



We are rewarded for our faithfulness to God we are told in the gospel this week. He will always give us courage and strength when we need it. As we celebrate Children in Need today let us also remember and pray for the many children in our school, our community and our world whose lives need courage and strength for their own personal struggles. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns... it is a love story for people in love!" **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Chimdum

Year 1 - Marvin Year 2 - Gavin

Year 3 - Beaux Year 4 - Aleks

Year 5 - Rob Year 6 - Leon



House Points: Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with **166** points!

St Bernadette - 146

St Francis - 116

St Paul - 159

St Theresa - 165

St Thomas More - 161

St Anne Line - 166

Year 2 Prayer Service: Thank you, Year 2 for a lovely prayer service shared on Tuesday on the theme of friendship. It was lovely to hear your prayers and reflections on the importance of friends and how we nurture these relationships.

Children in Need: Thank you for your kind donations towards this worthy cause. The children looked fabulous today in all their spots! We will update you next on how much the children raised.

Parish Bazaar: Thank you so much for donating some bottles for the Holy Cross parish bazaar. Mr Hampson delivered your gifts this week. Do come along and enjoy the bazaar after 11am Mass at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Road Safety: This week Mini-Vinnies have been raising awareness of Road Safety Week. Children in all classes have been learning in an age-appropriate way the dangers on the road. The theme for this year was safe roads for everyone. Do have a look at the helpful [website](#) from Brake the road safety charity. Do talk about this with your child.

Travelling Crib: We are pleased to be able to invite you again to take our nativity crib into your home for one night. As a family, you can unpack the box and set up the crib scene. There

will be a candle, song, prayer and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib (these may be displayed in our school too). The crib scene will then need to be carefully packed away and taken back to the school office the next day so that it can visit another family's house. If you would like to take part, please email the School Office and your name will be added to the list.

COP 27: As all the nations have gathered in Egypt over the last two weeks to address the climate crisis, CAFOD Club have been reminding us of the pledges we made to save our planet. Small as they may seem, just switching off your lights or turning off the tap as you brush your teeth, all makes a difference. The children will be bringing home their pledge this week in their Reading Diary. Do take time to discuss and share at home, so that we all can be the ones who make the right changes for the future.

Panto 1st December: We have arranged a special treat for the children this Christmas - Hurricane Productions to come and perform "Dick Whittington". The performance will be for Reception to Year 6 and will be held at St Luke's Catholic Academy. Please be reminded that to cover the cost of the performance we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child, contributions can be made online through you Arbor account. Should there not be sufficient contribution we may not be able to go ahead.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: Celebrates this weekend World Youth Sunday; a chance to celebrate the young people in our global church. You can read more about this event on their [website](#) and also find lots of wonderful resources [here](#).

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society: Please see the attached poster regarding Child and Family Counselling Service that can offer support to children, young people, families/parents direct.

Further information can also be found on their [website](#).

Christmas Dinner Day: This year we require you to pre-order your child's Christmas Dinner Day choice. Please complete the form by **Thursday 24th November**. [Christmas Dinner Day Form](#)

Reception School Admissions: Applications for Reception 2023 school places have opened and must be completed by **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#). **All applications to St Luke's will additionally require a SIF form to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the School Office.**

Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6: Please remember to complete the electronic Consent Form sent on 1st November for your child's flu immunisation. Please ensure that consent forms are completed before **25th November** if you would like your child to receive this in school.

PTA: Toy donations for the PTA Toy Sale can be passed to the Class Teacher from now (labelled PTA Toy Sale). **Please bring any Bag 2 School donations on the 21st November.**

Dinner Menu: Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). W/C 21st November is week 1.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 29th Nov: Flu immunisations for Reception-Year 6.

Tuesday 29th Nov: Year 1 prayer service. 2.45. Please note **NEW time**

Thursday 1st Dec: Panto for Reception-Year 6.

Friday 2nd Dec: PTA Toy Sale 3.15pm

Wednesday 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day.

Monday 12th Dec: Y3-Y6 Carol Service 9.15am.

Tuesday 13th Dec: Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity 2pm.

Thursday 15th Dec: Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.15am.

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

