



Newsletter
12/12/25



NO CLUBS

Next week there will be no booster session or after school clubs. Moore Coaching clubs will still be on.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a truly magical time it has been! I am so proud to see all the children shine in their Christmas productions! A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff for their dedication. Please remember to say thank you and be patient with them at this busy time. We are all here for the children, striving for the very best in everything we do every single day. As we celebrate, we encourage the children to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and the season of Advent. This year, our charitable efforts will support the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Please give generously to spread kindness and joy to those in need.

Best wishes

Mrs Poulteney
Headteacher



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Thursday 18th December
Christmas Jumpers
£1 cash donation please



Class Parties- Wednesday 17th December

All children should bring a snack/ drink contribution for class parties. No hot food. Please note the children must be able to carry this in themselves on Wednesday. The school office are unable to take any contributions and distribute them.

As we are a nut free school, we kindly request that you do not send anything in that may contain nuts. Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

School Levy

A big thank you to those parents who have supported the school with their School Levy payment. If you would like to contribute, please log onto Arbor, navigate to the School Shop, and select Voluntary Contribution.



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are spiritual.

Diary Dates

16.12.25	Junior Choir singing at Morrisons
17.12.25	Class Parties
17.12.25	Whole School Mass at 10.15am - Parents/Carers welcome
18.12.25	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
19.12.25	School closes at 1.30pm
05.01.25	Children to return to school for 8.40am

Stars in Our Schools

 Mrs Cook was elected Unison's Thurrock winner for their 2025 Star in Our Schools event. Comments from her nomination include:

Mrs Cook works really hard in Year 6 to help us with our learning and teach us when our teachers are elsewhere.

Mrs Cook is a Star in my school, always supportive, always helpful and always seeking a solution to ensure that the staff and children get the best experience every day.

Mrs Cook never backs down from a challenge and seeks to find humour in difficult situations which often changes a perspective and helps resolve issues.

Words I would use to describe Mrs Cook are kind, caring, supportive and she is just a lovely person to be around.



A big thank you to all of our support staff, we appreciate you all!



Our Catholic School

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 - 2026

As part of our Jubilee year celebrations this term, the children took part in creating minutes of hope videos, a pilgrimage to key prayer areas around our school and a celebration of the word to signify the end of the year. We celebrated as a community what we have achieved over the course of the year and how far we have come. It was also a further reminder to always be a beacon of hope.



Acts of Charity

Children wore their own clothes as a reward in exchange for donating a filled jar to raise funds for our parish Church. Thank you to those who donated and supported the event by attending too.



What are we learning in RE?

All year groups are studying Branch 2, Prophecy and Promise. Pupils have encountered the coming of God's Son to Earth as an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for centuries in their RE lessons.



Last week, Years 5 and 6, EYFS and KS1 took the opportunity to present the Nativity through song and acting; creating a spectacular tableaux to remind us all of this significant period of time in the Church's liturgical year. Thank you to those who attended - we hope you enjoyed the staff and children's efforts.



We learn, achieve and love following Jesus.

