



It was lovely to see pupils back well-rested and eager to work after the half-term break. The weather had quite an impact on our ability to get the children out and enjoying the fresh air at break times this week but pupils still managed to enjoy board games and other activities on the breaks where they had to stay in. Have a lovely weekend.

### Girls' Football

It was a great week on the football pitch for our girls' football teams. Our B team picked up a fantastic 2-0 win away at Heavers Farm on Monday with Louvinia scoring a great goal after great pressure forced an OG for our opener.

Our A team travelled to Archbishop Lanfranc on a wet and thoroughly miserable Thursday afternoon, to take part in the Croydon girls' competition with 24 schools in attendance. We won all of our group games without conceding a single goal and won our quarter final against Minster and semi final v South Norwood, before agonisingly losing in sudden-death penalties against Heavers Farm in the final. After the final they were presented with their runners-up medals by Croydon Sports Partnership. We are very proud of our girls and their continued success. Thanks to Mrs Taylor, Miss Memory and Mrs Haywood White for their help with the teams.



### Police Visit to Yr 5 /6

Our local policing team visited Yr 5/6 on Monday to talk about staying safe in the community and their roles as police officers. Children had the opportunity to try out some police kit and ask questions to the officers.



### Catholic Children's Society Collection

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting money for the Catholic Children Society. Catholic Children's Society help vulnerable families in the UK and have provided significant support to a number of families in our own school community over the last year. If you prefer to give directly to the charity, we have set up a Just Giving page on behalf of the school too.

Our page:

[www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

### Shooting Stars



**Butterflies**  
**Ladybirds**  
**St Joseph**  
**St Elizabeth**  
**St Francis**  
**St Anne**  
**St Peter**

Isra Uddin  
Ruby Lambe  
Amelie Christian  
Eric Bascones Rojas  
Gabriel Criticos  
Braylon Carroll  
Nova-Raine Ashie-Rochester

**St Bernadette**  
**St Paul**  
**St Therese**  
**St Martin**  
**St Cecilia**  
**St Benedict**  
**St Brigid**

Scarlett Sekowski Brion  
Thomas Jeanty  
Corey Ashley  
Sarah Sosnowska  
Katty Kola  
Ciaran Bryant  
Mia McDonald

### Croydon Swimming Finals

Following qualification at the local heats, Cruz (Yr6) & Clara (Yr4) represented St Thomas Becket at the Croydon swimming finals at Trinity on Monday night. We don't have official results or times yet for the finals but we are very proud of both children who are extremely talented swimmers.



### RE Curriculum Newsletter

Please follow the link below to access a parent newsletter which shares some of the content children have experienced in school throughout February and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

### Ten Ten Resources Parent Newsletter

#### Artsmark Silver Award

We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Artsmark Silver 2024 award in recognition of the great work done at St Thomas Becket in promoting the arts. Pictured with the certificate are three of our very talented Yr5 artists: Jude (clarinet), Nicola (piano) and Eliza (clarinet). Well done to Mrs Longhurst and Mr Slater for their work in promoting the arts at St Thomas Becket – plans are already underway for Artsweek in Summer 2024.



### Lent through a Lens challenge

To take part you'll need a camera (phone cameras are fine). Next, be on the look out for something that best represents Lent. It will help to make a list of all the things that come to mind when you think of Lent.

Remember that Lent is the old word for Spring. So you could also think of Spring images e.g. snowdrops, buds on trees, chicks, lambs. You may need to venture outside to find your Lent images, if so you must ask a grown-up to be with you.

You need to tell us why the image reminds you of lent. Think about the gospel.... Do the thorns on the bramble bush remind you of the crown of thorns of Jesus? Does the dew on the morning grass remind you of the Eucharistic words 'like the dew fall'? Do the new shoots of the flowers remind you of new life and Jesus' Resurrection?

Once you've taken your photo, present it to your class - we will be displaying them around the school.



### Achievement

Well done to Giulia (St Elizabeth) for her gymnastics award this week, having reached level 7 already – what a great achievement, Giulia.

