



"Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain."

Chris Karcher

The gospel reminded us how doing our duty all the time is right. We should not do things for gain. Our actions should be motivated by God's word. We are here to be servants to one another's needs, to help, to support to look out for, and to love. As a school community this is what I have the privilege of seeing every day as I am sure you see too in your children. Have a restful weekend. -Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"Praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength!" **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Anastasia G

Year 1 - Julian

Year 2 - Dion

Year 3 - Nathanael

Year 5 - Isabelle

Year 4 - Anthony

Year 6 - Harrison



House Points: Well done to **St Paul** this week's winners with **228** points!

St Bernadette – 152

St Francis – 129

St Paul – 228

St Theresa – 163

St Thomas More – 138

St Anne Line – 175

Harvest Festival: Thank you to our Mini-Vinnies for leading our collection for the harvest food bank. At assembly today they shared with us the importance of being grateful for harvest. As you can see from our picture we have a wonderful and generous selection to send.

Macmillan: Thank you for your generosity last week for our cake sale. I am pleased to tell you we raised **£280.44**, which has been sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. This will help families who have been affected by Cancer.

Judaism Week: This week in RE, we have been learning about Judaism. We have found out about festivals, place of worship, traditions and symbols. We have had a fabulous time learning about the Jewish faith!

Year 6 Mass: Thank you so much to Fr Bernard and Year 6 for celebrating a lovely mass on Tuesday. They shared the importance of friendships and being kind to one another. This was a beautiful reflection on our week away last week and our time together here at St Luke's. I know they are looking forward to the challenges and events that year 6 offers.

Multiplication Table Test: The multiplication test occurs at the end of Year 4. On Monday Mrs Black led a virtual parents meet to share how you can best prepare and support your child as they learn this important skill. This has now been shared with all parents in Year 3 and 4 via email.

Parents Evenings 18th & 19 October Y1-Y6: If you haven't already done so, appointments can be booked via Arbor. Please note that appointment times are provided on a first come, first served basis and bookings will close at 9am on Monday 17th October. In addition to the class teacher appointments there will be a limited number of available face to face and virtual meetings with the Inclusion Lead at this years Parents Evenings. If you would like to book in for one of these slots, you will need to contact the school office via email. Please include in your email, child's name, class and brief overview of what you would like to raise in the meeting.

PTA: We are really pleased that the PTA is increasing in numbers. They are planning some wonderful activities. Do keep an eye on messages. We have a film night booked for Thursday 15th December.

House Teams: Happy Feast Day to ST Francis House team who celebrated their feast day this week. May his words always inspire you: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace."

Morning Gate/Classroom opening times: Mr Hampson opens the gate at 8:40 every morning, however please be reminded the classroom doors do not open until 8:45. Please continue to supervise your child at this time, as we are not able to ensure your children get to the classroom door safely.

Reading: Reading with your child and enjoying books is the most important skill you can share with your children. This week we have completed all our wonderful displays in school on the theme of reading. Do see [here](#) for further details on all the many types of things you can read. We are eager to complete a display with all the many places that you can read. Children are invited to send in a photo of them reading anything in the many places you can read. Please send any pictures to our admin email above.

Home learning: Home learning is a valuable way of developing your child's confidence and understanding in class. On your [class page](#) a variety of activities are suggested for you to do together and share with the teacher.

For Years 1-2 home learning is allowed to be brought into school inside their home learning books.

For Years 3-6 please submit your home learning using your teams accounts.

Ali Barbers Free Haircut: Ali Barbers have very kindly given us free haircut vouchers for every boy in the school. These are being sent home with your child today. [LOCATIONS - Ali Barbers](#)

Uniform: We are very proud of our uniform and our children look exceptionally smart. Please ensure that your child has all the appropriate uniform. See [Uniform Regulations](#). Our PTA do have a selection of nearly new items (largely shirts, trousers, skirts and some coats) If you need anything do contact the office with sizes and they can see if they are available. It is part of our policy that children should only wear stud earring and they need to be able to remove them for PE. This is in line with Essex Policy.

Jigsaw Theme -Being Me in my World: Each half term in our Personal Social and Health education lessons we have a set theme. The current topic is: Being Me in my World. Each week all the children throughout the school reflect on an area that they can see in their everyday behaviours. Theme for this week is: We are looking for people who work well with others.

Tours for Reception Intake 2023: If your child will be Reception age for September 2023, we are running tours of the school. Dates and times can be found [here](#)

Year 7 Applications for September 2023: Year 7 applications for September 2023 are now open. Applications can be made online via [Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#). For St. Mark's Secondary School a SIF will also need to be completed found [here](#). Please note the deadline for Year 7 application is **31st October**.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 10th October will be week 1.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 11th Oct: Year 4 Mass 2.30pm (Parents Welcome)

Wednesday 12th Oct: Reception Class, Gruffalo Tea Party, 2pm (Parents Welcome)

Tuesday 18th Oct: St Luke's Feast Day Mass 10.45am

Tuesday 18th Oct: Year 1-6 Face to Face Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th Oct: Year 1-6 Virtual Parents Evening

Friday 21st Oct: Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am (Parents Welcome)

See the link for further key dates within the academic year. [Key Dates 2022-2023](#)

