

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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**WEEK BEGINNING 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Closing date for First Holy Communion applications in Christchurch.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Parent Transition Meeting 6pm

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Class N. Mass in Convent

### MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are delighted to share that after a very close election, our new headboy/girl and deputy headboy/girl have been chosen for this year!

**Head Boy:** Hugo Landais 6M  
**Head Girl:** Connie York 6M  
**Deputy Head Boy:** Rory Cork 6M  
**Deputy Head Girl:** Onyeka Ezeadi 6M

These pupils have shown responsibility, kindness and a great example to the younger children. Their speeches were inspiring and we are confident they will do a superb job representing the school, supporting their classmates and we look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make whilst in their role.

Our Reception children have completed their first full week at school. The children have all settled in nicely, getting used to their new routine. Well done to all the children and to the parents for their support.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School

### PRAYER AND LITURGY

Today, in Class 1D, Leo and Claudia led their very first prayer and liturgy of the year. They carefully looked through the prayer books and chose a selection of prayers to share with their classmates. Together, they prepared the prayer table with a green, flowery cloth and wooden figures to represent everyone in the class. The children sat beautifully in a circle and joyfully sang the Circle Song. Leo and Claudia also chose very special Bible words about happiness for children: "*Happy are those who don't push to get their own way. Happy are those who love what is good and right.*"



**SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival is taking place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

As part of Harvest Festival every year, St Mary's collects food/toiletry items for a charity. This year we are supporting a charity supported by the Sisters of Mercy.

Please try to donate, even just one item. Food must be non-perishable, sealed and in date e.g., tinned foods, rice, pasta tea, coffee, herbs and spices.

These items can be dropped to the main office from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September or brought straight to class.

Many thanks for your support.

## BLACKHEATH RUGBY

The school have partnered with Blackheath Rugby Club again this year to provide coaching sessions in school with our Y3-Y6 children. This will culminate in a rugby festival where children will get the opportunity to compete against other schools, allowing our children to play competitive sport and engage with our local community.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Herbie Seboa, 3G, was selected from his football training group to play at Tottenham and West Ham's training ground to play against their clubs' pre academy teams. His team were commended for their team spirit and sportsmanship.

Well done Herbie!



## POLICE VISIT

The police were on site today to talk to the Y5/Y6 children about safety and keeping vigilant. The talk included advice about the appropriate use of phones and online activities, always being aware of their surroundings, respecting other people and positive behaviour.

Please ensure you talk regularly to your children to remind them.



As a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Royal Eltham Scout Group, Emelia Marnham, 6N, received an award for the dedication, hard work, care and enthusiasm she has shown at cubs before moving up to scouts. This is a new award so well done to Mimi for receiving it.



## MESSAGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH First Holy Communion Preparation

If your child is in year 3 or above and you want them to receive the sacrament of First Communion, please note that the First Holy Communion course commences on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Christchurch.

To enrol your child in this meaningful program, please complete the online application by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

<https://www.christchurcheltham.org.uk/First-Holy-Communion-Courses/>

## Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION MEETING

We would like parents of children in Y6 to attend a meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the gym hall, to discuss the transition to secondary school and the PGL residential trip. Children are invited to attend with their parents.

Mr Sharp, headteacher from St Thomas More, will be in attendance.

If you need any help with the application process, please contact the main office.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help run our bookshop. Bookshop takes place every Wednesday afternoon for the Infant children. They bring a little money each week to save up for a book of their choice. If a few parents could help, we could set up a rota so you may only have to help every few weeks. Speak to the office staff if you feel this is something you may like to do.

## COFFEE MORNING

The Sisters of Mercy in the Convent are having a coffee morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September between 10am – 12 noon in aid of Sr Susan's charities that support women and children, details below.

Please support if you can.



Enjoy a good cup  
**TEA OR COFFEE**

with the  
**Sisters of Mercy**

**THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**  
**10AM-12NOON**  
**SISTERS OF MERCY, MCAULEY CLOSE**

Home baking, raffle,  
tombola, tabletop sale  
Tea/Coffee & Cake - £3

**WOW**  
women@thewell

**A'sha**  
North Staffordshire  
Social Inclusion for Young Women & Children

## CLAIMING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you feel your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please ensure you complete the necessary paperwork. Ask the office staff to guide you. **Enquiries will be treated confidentially so please do not hesitate to ask any questions.** It is very important that parents enquire about pupil premium as families can really benefit. Many families may be experiencing financial hardship as the cost of living is increasing, so please do not hesitate to speak to the office staff (Mrs Jefferys or Mrs Jeffrey).

Although Infants and Juniors are entitled to free meals, they too can apply for pupil premium if parents' financial situation is below a certain threshold. Every school receives extra funding if parents make successful claims.

Parents are encouraged to look into this as children can benefit in so many ways (help with music tuition, subsidising after school clubs/educational visits etc.)

## RE AND SCIENCE ACTIVITIES IN CLASS 1C

Children in class 1C have been busy!  
In science they have been learning about different parts of the body. They labelled themselves and made up their own version the song *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!* They added body parts to Mr Potato Head!



In RE, the children thought about all the wonderful things God made and they expressed their thoughts through painting.

