

# MORE NEWS



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## CATERING NEWS

**Juniors please pay lunches  
on School Money- £2.20 per day**

Week 3

**Kindly make sure the kitchen is  
aware of any allergies.**

Snack Bar 25p

## SWIMMING

**Monday 16th September—Year 4 and 6**

**Tuesday 17th September—Year 2**

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during swimming lessons and must have a red swimming hat.

## DIARY DATES

### Autumn Term 2019

#### September

- 16th Clubs commence this week
- 16th Year 3 Cooking Week
- 16th Music for Schools Parents Meeting 6pm
- 17th Alice in Wonderland Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
- 18th Year 6 to Warner Bros Studios
- 19th Walk to School Day
- 23rd Year 4 Cooking Week
- 24th Mass 9.30am—All welcome!
- 26th Whole School Photograph
- 30th Reception Cooking Week

#### October

- 7th Year 5 Cooking Week
- 7th Year 5 Bikeability Week
- 11th PSA Rock and Roll Bingo Night
- 14th Year 1 Cooking Week
- 15th Year 5 and 6 Young Shakespeare Company—Macbeth
- 17th Megasn Concert KS 1
- 17th Walk to School Day
- 21st Year 6 Cooking Week
- 23rd Harvest Assembly led by Year 3
- 23rd Year 6 Afternoon Tea Concert
- 25th Pret-a-Portrait Individual Photographs

**Half Term 28th October—1st November**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12th September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020.

**The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.**

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

Parents will not receive a letter about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2020-21 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

There is a short video of advice available designed to explain the key points in the process to support parents making an application.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

## PUPIL NEWS

**Medication and Inhalers**—Should your child have any prescription medication or an inhaler please send all clearly labelled with their name and dosage to the school office.

**Year 5 Bikeability**—In your Friday Folder you will find a letter regarding Bikeability Training for children in Year 5 which will be held at school during the week of October 7th. This course will only be offered in Year 5 (at no cost) and teaches very important road safety skills. If you would like your child to take part please return the consent slip to the school office by Monday 23rd September.

**Drum lessons**—Our drum teachers have availability, please get in touch with the school office.

## ADVERT

**Midday Assistant**—We are looking to employ a Midday Assistant . Work hours are from midday until 1.30pm term time only. Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested. We are keen to hear from people who can work the whole week or part of a week.

## NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

Please do log-in to the training and up-to-date advice. We are giving you the opportunity to be fully informed.

<https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/stmsw>

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Aldi stickers**—When you spend over £30 in Aldi you will get a sticker to help support the school. Aldi are providing a bag of sports equipment to each school which collects 300 stickers. Kindly collect the stickers if you shop in Aldi and send them into the school office.

**Contact Details**—Please find a Data Collection Sheet in your Friday Folder. Kindly check and update and send back in your Friday Folder. You are required to provide up to date contact details.

**Early Birds and Double Club**—We have limited availability for our Early Birds and Double Club. Please email the office should you have any queries.

**School Supplies**—As you know from previous correspondence and the media, schools are under a lot of financial pressure. We would like parents to help us out by providing a Pritt Stick for your child (or equivalent make). Believe it or not this will make a considerable saving for the school. Year 5 and 6 children are also asked to provide a handwriting pen (most do already). Many thanks for your support. Thank you to all the parents who have done this already.

**Music for Schools**—A representative from Music for Schools gave a demonstration of musical instruments in Assembly on Thursday. They are an independent registered charity that provides Brass and Woodwind instrumental Tuition in our school. There will be a parents meeting on 16th September at 6pm in the school hall. Please come along if you are interested in your child starting lessons. There will be an opportunity for your child to try the instruments on offer.

**Golf**—If your child has golf lessons or has taken part in any golf competitions, please could you notify the office. Mrs Head is looking for golfers in Years 3 to 6 to take part in a golf competition later in the year. Prior practice on a course would be preferable.

**Walk to School Day**—Saffron Walden Action on Climate Change has arranged more days to Walk to School. These dates have been coordinated with all the schools in town so they have the maximum impact on pollution levels. The first is on 19th September. If your child walks to school on this day please tell them to let their teacher know.

**House Captains**—Congratulations to our new House Captains who were elected this morning.  
St Francis: Zachary Head and James Razzell  
St Theresa: Eva Gregory and Yasmin Worrell  
St Bernadette: Daniel Balcomb and Robina Pollitt

St Peter: Giselle Cimmino and Kaiah Ghosal  
**School Council** - Xander Harty, Phoebe Sanders, Louie Moran and William Tyler

**Chaplaincy Team**—Imogen Barnett, Alicia Gradica, Mimi Henson, Isaac Moloney, India Riches, Harry Sunderland, Maya Warren and Giovanni D'Amico

## WEB NEWS

**Log on to our website to see photos of our new Reception Class.**

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the fun and enjoyment we have had over the summer holiday.

Guide us through our new school year to follow in your footsteps. Help us to make a confident start in our new class, not just in our work but in our thoughts and actions too.

Help us to be kind and welcoming to new pupils and staff and make them feel part of the school community. Guide us to be more caring and well behaved.

Thank you for all the wonderful opportunities ahead of us. May we always appreciate what we have and help us to share with others.

Amen

Phoebe, Alicia, James and Cara  
Year 6

## STATEMENT OF BELIEF

We are all special.

## PSA

**Giving Machine**—You can help raise donations for St Thomas More Catholic Primary School without even leaving your sofa. And it doesn't cost you a penny! If you shop online, you can raise a free cash donation with every purchase. It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via their website and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for us, at no extra cost to you. TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,000 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Ocado, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation. In order to start raising free donations please go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-16> and JOIN – it's that easy. Or you can download the app on your phone!

## CLUBS

Please see below for clubs for the autumn term.

There will not be any clubs on Thursday 7th November.

<u>Morning Clubs</u>					
<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Start/Finish</u>	<u>Times</u>
Wednesday	Dodgeball Max 16	Year 1-6	Mrs Head	18th September 4th December	8.00am-8.40am
Thursday	Archery Max 16	Juniors	Mrs Head	19th September 5th December	8.00am-8.40am
Friday	Gymnastics Max 16	Juniors	Mrs Riches	20th September 6th December	8.00am-8.40am

<u>Lunch Time Clubs</u>					
<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Start/Finish</u>	<u>Times</u>
Monday	Fit & Fun	All children	Mrs Head	16th September 2nd December	1.00pm-1.30pm
	Library	Juniors	Mrs Todd		
Tuesday	French Club	All children	Ms Kovacs La Jolie Ronde Mrs Lesslie	17th September 3rd December	1.00pm-1.30pm
	Choir	Juniors			
Wednesday	Orchestra Combat Club	Year 5 and 6 By invitation	Mrs Lesslie Mrs Budden & Mrs Connor	18th September 4th December	1.00pm-1.30pm
Friday	Chess Prayer Club	Juniors Juniors	Mr Duers Mrs Todd	20th September 6th December	1.00pm-1.30pm

## CLUBS

<b>After School Clubs</b>					
<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Start/Finish</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday	Cross Country	Juniors	Mrs Cinque Mrs Head Mrs Lovegrove	16th September 2nd December	3.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesday	Tag Rugby Music (max 16) Board Games	Year 3 and 4 Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Year 1 and 2	Mr Duers Mrs Cinque Mrs Lesslie  Mrs Williams	17th September 3rd December	3.30pm-4.15pm
Wednesday	Infant Art (max 12) Netball Netball Homework Club Homework Club	Year 1 and 2 Year 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6 Year 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6	Mrs Todd Mrs Vallely Mrs Cinque  Mrs Head  Mrs N Hall  Mrs McNally Mrs Johnson	18th September 4th December	3.30pm-4.15pm
Thursday	Football Junior Art (max 12) Debating	Year 5 and 6 Juniors Year 4, 5 and 6	Premier Sport Miss Westerhuis  Mrs Todd Mrs McKeogh  Mrs Haynes Miss Hall	19th September 5th December	3.30pm-4.15pm
Friday	Dance (max 24) £49.50 Tag Rugby Football Hockey JFAN (No club on 20/9, 25/10 and 15/11)	Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 Year 5 and 6 Year 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6	Anna Tenberg (Pure Rhythmn)  Mr Duers Mrs Trevelyan  Mrs Bissett Mr Stevens Mrs Hall	20th September 6th December	3.30pm-4.15pm    4.45-5.45pm

