



Jesus reminds us to be more childlike. To remember the importance of the wonders of the world, discovering new things and being loving and kind without judgement. We discussed ways we could do this in our everyday lives. As we move towards the end of the term and time out for holidays and rest we remember how to enjoy the many blessings we are given.

**Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Marvel like a child at the good that silently changes the world" Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Miruna

Year 1 – Kevin

Year 3 – Mayowa

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 2 – Adam

Year 4 – Sinem

Year 6 – Iden



House Points: Well done to **St Paul's** this week's winners with **120** points!

St Bernadette – 40

St Francis – 67

St Paul – 120

St Theresa – 63

St Thomas More – 62

St Anne Line – 65

**Year 1 Class Trip:** Year 1 had an amazing trip to Lee Valley farm on Thursday. They got to feed the goats and the meerkats as well as getting up close with the wallabies and rabbits.

**Year 5 Class Trip:** On Monday Year 5 culminated their River's Tale topic with a trip to Gibberd Gardens. We looked and discussed the many different sculptures set in the beautiful gardens, we enjoyed sketching elements of nature and parts of the house and we sat together to listen to Kensuke's Kingdom in the gardens. The children really enjoyed exploring and searching for the statues and it was a great way to finish our topic!

**Thanksgiving Service:** On Tuesday Fr Bernard joined the Mission teams for a special prayer service to thank all the children that have been part of the mission teams this year. We celebrated many achievements, and reflected on our favourite memories. The children offered prayers to those who have supported them in this role. Thank you to Fr Bernard, Mrs Pokusinska and Mrs Wisniewska for all their hard work to support these groups.

**Year 5 & 6 production:** The whole school were astounded by our Year 5 and 6 who have taken us on a tour of the decades through music and dance. They were simply amazing. From the Beatles to the Oasis we had tunes that will give us memories to last a long time. Thank you to all involved in preparing the children and to the children for such a special night.

**Youth Mission:** This week we have announced our new teams for 23-24. We are really looking forward starting work on lots of new projects for the new year.

**Year 5 visit to St Marks:** On Thursday Year 5 were invited to St Mark's for a soap making enterprise day. Working in groups the children had to create their own soap design, logo and branding before heading to the science labs to make their own unique soaps, thinking about colours, shapes and smells. After a very exciting lunch in the cafeteria, the children designed packaging to take their soap home. The children enjoyed the experience of being in secondary school for the day and all brought home lovely soap to use.

**Nursery Prayer Service:** Nursery shared a beautiful prayer service about our wonderful world. They painted images of the earth and told us the animals that they think are very special. Thank you parents for coming to join us for this.

**Growing in Love:** The Chaplaincy team visited Nursery this week taking some sunflowers that they have grown from seeds. They have created a beautiful display with Nursery hand prints and taught them about Values at school so that they are ready to start in Reception. We look forward to Nursery sending us pictures of how well their sunflowers grow.

**Peter Pan Visit:** Reception and Nursery had a surprise visit from Peter Pan last week. She took them all on a storytelling adventure through Neverland and they met the Evil Captain Hook along the way. The children loved their visit from Peter Pan and had lots of things to say.

**Arbor:** Please can all parents review their child's Arbor account to make sure the school has the most update to date contact details and emergency numbers. You may also want to check medical conditions and allergies are up to date at the same time. This ensures we are able to support your child within school. Please can all meal arrears also be settled before the end of term.

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

**Online Grooming:** Who is your child talking to online? - Help and advice from various organisations on how to help children make safer choices about who they talk to and what they share online. [Online Grooming - eSafety Training](#)

**Dinner Menu:** Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> July is week 1.

**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.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers Mass 7pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July: Nursery, 11.45 finish

Reception-Y6, 1pm finish.

See here for **next years** term dates [Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

**Mass Times:**

Holy Cross Parish Mass Times are:

**Saturday** 5.30pm **Sunday** 9am and 11am

[holycrosschurchharlow.co.uk](http://holycrosschurchharlow.co.uk)

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are:

STM Church **Sunday** 8.30am

OLF Church: **Saturday** 6pm

**Sunday** 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)

<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

**PTA News**

**End of Year Disco:** The end of year disco on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** will be split into 2 halves:

Reception-Y2: 3.30-4.30

Y3-Y6: 4.45-5.45

All reply slips for the end of year disco, need to be returned to the classroom with a **cash** payment by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**.

**New Volunteers:** In September the PTA will be holding an AGM (date TBC). We will be looking for new volunteers, so maybe over the school holidays have a think how you could contribute with the PTA to raise money for the school and our children.

