



The third candle in the advent wreath indicates JOY and what a joy the arrival of snow has been for our children. We are told in the gospel story that whilst John the Baptist was imprisoned and knowing that his end would come soon, he wanted to hear more about the joy Jesus' message was bringing. He wanted to know that his work had meant something. As a prophet we know his messages was essential and prepared all for the coming of Jesus. This week has also been a time of preparing for Jesus. Through the nativities and carol services the children have sought to remind us about the important messages at Christmas and truly shown us how to remember Jesus' birthday. I wish you a happy and holy Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you all on our return to school in 2023. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Stanley

Year 1 – Elias

Year 2 – Olivier

Year 3 – Kaiden

Year 4 – Gabriela

Year 5 – Kaylee

Year 6 – Amelia

House Points: Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with **170** points!

St Bernadette – 128

St Francis – 150

St Paul – 73

St Theresa – 135

St Thomas More – 108

St Anne Line – 170

Book Mark Winners: After receiving many wonderful entries to the bookmark competition, the Reading Champions voted on their winning entry from EY&KS1 and KS2. Well done to Ada and Gabriela for their amazing winning entries. These will now be made into bookmarks for people to be able to buy for 50p in the new year. Special mentions go to Honor, Nora, Talitha and Alexandra for making the decision so difficult. Thank you to everyone who took part - the effort was amazing!

KS1 Nativity: Thank you to year 1 and 2 for their wonderful play. Sammy and his animal friends truly were helpers who all made a difference, reminding us that even doing small things is very important. Everyone has a role. The children really were marvellous. Thank you to Mrs Paget and Miss Gifford for all their hard work in preparing the children.

EYFS Nativity: Thank you to our Reception and Nursery team for a fabulous nativity on Thursday. It was so lovely to hear the children's beautiful voices singing.

Year 2 Theatre Trip: Year 2's had a fantastic time at the theatre watching the Snow Smith. They enjoyed a magical adventure and even discovered how to make snow. Photos of the trip will be loaded onto the Year 2 class page next week.

Carol Service: The children in Key Stage 2 led us in beautiful carols and readings this week in order to get us ready for Christmas. They had lovely loud clear voices. Thank you to all of key stage two and your teachers for preparing you.

Our School Site: Keeping our school site clean and safe can take a great deal of work. With the arrival of snow this week this has kept Mr Hampson incredibly busy. I am sure you would join with me in thanking him for the remarkable job he does.

Breakfast Club – Secret Santa: Breakfast club have been spreading their own little giving this Advent. They have made some beautiful Christmas book marks for all the children in Nursery as a Christmas gift, which they delivered today. Thank you breakfast club children for being so kind.

PTA: Thank you to our PTA who have been busy arranging fundraisers this term. The raffle was drawn today, and all winners will have been contacted so that they can collect their prizes before the end of term.

Harlow Holiday Lunch Club: invite all budget stretched families to their FREE Family Christmas Lunch Clubs which include full Christmas Dinner/Crackers/fun, games, crafts etc. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all family members are catered for but must be booked so special diets/needs can be catered for. More information can be found at <https://www.harlowlunch.org.uk/> and bookings can be made [here](#).

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.**

Dinner Menu: Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). In a change to the usual menu next week:
Monday – Toad in the hole or Veggie Sausage Toad in the hole both with new potatoes and Cabbage
Tuesday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza with chips and salad.

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesday 20th Dec: **Last Day of term, 1pm Finish**
Nursery 11.45am Finish

Tuesday 10th December: All Children return to school.

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

