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# Diary Dates



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 McNamara 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 Photos

3rd June - Y1 Forest School

6th June - Y5 Pentecost Assembly

9th June - Grafham Parents' Meeting 6pm

10th June - Y1 Forest School

12th June – Sports Day

17th June - Y1 Forest School

18th June - Y4 Walton-on-the-Naze

19th June - Rain off Sports Day

21st June – First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church. 11am

26th June - Y2 Forest School

27th June – Y6 Transition Day SWCHS & JFAN

Y5 Quiz at St Mary's School.

28th June - Summer Fete 12pm-3pm

1st July - Clothing Collection

2nd July - 4th July - Y6 to Grafham Water

3rd July - Year 2 Forest School

10th July – Year 2 Forest School & Y6 Transition day to St Mary's Bishop's Stortford

16th July - Junior Production 2pm & 7pm

18th July – Last day of term. Leavers Mass 9.30am & Leavers Assembly 11am

#### Lunch

#### w/c 21st April Week 1

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.50 per day

#### Swimming

21st April - Bank Holiday

22nd April - No Swimming

#### **Lent Prayer Trail**

Thank you and well done to our Year 6 Chaplaincy team who arranged and led the whole school in reflection and prayer. Thank you also to Mrs Kt Haynes who helped the Chaplaincy team prepare for this peaceful and spiritual experience.







## **Goodbye Mrs Davies**

Today we celebrated Mrs Davies in style with a lovely display of pink and sparkles! The children enjoyed singing and dancing for her and wishing her well in her new job. Thank you, Mrs Davies and best wishes from everyone at St Thomas More.





# **Parish Brunch**

Parish Brunch in the new church hall after the 8.30am and 10,30am Mass on Sunday 6th April. Adults £5, children £3. Please contact Trish Cobby for tickets on 07971 170821.

# **Data Collection - Reminder**

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.

#### **Summer Term Clubs**

Please find attached clubs list for Summer Term. You can start booking clubs for next term from Monday 31st March.

## Prayer of the Week

#### Sunday 6th April is the 5th Sunday in Lent.

What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad. (Psalm 125:3)

# Prayer of the Week A Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

We pray for your help during this time of Lent to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need. Forgive us for the things that we have done wrong and guide us to make the right choices. Help us during this time of reflection, to show love and care especially thinking of others such as the sick, sad or lonely.

Loving Father, we ask this with all our heart.

Amen
Written by Year 4: Catherine, Maddie, Florence and Charlie.



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# **Easter House Competition – Winner**

Well done to the winners of the House Competitions! Thank you for all your amazing entries.



St Theresa



St Francis



St Peter



St Bernadette

## <u>Amazon Wish List – Thank you to everyone who has donated!</u>

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

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2E4OX9JIEXF69?ref\_=wl\_share

#### Vear 1

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2OX2O970HN5E8?ref =wl share

#### Year 2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2AC2JC10HWQJU?ref\_=wl\_share

#### Year 3

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/AKJ191IPSEI3?ref\_=wl\_share

#### Year 4

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TDLAOU98VPII?ref =wl share

#### Year 5

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Y0RYPZXPDNOL?ref\_=wl\_share

## Year 6

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SXREEINZKWSG?ref\_=wl\_share



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#### **PSA**

We have had a great term raising funds for the PSA. Please see below amount raised for each event. A big thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Mother's Day Sale: £534.00

Penny Wars: £302.00

100 Square: £81.00

Break the Rules: £401.00

Cake Sale: £103.00

#### **More Sports News**

#### **Cross Country Finals**

On Wednesday 2nd April our Junior Cross Country runners travelled to Southend to take part in the Essex County Cross Country Finals. The children competed individually and within teams across all age groups with some fantastic results.

Year 6 girls were crowned Essex County Team Champions 2025 and winners of the County trophy. A fantastic achievement from everyone who took part and a huge thank you to Mrs Vigar, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Potter and Mr Hall for driving.

# Year 5/6 Netball

On Thursday 3rd April Year 5/6 Netball Team took part in the district Netball Tournament. The team began the afternoon with a win against RAB, but faced tough opposition from a strong Stebbing and Dunmow team. A 7-0 win against St Marys Stansted saw the team move into the top group on goal difference. We faced some tough games in a strong round two, with a draw to RAB and loss to Katherine Semar by 1 goal and a huge win against Great Dunmow, saw us finish in Bronze medal position again on goal difference. A huge congratulations to a team that had not played together prior to the tournament and a thoroughly well deserved medal.

