



ST Thomas More Catholic Primary School welcomed Animol and her daughter Leona when Animol moved to the UK for work

Animol has Leona age 11 in Year 6

Moving to the UK

Animol is a nurse and moved to the UK to work. Her daughter Leona joined St Thomas More in Year 4. Animol says, "Leona loves to go to school. She has just completed her SATS. She was happy with how her English paper went but she thought Maths was a little tricky. The teachers have worked hard to prepare the children and I'm sure they'll have done well. They did lots of practice papers and set homework to help."

Lots of friends

"Making friends and being with her friends has always been the best part of school for Leona. She enjoys learning English. She has lots of friends and enjoys socialising with them all. When Leona joined the school the teachers worked with her to learn English. I was worried about how it would all work out but school were fantastic and we settled in quickly," says Animol.

One to one learning

St Thomas More welcomes families from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures and supports them to feel part of the school community. Animol says, "I remember when Leona joined school and she was allocated a teacher to help with her English. She received lots of one-to-one support and she soon began learning. With my job I work every day and long hours so knowing Leona was receiving this support from school was brilliant. Other children were learning with her which also helped and made her feel more confident."

Lots of activities

"Leona has enjoyed Friendship Club and Football Club. As she's looking to move to high school she's not in as many clubs now but she did enjoy all the activities school provided. School is excellent at providing lots of opportunities for the children.

They think of everything from doing dance classes to taking the children through their First Holy Communion. School is quite traditional in the way it looks but it has a modern feel to it. There is always lots going on and they make being at school interesting for the children," says Animol.

Everyone is welcome

St Thomas More is a Catholic Primary School where families from different faiths and cultures are welcome. "There is a Catholic element to life at school. Everyone is made to feel welcome regardless of being Catholic or not. There is a welcoming atmosphere and there are lots of different cultures and backgrounds. Everyone is made to feel equal and part of the school community. People come together for the school assemblies and events," says Animol.

Supportive and caring

"I would recommend St Thomas More Catholic Primary School because when my circumstances meant I needed help, they were there to support me and Leona. They are accommodating and they listen. They make sure the children have every chance to succeed," says Animol.

Children say:

Leona says:
"My friends are the best."

