



As we didn't have a newsletter last week, it's a bumper edition this week, filled with sporting success, academic achievement and even St Thomas Becket being name-dropped in parliament! Next week is a slightly shorter week, with no school on Friday, as it is a staff inset. School will finish at the normal time on Thursday and clubs and wrap-around care are running as normal next week, up to and including Thursday. Next week we have a special assembly on Monday to highlight Safer Internet Week, Reception are out on a local trip looking for brown bears in Brickfields Meadow and we have our termly Golden Board assembly on Thursday. Have a lovely weekend.

ST ANNE ASSEMBLY

St Anne class assembly this morning was a lovely celebration of their learning so far this term. They showed us what life was like in a Victorian school and a Victorian family, they shared the story of Jesus' first miracle at Cana, celebrated aspects of Catholic Social Teaching and sang a very uplifting hymn to bring their assembly to a close.

Well done to all children done to all pupils who performed and to Miss Carter and Mrs Puhallova for preparing the children.



ST THOMAS BECKET FEATURE IN PARLIAMENT

Our Year 5 children were mentioned in Parliament last week! Year 5 wrote letters about the destruction of the rainforests to our local MP, Natasha Irons who asked a question in parliament quoting our children.

Click [here](#) to watch the footage.



from Year 5 pupils at St Thomas

SAVE THE DATE: CURRICULUM EVENING

As mentioned at the start of Spring term, we will be hosting a curriculum evening for parents & carers on Thursday 6th March, focussing on how you can support your child at home with their development in maths. There will be the opportunity for all St Thomas Becket pupils to attend school that evening at the same time for a story at bedtime. The evening will run from 5.45 to 7pm.

Butterflies	Renee Edzoa-Mbede Eva West	Ladybirds	Ebony Bridgeman Luke Du Sautoy
St Joseph	Zander Mendoza Darcey Wong	St Elizabeth	Laurence Jones Amar'e Ndjoli
St Francis	Danell Faronbi Demari Williams	St Anne	Azmera Ndjoli Paolo Di Simone
St Peter	Giovanni Emeka Jasmine Ali	St Bernadette	Ranisha Mukasa Aenon Dawit
St Paul	Daisy Holmes Lamont Lockhart	St Therese	Alda Zavalha Lazzaris Ethan Khandeparkar
St Martin	Tomas De Almeida Ferreira Joseph Boateng	St Cecilia	Amy Price Nieve Lambe
St Benedict	Megan-May Agyemang Emilia Berkowicz	St Brigid	Edmund Norton Rafael Brown

Shooting
Stars!



YR 4 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our Yr 4 girl footballers had two different outings this week, firstly a friendly against South Norwood, the first time playing a competitive game of football for many of the squad, followed by a Croydon tournament on Thursday.

The level of progress the girls showed in just a day was astonishing and the team did brilliantly on Thursday, losing only one of their 6 games and finishing in 4th place out of the 16 teams competing.



YR 3/4 BOYS' FOOTBALL

Our Year 3 & 4 boys' football team had a very enjoyable friendly against our neighbours, South Norwood, on Wednesday. Although we lost the game 2-1, our boys put in a great effort and, considering it was the team's first game together, the performance showed lots of promise for the future. Well done boys!



NETBALL NEWS

On Thursday, our netball team travelled to Orchard Way for a league game. The first half was tough and it took us a while to warm up as we had not played a game since before Christmas. We were 2-1 up at half time. The second-half went astonishingly better and we accelerated to an 11-3 victory. Although Neriya was our top scorer, we had lots of other great performances, especially from Ayla. Thanks to Mrs Haywood-White for coaching us and for bringing us to the game.

Reporters: Aria and Eliza (St Brigid)



YR 5 / 6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

It's been a very busy two weeks for our girl footballers. Last week they played in the regional finals of the Crystal Palace tournament and came a very creditable 3rd place. This week they continued their fine local form, winning 4-0 in the 3rd round of the Croydon cup against West Thornton. Next week they play our local rivals South Norwood in the cup quarter finals.

Go Becket girls!



YR 5 RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE

We had a visit this week from the amazing rainforest man. He decorated the Becket Room like a real rainforest. Andy is a real animal expert who makes documentaries all over the world. We learned so much from him and got to touch, snakes, tarantulas and insects.



WEDNESDAY WORD

‘Do not be afraid, from now on it is people you will catch’.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 9th February 2025



When Jesus had finished teaching by the lakeside he said to Simon Peter, "Sail out into deep water and let down your nets." "Master," Simon Peter replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will let down the nets." And when he and his companions had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear and they filled their two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made. But Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Adapted from Luke 5:1-11
The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

See the whole thing [here](#).

CROYDON SWIMMING GALA

Last Friday (31st Jan), about thirty of our KS2 children travelled to Trinity to take part in the Croydon swimming gala heats. We were up against schools like Whitgift, Cumnor House and Royal Russell, all of whom have their own swimming pools, so we knew we were going to be underdogs. However, all of our swimmers performed well and several won their heats and progressed to the Croydon finals. The Croydon finalists are: Clara, Cayson, Eleni (Yr5), and Aria and Isabella (Yr 6). Thank you to all the parents who came along to support, Coach Jane who helped us to prepare and to Mrs Haywood-White and Mrs Eastmond who organised the team.

Report by: Zach and Iman (St Benedict)



ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Avia (Yr4) for her kung-fu certificate, to Conall (Yr 2) for his taekwondo trophy, to Anaiyah (Yr 3) for her kung-fu grading and to Jake (Yr 3) for his level 3 swimming award. Great work all!

