



There are so many things that we can be grateful for; our families, our friends, our community, our health, but often we forget to say thank you for these. The children were reminded in the story of the ten lepers that only one returned to thank Jesus for giving them a new life through being healed. We must always remember to say thank you and to be grateful for all these wonderful things. *-Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School*

"May we learn to say "Thank you" to God and to one another" **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Salvador

Year 1 - Gionni

Year 2 - Oliwia

Year 3 - Ollie

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Shaun

Year 6 - Andrew



House Points: Well done to **St Theresa and St Anne Line** this week's winners with **228** points!

St Bernadette – 112

St Francis – 69

St Paul – 147

St Theresa – 175

St Thomas More – 117

St Anne Line – 175

Staff Led Clubs: Please note there are no Staff Led clubs on **Tuesday 18th October** due to Parent Consultations.

Recycling Competition: Our School council launched an exciting recycling competition this week. Children are invited to make a 3D animal out of recycled materials for an entry cost of 50p.

Judging on the 20th October.

We look forward to seeing your exciting entries.

Holy Communion: Holy Cross will start their First Holy Communion programme after Christmas. If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross please complete the enrolment form to show your interest. Forms need to be complete via this link below by the **14th November 2022**.

[First Holy Communion Application](#)

Parent Trouble Shooting: On Thursday 20th October at 3.15pm Mrs Black will be available in the school hall to support any parents who are having trouble logging into TEAMS or abacus accounts. Do bring in your laptops and she can see if she fix any issues.

Nursery: Thank you to our Nursery who have listened to the words of our Pope Francis. Our

church welcomes everyone and shared this beautiful display with us. (See above)

Breakfast Club: Our Breakfast Club provides childcare and breakfast for children from Reception to Year 6. We offer two options

- Early Session from 7.30: £3.50
- Late Session from 8.15: £1.50

Sessions are available to book on Arbor, however due to increased interest we ask that you make sure you are pre-booking by 4pm the day before. We are limited to how many children are allowed to attend and if a session is not available on Arbor it may be because it is fully booked.

Gruffalo Tea Party: On Wednesday it was lovely to welcome so many Reception parents who joined us for a tea party to celebrate the new classes work. The children sang a lovely song for us and the parents had a chance to learn a little more about how we teach phonics. Do remember to look on your tapestry account for all the information shared today.

Year 4 Mass: Thank you so much to year 4 who prepared a lovely Mass around the theme of the rosary.

It was great to have so many parents join us as we prayed together and reflected on Mary's life.

Do join us next week as the whole school celebrates our feast day at Mass on Tuesday at 10.45am.

Our Jigsaw theme- This week are looking for children who: Choose to follow the Learning Charter

Reading Champions: Congratulations to our Reading Champions. This year the following children have been chosen to spread their love of reading and champion reading throughout the school.

Angel, Niamh W, Ta'Naye, Meadow, Isabelle, Kaylee, Amenze, Miguel, Aleks, Kaiden, Lucio, Assiah, Miyah, Adanna, Valerie, Mei-Xin, Rome and Dion

Piano/Guitar Lessons: St Luke's has an external piano tutor and an external guitar tutor who attends the school on a weekly basis to provide one to one music tuition. Piano lessons are for Year 2 and above, guitar lessons are for Year 3 and above. Please contact the school office if you are interested in these lessons.

Parents Evenings 18th & 19th October Y1-Y6: If you haven't already done so, appointments can be booked via Arbor. Bookings will close at **9am on Monday 17th October** and there are now a limited numbers of meetings available. 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.

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 applications are **31st October**.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 17th October will be week 2.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 18th Oct: St Luke's Feast Day Mass 10.45am (Parents Welcome)

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)

Monday 31st Oct: School closed for a teacher training day.

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

