



Our gospel story this week tells the story of Martha and Mary. Martha cooks and cleans to prepare for the Lord and Mary sits and listens to his word. I think the business of this last week has made us all feel like Martha as we prepare for an end of year, but the Lord reminds us that in our business we must not forget the power and strength in listening to his word and reflecting on how we live it every day. I hope the summer holidays will give you and your families some time to rest and reflect on the many blessings we have. Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you in September. **-Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Dear young people, always be missionaries of the Gospel, every day and in every place." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Abena

Year 1 – Alfie

Year 2 – Whole Class

Year 3 – Angelina Year 4 – Chase

Year 5 – Angel Year 6 – Whole Class



House Points: Well done to **St Paul's** this week's winners with **75** points!

St Bernadette – 58

St Francis – 64

St Paul – 75

St Theresa – 65

St Thomas More – 51

St Anne Line – 46

Angelina: Well done to Angelina and her Mum for baking such wonderful cakes for their fundraiser on Wednesday. Angelina will be donating her hair to The Little Princess [Trust](#) over the holidays. All money raised will go to help create wigs for children who need them.

Leavers Mass: On Tuesday evening we had a beautiful Leavers mass led by year 6. It was beautiful to come together as a community and celebrate the many achievements the children have had during their time here with us. Thank you, parents, for joining us and lending us your children for seven years of their educational journey. We have been very lucky to have them.

PTA and School Council Disco: Thank you to the school council for launching and teaming up with our PTA to offer a school disco. I know the children really enjoyed it. All money raised will go towards your children.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the PTA in the new year we would very much welcome your support. We will be having a meeting on **Wednesday 7th September at 2.30pm**, please come along.

Year 4 Film trip This week Year 4 had a great time when Year 4 from St Alban's came to visit! We watched the Disney film 'Hercules' to celebrate our learning about the Ancient Greeks. The children were able to see how the Greeks used vases to communicate stories as well as learning more about the Greek gods and goddesses!

Calling all readers! This summer Essex Libraries are once again launching their Summer Reading challenge. This is **FREE** to take part in- all you need is your library card! It will run from Saturday 16 July – Saturday 3 September. This year their theme is 'Gadgeteers', each child will read 6 books/ comics/ e-books/ e-comics/ text of their choice from the library and if they complete 3 they will receive a free bookmark, if they complete all 6 they will receive a medal and certificate. Make sure you bring your certificates to school in September as we would LOVE to see them! Happy Reading!

Year 6: Today we say goodbye to our Year 6. We are so very proud of them they have had an incredible year and wish them lots of luck in their next schools. They have kindly left us with a beautiful reminder of them in our prayer garden- their painted prayer stones- thank you year 6 for being truly remarkable. We will miss you.

Talent Show: Led by Miss Gifford our school council have been busy organising a talent show and how brilliant it was on Thursday. We had singing, dancing, jokes, acting and even some skipping! Thank you children for being brave and sharing your talents.

End of term: At the end of this term we say farewell to Mrs O'Dell, who has been with the trust for the last nine years. She will be missed and we wish her all the best in her new career. Mrs Hawkins will also be starting her maternity leave shortly and we wish her all the best as she starts her family. Many congratulations to Miss Pursford who is to be married this Saturday. We look forward to

welcoming her back as Mrs Paget in the new academic year.

Piano Lessons: St Luke's has an external piano tutor who attends the school on a weekly basis to provide one to one music tuition for KS2 age pupils. If you are interested in your child starting piano lessons from September, please contact Mrs Ridley on 07939 261024.

Parent Handbook: Do see the NEW Parent Handbook posted on our website here so that you can be ready for the new year. [Parent handbook](#)

Arbor Accounts: Please can you ensure that all payments on your Arbor accounts are up to date ready for the new school year.

PE KITS: Next year we will be returning to having PE Kits kept in school and children will change whilst at school for their relevant PE lessons. Parents will need to ensure their children have a full PE kit in a blue kit bag in school at the start of the term. These will be sent home half termly for washing. See the link for the correct PE uniform Uniform Regulations. If you have younger children, it is essential to ensure they can dress themselves independently as this is an important life skill.

Free School Meals: Automatic entitlement to free school meals finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3. An application for your child to receive a free school meal must be made [here](#) or by calling 0345 603 2200.

After School Clubs: From September club night will be on Tuesdays.

New Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). Friday 2nd September will be fish fingers

Friday 2nd Sept: Year R to Y6 return to school
Nursery Current students: Monday 5th September.

New Students: Staggered start, see e-mail sent on Thursday 21st July.

