



This week we were reminded to be ready- no one knows what time he may come. Of course at this time of year we are starting to be ready for Christmas. With all the business of other preparations for Christmas the children started to think of how we can be ready for Jesus coming to us. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"In our family, when we are not intrusive and ask 'May I' ... when we are not selfish and learn to say, 'Thank you' ... and when one realises they have done something wrong and knows how to say 'Sorry', in that family there is peace and joy." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Bella

Year 1 – Harrison Year 2 – Pola

Year 3 – Callum Year 4 – Nena

Year 5 – Adrian Year 6 – Ameliah



House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More & St Pau's** this week's winners with 100 points!

St Bernadette – 95

St Francis – 83

St Paul – 100

St Theresa – 76

St Thomas More – 100

St Anne Line – 95

Year 1 Prayer Service: This week Year 1 had prepared a lovely service linked to their topic of belonging. They talked about belonging to their family and our community and shared some beautiful prayers and singing. Thank you parents for joining us for this lovely service.

Reading Competition: Reading champions are encouraging all children from Year 2-6 to take part in reading lots of different types of stories. They have even put some great suggestions in the front entrance for you to see.

CGP Books: Thank you for all those of you who purchased the CGP work books for him. They have now been sent home. They are a really easy way to support your child with some reinforcement of all we do in school.

Children in Need/NSPCC: Thank you for your donations for our non-uniform day. As part of our support for Children in Need we will be sending your money to NSPCC this year.

Anti-Bullying Week: This week in school the children have been learning about anti-bullying. They have had assemblies and activities within class where they have looked closely at the definition of bullying, discussed how to solve any concerns and made a pledge to support one another in times of need. Do take some time to read our Anti-Bullying Policy [here](#) on our website.

E-Safety: As part of antibullying week we share an article from Report Harmful Content that has a useful visual guide for how to report online bullying. This guide is for parents to use to support their child. [reportharmfulcontent.com-someone is bullying me online](http://reportharmfulcontent.com-someone-is-bullying-me-online)

Hair Styles: Please be reminded that shaven patterns and designs are not allowed as part of our uniform policy. Please see the link [here](#) (p10) to the parent handbook for any queries on any of our expectations.

Year 3 Class Trip: On Thursday, we went to the Harlow Museum! We had lots of fun, we explored the Stone Age and we had 5 different activities. We also saw fossils and ammonites and a plesiosaur vertebrae. All of the fossils were found in Harlow. I really enjoyed it because I have never been there before. I learnt a lot and we had a great time! Ada-Year 3 [Year 3 Class Page - Gallery](#)

Min-Vinnies Food bank: Mini- Vinnies took all your wonderful contributions to the food bank on Thursday and found out what the volunteers do once they arrive. Our food donation was 72kg- enough to make 182 meals. It seems that even the food bank is struggling this year. Last year they supported 8,000 people who needed food. They continue to need more and more, so do continue to take your donations to our local supermarkets- where there is always a collection box. [Mini-Vinnies Page](#)

Arbor Consents: Please take the time to review the outstanding consents on your child's Arbor account. We would appreciate it

if you could mark these as either consented or declined rather than leaving them pending if you do not want to consent.

Christmas Performances: If you haven't already, please look at the key dates link for your child's Christmas performance date and time.

Wednesday Word: Please find attached the Wednesday Word which is an invitation to share this week's Gospel at home as a family.

Christmas Dinner Day 6th December: Don't forget to pre-order your child's Christmas Dinner Day choice. Please complete the form by Wednesday 22nd November. [Christmas Dinner Day Form](#)

Reception 2024/2025 Applications: You can now apply online for your child's Reception school place. Information on this can be found [here](#) on the Essex website. Closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 20th November will be week 1.

Next 2 weeks:

Mon 20th Nov: Reception Parent's Road Safety Talk 9am

Mon 27th Nov: Last KS2 Afterschool Club

Tue 28th Nov: Y5 Mass 2.30pm

Fri 1st Dec: Reception Parents Craft Afternoon 2.30pm

Key Dates: Please see the link for [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/>

