



## Spring Term Begins

As we stepped into the new school year this January, our school community returned refreshed, enthusiastic, and ready for another exciting chapter of learning. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into their routines, embracing classroom life with positivity and confidence. Even in these first few weeks, we have already celebrated many achievements—both big and small—as students dive into new challenges, reconnect with friends, and show an eagerness to grow. It's shaping up to be a fantastic year ahead!

## Sporting Events

Our sporting calendar has had a fantastic start this year, with pupils proudly representing our school in a range of events.

At the recent badminton competition, we entered two teams who performed brilliantly, finishing in 1st and 2nd place. We were also honoured to receive the tournament's Respect Award, recognising our pupils as the most respectful team, showing exemplary sportsmanship towards officials and competitors.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team also celebrated success, winning their latest Essex Cup match 2–1 against Noak Bridge and securing their place in the semi-finals.

In addition, a group of children from across the school enjoyed taking part in a friendly bowling tournament, with Adam proudly joining the prestigious "100 Club" after becoming the only player to score over 100 points—earning himself a well-deserved certificate!

And, as excitement continues to build, today we look forward to hosting our first ever Year 3 and 4 football match.



### Upcoming Dates:

**10th Feb** -Yr2 Trip to Pizza Express

**13th Feb** -Last Day of Term

**23rd Feb** –Children return to school

**20th Mar** -Y2 Collective Worship 09:00 in the hall. Parents welcome.

**27th Mar** - Last Day of Term

**13th Apr** –Children return back to school

**4th May** - May Bank Holiday

**11th May-14th May** –Year 6 SAT's this week

**22nd May** –Last Day of term

**1st Jun** –Children return back school

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## Year 3 Class Collective Worship

Year 3 delighted parents and the whole school with a wonderful class collective worship assembly. Their thoughtful presentation explored the different journeys we take in life and reminded us how friends and family are always there to guide and support us along the way. The children spoke confidently as they shared their celebrations and achievements from the year so far, beautifully linking their reflections to the liturgical calendar. We could not be prouder of their hard work, teamwork, and the meaningful message they shared with our school community.



## Eniola's Artwork

We have also been celebrating individual achievements across the school, including a truly impressive piece of artwork by Eniola. She created a beautiful drawing of St Thérèse, capturing both detail and warmth in her work. We are so proud of her creativity and dedication, and we look forward to displaying her artwork proudly in the school for everyone to enjoy.



## Epiphany in St Isabella's Room

Our St Isabella's class marked the celebration of Epiphany by making their own Wise Men gifts. The children enjoyed making and listening to the story. It was a lovely way to honour this important moment in the liturgical year.



## Rosary Club Restarts

We have also enjoyed our first Rosary Club session of 2026. The children showed great reverence as they gathered to pray the Rosary together, demonstrating a lovely sense of calm and reflection. A special mention goes to Raphael, who proudly brought in his own treasured rosary to use during the session. It was a beautiful start to our prayerful gatherings, and we look forward to many more moments of faith and reflection together.



## Holy Communion Children

We were pleased to be visited by one of the holy communion catechists who met with our children undertaking preparation for holy communion. She checked their engagement with the course materials, taught them about the importance of reconciliation and was impressed by their commitment, enthusiasm and knowledge. We hope to invite them back soon to show how our children's preparations continue!



## End of the Jubilee Year

To mark the end of the Jubilee year our Faith council presented a slideshow of all that we have achieved for ourselves and others. Pope Francis gave us the challenge to become Pilgrims of Hope and the children rose to this challenge. We pray that we continue to live in this way, spreading a message of faith, love and hope!

### Emily and Aaron's Baptism

We would also like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to Aaron in Early Years and his sister Emily in Year 2 on their recent baptism. It was a truly special occasion, and I was honoured to be invited to share in such an important moment for their family. We wish them every blessing as they continue their journey in faith, supported by their loved ones and our school community

### New Display: Catholic Life & Mission

To round off this term's celebrations, we are delighted to share our newly updated RE displays, which now showcase the many achievements that make up our outstanding Catholic Life and Mission. Throughout the year, our school community takes part in so many meaningful and faith-filled activities, and it has been truly special to bring these moments together in one place for everyone to see.

Each display highlights a different aspect of religious life and prayer in our school, from supporting children in their personal prayer journeys to demonstrating their fantastic RE knowledge and understanding.

As well as this, during a recent visit, a guest who joined us for our whole-school Monday collective worship commented on how impressed they were by the children's scripture knowledge—a wonderful affirmation of the faith, dedication, and learning that shine so brightly in our school..



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