



# BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

It has been a short half term filled with activities and outings.

Reception and Form I both had interesting visits to the Library. Parents of children in Reception were invited to accompany the children and they too had an enjoyable experience. The Reception children also visited Colchester zoo to link in with their topic, our wonderful winter world. Every half term the French Breakfast is always popular.

Each week, since the beginning of the term, Fr Frank Jackson, our local parish priest, has visited the school to celebrate class Masses with the children and their parents. They were joined by the Sisters of Mercy on most occasions. All the Masses were very moving and lead by the children.

Mr Puttick, a community worker with St Mary's Church, visited the children in Form IV to talk about his work in the community.

Class assemblies delivered by Forms II, IV, V and VI were, as usual, very informative and appreciated by parents and grandparents.

Every term the Friends' are always busy raising money for the school. At the beginning of the term they held a Uniform Sale and on the last day the children always look forward to the Friends' Cake @ Break sale.

I hope everyone has a restful half term.

God Bless

Barbara McKeown

Headteacher

## Zoo Visit



Children in Reception Class enjoyed an interactive educational visit to Colchester Zoo. They looked at animal artefacts including skeletons,

shells and skins. They saw lots of animals including a leopard, tiger, komodo dragons and chimpanzees. They were mainly looking at endangered animals as part of their current topic at school. The highlight of the visit was a trip on the zoo train.

## Welcome



We would like to welcome Mrs Warriner, the school's new Teaching Assistant. She will mainly be working with children in Key Stage I.

## Handwriting Certificates

The following children were awarded a certificate for excellent improvement in their handwriting:

Reception  
Form I  
Form II  
Form III  
Form IV  
Form V  
Form VI

**Ava**  
**Scarlett**  
**Grace**  
**Semilore**  
**Boss**  
**Louis**  
**Odyseas**

## Accelerated Reader

The winners of the prize draw this half term were Zach for the lower school and Grace for the upper school. Well done to all achieving 100% in their quizzes.



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## Pupil Achievement

Albie Climbing - Level 6c, Amazing Activities  
William Rugby—Certificate of Participation, Colchester Rugby Club

### French Breakfast

Once again the French Breakfast was very popular with the children. They arrived at school at 8am full of excitement and enthusiasm and enjoyed croissants, baguettes and fraise confiture, with a choice of apple or orange juice. The children found the experience very rewarding and practised their French as they ate. Thank you Madam Hull.



### Library Visit



Reception and Form I had a lovely visit to Frinton Library. They took great pleasure in sharing books with their friends and learning about what you can do at the library. The librarian read them some super stories and told them lots of information about how to borrow books from the library. The children had a lovely time.

### Chinese New Year

Reception Class celebrated Chinese New Year by decorating Chinese lanterns and hanging 'Wishes for the World' onto the fruit tree. It is customary in China to throw wishes into the trees—these are wrapped oranges with a wish attached. If the wishes 'catch' into the tree they believe their wish will come true. The class pegged their wishes onto the trees in the hope that they would come true. Some of the wishes were for fresh water for all people, all children to have a mum and dad and for wars to finish.



### R.E. Talk—The Church in the Community



Mr Puttick, the children's and families' worker from St. Mary's Parish Church, visited Form IV to talk to the class about how the church serves the community. They learned about activities such as Messy Church, the Smallsorts Parent and Toddler Group, coffee mornings, home visits, the Clacton Soup Run and Frinton Mission. The class also enjoyed completing puzzles to reveal key bible verses explaining why people serve as they do.

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### Marbling



The Reception Class have been learning marbling techniques to create backgrounds for pictures. They made some lovely paintings of narwhals using this effect.

**St. Philomena's School**  
**OPEN EVENING**  
**Thursday 8th March 2018**  
**5pm—7pm**