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This fortnight has been exceptionally busy with children working hard, trying their best, taking part in enrichment activities aplenty and we can definitely confirm that school life is in full swing! This fortnight children have been out and about and have been complemented on their beautiful manners which we are always delighted to hear about!

Whilst we're experiencing warmer weather the children may continue to wear summer uniform, we ask that they are wearing winter uniform after half term (3rd November 2026)



This Sunday reminds us that God's mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner pays them all the same, no matter when they began. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules. This Sunday, we are reminded that God's mercy is for all who say yes to His call.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs McBrown
Headteacher

First Holy Communion 2027

Father Anthony has asked me to remind you that registration for children in years 3 and above, to make their First Holy Communion, has begun. Registration forms can be collected from school or church but must be returned, along with your child's Baptism certificate to the church by Sunday 11th October - no late applications will be accepted.



The Nativity of Mary

On 8th September we celebrated the Nativity of Mary, or Mary's birthday! We reminded ourselves why Mary was so special and how she said "Yes" to God's plan, even though she probably felt uncertain and a



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little nervous! We sang Happy Birthday, Emily in Year 2 blew out Mary's candles and everyone enjoyed a birthday treat for the special celebration!

Year 5 – Swimming and Sea Life Centre!



A double whammy for year 5 as last week they began their second block of swimming lessons and headed to Sea Life Centre following last summer's postponement. The children had a super day enjoying the different underwater zones as well as a quick visit to the beach to support their Geography learning – well done year 5!

Christus Catholic Trust Mass

As has now become tradition, the seven schools within our trust met at Brentwood Cathedral to celebrate Mass at the beginning of the school year.

Each school was represented by some of their children who formed the choir, read prayers and took part in the offertory. A huge thank you to Kian, Goddia, Oriella, Daniella, Adwoa, Cassius and Nana for representing the children in our school so beautifully.





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Lidl!



We were very excited to be invited to celebrate the new Lidl store in Tilbury! Last year's school council were invited to have a tour of the new store, sample some of the baked goods and were invited to cut the ribbon and declare the store officially open! It was exciting and we were delighted to accept a generous donation from Lidl to our school. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who were involved in this special event!

Archery

The children had a super time this week taking part in Archery lessons organised by Mrs Nixon. As I walked through the hall I could hear great teamwork as they cheered each other on, some amazingly accurate shooting and real resilience as the children worked hard to master a new skill. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Nixon for organising this treat for us.

Loving God,

Thank You for Your **kindness and generosity** to each one of us. Help us to see others through Your eyes, treating everyone with fairness, compassion and respect. As we learn and grow together, give us **grateful hearts, open minds** and a **willingness to serve others**.

May our school community reflect Your love, welcoming all and celebrating the unique gifts You have given us.

Amen.

