miss Duncan (Mrs Hunter supporting)

Y5 - Mr Bevan and Mrs Pembroke (Mrs Sykes supporting)

Y6 - Mrs Jones and Mrs Saker (Mrs Green supporting)



Staffing

I am really pleased that everyone is back at work full time now after some pretty serious illness. I am eternally grateful to Mrs Westera for coming in full time to cover Y2 rather than us having to turn to a supply agency and not having regular teachers or worse still no teachers. The rest of the staff have been brilliant in covering for each other.

We are back to normal now!

Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to our 2 student teachers, Sunny and Belinda, as they move on to their new schools in September.

They have been amazing and a great help to us all.

Good luck, you will both be exceptional.

we will miss you

Year 2 Trip

Year 2 took a trip to Castle Park today as part of their Science unit.

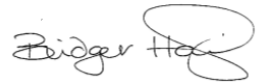
They looked at plants in a plant hunt and learned how to identify trees by their leaves.

They had a lovely picnic and even had time to enjoy the park playground.

It looks like they had a great time!



Have a great weekend



Bridget Harris