

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



ARTSMARK

St Thomas Becket school has just been notified that we have been awarded the national accreditation of the **Artsmark** and been judged to be worthy of the **Gold Award**.

This prestigious schools award is in recognition of the work schools do to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum that includes high quality arts and culture. Special recognition needs to go to Clare Kingman, our music leader and Anne Pitts, our art leader, who have worked tirelessly to enhance creative arts in our school.

The high quality of arts at St Thomas Becket has also been recognised by Croydon local authority. During a recent visit, a Croydon inspector reported, *'I was pleased not only to glimpse some terrific writing but also to see the wonderful art work that the children have produced. I found this to be exceptional in its inception, fine attention to detail and creativity - it obviously reflects boundless enthusiasm for art that has been built up over time. Not only does it reflect enthusiasm, however, it shows a keen appreciation - to a high degree - of the essence of many artists we know and love, Kandinsky and Picasso to name but two'*.

Carol Service

Well done to all the St Thomas Becket school choir and all the junior classes who took part in a Carol Service at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church last Thursday afternoon. The children were, as ever, inspirational and brought us the Christmas message through their wonderful singing, acting and narration. Special mention to our children's orchestra who enhanced the singing and acting throughout.



A big thanks to Miss Kingman, our music leader, who prepared the children over the past few weeks and our Year 3 teachers who ensured our actors were also amazing.

Christmas Charity

This year our 'bucket' collection at our Nativity plays and Carol Service as well as our Christmas Wear Mufti day, raised an **amazing £591**

This will all go towards The **Alzheimer's Society** to help them continue their good work. Thank you for your generosity.

Becket Awards

Congratulations to all our Becket Award winners this term (see back of newsletter)

Photos of the winners will be available to view on our website

Thanks to the STBSA who have, once again, provided food and drinks for the children's Christmas parties.

Their continued support for the school is invaluable and much appreciated.



Christmas Break

We will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday 21st December at **2.00pm.**

School will reopen for children on Tuesday 8th January 2018.

**The staff at St Thomas Becket School
wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**



BECKET AWARDS AUTUMN TERM 2018

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BECKET</u>	<u>BECKET</u>	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	<u>GOOD SAMARITAN</u>
Butterflies	Molly Goodwin	Caleb Burrell	Emilia Berkowicz	Raphael Shehata
Ladybirds	Paul Verhelst- Kazakevicius	Emilia Krzyzewska	Cillian Dempsey	Hollie Vaughan
St Elizabeth	Paul Mutyaba	Aoife Kelly	Latif Kyambadde	Zinachidi Amalu
St Joseph	Nathan De Oliveira	Georgina Leiper-Taylor	Dianka Libakova	Hania Gibson
St Francis	Julia Jakubiec	Frank Sordyl	Ayesha Florkiewicz	Rosie Fernandes-Bonnar
St Anne	Nikodem Chmura	Neevh Gonsalves	Jakub Lingo	Lilliana Pietraszewska
St Bernadette	Samuel Corrigan-Malumbe	Giselle Bascones Rojas	Leon Barrett	Clara Domenicali
St Peter	Elijah Dinsey	Samantha Kamara	Giselle Okoye	Jason Okugbe
St Paul	Leo McDonald	Olivia Thompson	Bethany Sharp	Rhys Ndekwe
St Therese	Milo Doonican	Zofia Pieniak	Peter Ugoh	Finn Lethorn
St James	Keynan Ahiman	Emily Eason	Miley Cadar	Kieran Fernandes
St Martin	Anya Connor	Jahmal Nurse	Hawsue Darame	Kate Chapman
St Cecilia	Luke Murphy	Jayla Myers	Mia Sharma	Caitlyn De Oliveira
St Brigid	Zakaria Kanji	Jasmine Calleb	Ike Ugoh	Mariana Smythe
St Benedict	James McDonald	Esme McCardie	Imani Musinguzi	Manfred Schroder