



Once again Jesus uses the vineyard to remind us how God always respects us. Even when workers do not follow the rules or respect their own co-workers, God continues to send them out and try harder. This is because he has endless patience for us. We must use that patience with one another. As we complete another exciting week I know that this patience with one another is what supports us through all difficulties. **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Do not forget your life and faith are a gift from God." Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Leandro	Year 1 – Matei
Year 2 – Rosie	Year 3 – Ada & Mei-Xin
Year 4 – Munachim	Year 5 – Skyler



House Points: Well done to St Paul's this week's winners with 76 points!

St Bernadette – 61

St Francis – 68

St Paul – 76

St Theresa – 64

St Thomas More – 51

St Anne Line – 42

PGL This week our year 6 have visited PGL at Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk. The children have the opportunity to take part in lots of outdoor activities, including zip wires, abseiling, fencing and orienteering. They really have had a fantastic time, developing skills in team work, resilience and self-discovery! Current year 5 children will be having information very soon about their residential. Watch out for this coming soon.

Mini- Vinnies- Harvest Collection

As we approach Harvest our wonderful Mini-Vinnies are encouraging everyone to bring things in for those who need them and supporting our local charity Community Embrace's food pantry. Do see their posters around the school and on the website [here](#). Donations can be brought in on THURSDAY 19th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Art Competition: School Council have now announced their annual art gallery competition. The theme is God's Garden and should be made from recycled materials. Entries are 50p and there will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place. This competition has been extended, the final day for entries is now Monday 16th October.

Parents Evenings Y1-Y6: If you haven't already done so, appointments can be booked via Arbor until midnight on Sunday 15th October. In addition to the class teacher appointments there will be a limited number of appointments with the Inclusion Lead. If you would like to book in for one of these slots, you will need to contact the school office via email.

Gruffalo Tea Party: Reception parents are invited to join their children for a Gruffalo Tea Party on Wednesday 18th October at 2.30pm.

Earrings: Jewellery is not permitted except simple stud earrings and these should be removed for PE. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings please remove them before school on their PE days.

St Luke's Feast Day: We celebrate our feast day on Wednesday 18th October. Do join us to celebrate mass at 10.50am on this day.

E-Safety: NSPCC have a guidance page all about keeping online times positive.

[Positively online: top tips for online wellbeing | NSPCC](#)

First 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 Friday 17th November. [First Holy Communion Form](#)

Secondary Applications for September

2024: Year 7 applications for September 2024 are now open. Applications can be made online via [Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#) and will close on 31st October 2023.

Please note that for St. Mark's secondary school a SIF will need to be completed alongside your Essex application. [St Marks- September 2024](#).

Facebook: [St Luke's Catholic Academy](#) has its own official Facebook page. This will be updated weekly with events and school news including children's school activities and photos.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 16th October will be week 2.

The menu for after half term is now on our school website.

Upcoming Dates:

Tue 17th Oct: Face to Face Parents Evening Y1-Y6

Wed 18th Oct: Virtual Parents Evening Y1-Y6

Wed 18th Oct: St Luke's Feast Day Mass 10:50am (Parents Welcome)

Wed 18th Oct: Reception Gruffalo Tea Party 2.30 pm

Thu 19th Oct: Y5 Class Assembly 9.05am

Fri 20th Oct: Inset Day

Mon 30th Oct: Children Return from Half Term

Fri 17th Nov: Family Quiz night 6-7.30pm (Details to follow)

Please see the link for key dates including [class assemblies, performance and other school events](#) [Key Dates: 2023-2024](#)

Mass Times:

Holy Cross Parish Mass Times are:

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

