

Weekly Newsletter
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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we head into our final week before half term, there is a feeling of brightness around school. Next week, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week, an opportunity to talk about feelings, kindness, and the importance of looking after our wellbeing. We are looking forward to taking part in activities and conversations that help children feel safe, supported, and confident to be themselves.

With the break just around the corner, this is also a lovely time to pause and be grateful—for the children who come to school every day eager to learn and participate in school life, for good health and for being able to laugh and smile every day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen

Head of School

WEEK BEGINNING 9th FEBRUARY

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February
Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 9th February
Non-Uniform Day. Wear Bright Colours

Tuesday 10th February
Y4 Maya Day
Y3/5/6 at St Thomas More
Comprehensive to see their production
of Buggy Malone
Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February
Superhero Day
End of Half Term.

Monday 16th – Friday 20th
Half Term Holiday

ATHLETICS COMPETITION

The Athletics team took part in the London Regional Finals in Carshalton today. The team came 6th place, which was amazing as there were schools from all over London taking part.

Well done to the children, for Mr McGrath and Miss Gannon for preparing them so well and to all the helpers who volunteered.



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

PRAYER AND LITURGY

The Reception children in Classes A and B prepared beautifully for their prayer and liturgy lesson this week. Their theme, The Creation Story, was shared so thoughtfully through art and prayer.

Laura and Kyle from Class A, and Alice and Olivia from Class B, confidently led their classes in prayer.

Alice shared a lovely creation basket she had made with her family and read a heartfelt prayer. Olivia offered a prayer to God, while the children joined together to thank Him for our wonderful world.

Laura created a beautiful picture showing the sun, sky, and earth, while Kyle made an ark to represent Noah's Ark.



Mariella and Rae prepared the focal area and led prayer and liturgy in Class D, focusing on the CST principle of Participation.

Emilia and Claudia also contributed by sharing pictures they had drawn at home.

After listening to the story of Patariki the Penguin, we talked about getting involved in whatever way we can to help build a better world. This might mean sharing our skills and talents, or offering support to those who need it.

Children in Class C shared the story of The Good Samaritan. They acted out the story highlighting how we must always help others despite differences.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February

Next week we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week, a national week that focuses on supporting children's emotional wellbeing.

This year's theme is "*This Is My Place*", which is all about belonging — helping children feel safe, included and valued in their friendships, in school and in the wider community. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in age-appropriate activities, stories and discussions that encourage kindness, connection and understanding.

To help us mark the week in a cheerful way, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th February, where children are invited to wear bright colours to bring a smile.

There is no charge for this day — we simply want to celebrate positivity and togetherness.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture happy, confident children.

DEBATE CLUB

Children from Y4 completed their first ever competition-style debate today with the motion: "*This house would introduce gaming into the national curriculum.*" The children put forward clear, concise, brilliantly organised arguments which blew Miss Brophy away!



Y5 TRIP TO THE NATIONAL THEATRE

This week, the Y5 children had a splendid trip to the National Theatre to see Ballet Shoes. The production was emotional, uplifting and inspiring and it brought a tear to some eyes!

Members of the public commended to the Y5 teachers on how well behaved the children were both in the theatre and on the train home.

Well done to everyone and many thanks to the parents who were able to help on the day.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Florence Cornwell-Prove, 5L, received 'player of the week' last Sunday for working so hard at her game.

Well done Florence!



Jack Birtchnell-Winter, 3H, played marvellous football last Sunday, scoring 3 hat-ticks in 3 matches! A well-deserved pat on the back!



A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE

Jendrick Galvez, 3H, would like to share his incredible experience of being a Westminster Abbey Chorister for a day. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him. He wore the cassock and sang inside the Abbey with the adult choir. The day also included a behind-the-scenes tour of Westminster, a visit to the organ loft, a chance to meet the current choristers, see where they live, and even prepare and sing for Evensong.

The Westminster Abbey choristers are highly regarded and regularly perform at royal events. He also visited the boys' dormitory and learned more about the Abbey's rich history. Jendrick is thrilled to share everything he learned and saw during his unforgettable tour of Westminster.



APPLICATIONS TO NURSERY

If you are applying to Nursery for your child, to start in September 2026, please ensure you hand your application to the main office before Friday 13th February. Please note that there are only all day places available in the Nursery. Please contact the main office for information about the application process.

Children born between September 2022 and August 2023 are eligible to apply. The Certificate of Catholic Practice must be completed and signed by your priest and returned to us with your child's baptism cert and a proof of your address.



SCARF LIFE TENT VISIT

This week, some of our year groups took part in health and wellbeing workshops delivered by SCARF in their interactive Life Tent. The sessions supported children in exploring important topics such as feelings, healthy choices, friendships and personal safety in an engaging and age-appropriate way. The children responded very positively and enjoyed the opportunity to talk, reflect and learn in a safe and supportive environment. These workshops form part of our wider commitment to supporting pupils' wellbeing and personal development.

Reception children learned about their bodies and how to keep them healthy. The children loved meeting Gerald the Giraffe and hearing about his feelings.



Y2 VICTORIAN DAY

The children in Y2 had a wonderful Victorian Day and looked very authentic in their costumes. A visitor came into school to teach the children and help bring the Victorian era to life.



WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

To celebrate World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) and the UK's National Year of Reading 2026, children are invited to design a National Book Token.

This year's theme, *Go All In*, is all about diving into the stories you love and exploring them even further through reading. Whether you are passionate about football, animals, space, fashion, gaming, history, music or making people laugh, books can bring your interests to life in exciting new ways.

For the competition, children are invited to create a bold, eye-catching gift card design. Their design should reflect their reading interests and show how books inspire them to explore ideas, spark their imagination, and go further through reading.

Half term is an ideal time for children to get creative and design something amazing.

All entries should be handed to Mrs Thaxter by **Friday 20th March**.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 10th February. The theme this year is '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

The children will partake in activities based around this theme.