

Diary Dates



- 24th March – Big Lent Walk
- 25th March - Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy 9am
- 26th March – Mother’s Day Sale
- 27th March – Year 1 - Stansted Mountfichet Castle & Archery Finals
- 28th March – KS1 Dance Festival – Great Sampford
Dance to Rec & Y1 & Y2 Parents – 2.45pm
- 31st March – Badminton Club Make Up Session
- 1st April – Year 5 Bread Making
- 4th April – Break The Rules Day
- 7th April – Easter Holidays
- 21st April – Bank Holiday
- 22nd April – Back to school
- 23rd April – Easter Mass 9.30am – All welcome
- 30th April – Clothing Collection
- 1st May – PC McNamra visiting Reception Class
- 5th May – Bank Holiday
- 6th May – Greek Day – Year 5
- 12th May – SATs Week
- 13th May – Year 4 Tea Concert
- 20th May – Reception class Fire Station Visit
- 26th May – Half Term
- 2nd June – Pre-a-Portrait – Class Photo’s
- 6th June – Y5 Pentecost Assembly
- 9th June – Grafham Parent’s Meeting 6pm
- 12th June – Sports Day
- 18th June – Y4 Walton-on-the-Naze
- 19th June – Rain off Sports Day

Lunch

w/c 24th March Week 2

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.50 per day

Swimming

24th March – Year 4&6

25th March – Year 2

Data Collection

If any of the following details have changed in the last year, please update us by e-mail. **-Address, Mobile Number, Doctor’s Details.** It is important we have the correct details on record. Thank you.



At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, we are putting our faith into action this Lent by supporting CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk. By clicking on the link below, Dermot O’Leary provides further information about this.

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/uk-news/dermot-o-leary-supports-cafod-s-big-lent-walk>

As a school community we are taking on the challenge of walking 200km during the forty days of Lent to stand in solidarity with communities around the world. We will walk together on **Monday 24th March 2025** when your child, along with his/her class, will walk 1k on a rota. We kindly ask you to sponsor your child so that we can support CAFOD in its mission.

How to donate.

You can make a donation of £2 per child on SchoolMoney; this amount is adjustable should you wish to donate more.

The money we raise by taking part in The Big Lent Walk will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and enable them to work through expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas.

We would like to thank you in advance for supporting us in this challenge.



Prayer of the Week

Sunday 23rd March is the 3rd Sunday in Lent.

In Luke’s Gospel we hear that: “This is indeed the saviour of the world.”

Prayer of the Week

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert. (Luke 4: 1 - 4)

Loving God,

When Jesus was led into the desert, he had to trust in you.

When he was hungry and alone, he had to trust in you.

When he was tempted, he had to trust in you.

Help us to follow Jesus' example this week

And trust in you with all our hearts.

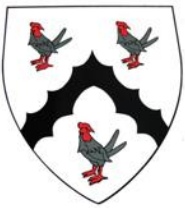
If we are tempted to be selfish,

Help us to remember our Lenten promises.

Please bless people who are poor, hungry, thirsty, lonely or in danger,

Amen

Year Three



Clubs – Wednesday 26th March

There will be no clubs on Wednesday 26th March due to staff training. These clubs will be made up on 2nd April.

Year 3 Prayer and Liturgy – 25th March at 9am

Please note the date has changed from 14th March and will now be on 25th March at 9am. Parents are welcome.

Easter House Competitions

St Peter - Easter Bake Off - design and bake a tasty Easter treat.

St Bernadette - Easter Bake Off - design and bake a tasty Easter treat.

St Francis - Easter Bake Off - design and bake a tasty Easter treat.

St Theresa - design and make an Easter themed egg (use a hard-boiled or blown egg).

ALL HOUSE COMPETITION ENTRIES MUST BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 31ST MARCH (no early entries please)

We can't wait to see all your entries.

From the House Captains

Amazon Wish List – Thank you to everyone who has donated!

All the classes are short of whiteboard pens, pencils and coloured pencils and we have added them to the wish list below, along with some other much needed items. Some parents have asked about class footballs. These are now added to the wish list. If you are able, we would be very grateful for any kind donations. Many thanks for your continued support.

Reception

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Year 1

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Year 2

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Year 3

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Year 4

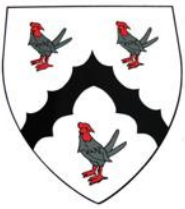
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Year 5

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Year 6

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PSA News

Mother's Day Sale – Wednesday 26th March

This year, the PSA will be holding a Mother's Day Sale at school on Wednesday 26th March.

We have held these in the past and the children really enjoy coming into the hall and choosing a gift for their Mums, Step Mums, or Grans. We will ensure that siblings come in together to avoid buying duplicate gifts. There will be one gift per child. Gifts are all £5, payable on School Money. **Deadline for payment is Sunday 23rd March.**

Break the Rules – Friday 4th April

Please see attached poster for more information.

Easter 100 Square

We have an Infant and Junior 100 Square with lots of Easter themed prizes up for grabs!

Each square will cost £1 and this can be purchased in the Shop Section on School Money.

Penny Wars

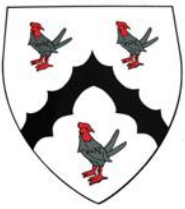
Children are loving taking part in Penny Wars!

Each class has its own jar for collecting coins. Children will gain points by adding 1p and 2p coins to their class jar. You can lower other class totals by adding silver coins to the jars! The PSA will add up all the copper coins and deduct silver coin totals to determine which class is the winner! There will be a prize for the winning class. Please see attached poster.

More Sports News

Gym & Dance Display

On Tuesday 18th March our year 6 Cheerleading team, our Gymnastic squad and Y3 class took to stage at Saffron Walden County High School to showcase their hard work during clubs and PE lessons. The children performed under the bright lights of the Saffron Hall stage to a sold out crowd. They all had a wonderful evening of dance and Gymnastics. It was a wonderful evening for everyone involved and we couldn't be more proud of the children who took part. A special thank you to Lauren Riches for the Gym display and Becky at Tempos for her hard work with the dance. Also to Mrs Changer, Mrs Hall, Miss Hall, Mrs Heath and Mrs Catling for all their help with hair, glitter and costumes on the night. All of the performances can be viewed on the school website.



More Sports News Continued.....

Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 19th March Year 5/6 Indoor athletics team took part in the County Finals of the USSP indoor athletics. The team travelled to Southend where they competed against 11 schools from across the county in a variety of track and field events. The team displayed some fantastic performances and narrowly missed out on Bronze, finishing 4th in the County. A huge achievement of which they should be very proud. Well done to everyone who took part, and a special thanks to Mrs Ridley, Mrs Kemp, Mr Riches and Mr Hall for driving the children to the event.

