



The Gospel asked us to use our talents this week. The children thought about the many talents we have in school and how they could use them. Throughout this week I have seen lots of these skills being shared to support, engage and entertain one another. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Let us pray for peace and let us bring it about, starting in our own homes!" - Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Amelia

Year 1 – Chimdum Year 2 – Ella

Year 3 – Bontay Year 4 – Steven

Year 5 – Naomi Year 6 – Max E



House Points: Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with 141 points!

St Bernadette - 94

St Francis – 105

St Paul – 91

St Theresa – 101

St Thomas More – 111

St Anne Line – 141

Road Safety: The Mini- Vinnies have been busy making posters to remind us how to stay safe on the road. See [here](#). They have also written once more to our local counsellor Michael Hardware to ask for a survey to be completed on Pyenest Road, so that they can review the crossings available for our children. Well done Mini-Vinnies for thinking of others.

Quiz Night: Thank you to all the families that came to Quiz Night. It had fantastic community spirit and raised **£322** for the school. Miss Gifford and the school council spent a long-time planning, preparing and delivering and wonderful evening. We are very grateful for their enthusiasm. We look forward to many more.

Year One Trip: Last Friday, the children from Year 1 had a great trip to Rye Meads to discover our environment in a little more detail as part of their topic " Home is Where the Heart is". Year 1 has learned about different seasons and how to explore our environment through different senses of vision, hearing, touch, smell and taste. They had beautiful weather and have learnt so much.

Children in Need/NSPCC: Thank you so much for all your kind donations to these very important charities. We raised £130, I know

that the NSPCC will be very happy to receive this.

Year 6- Cyber Safety: Year 6 had a visitor (Kirsty) from Essex Fire and Police service to talk about Cyber Safety. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe whilst using apps and online games and what to do if they feel uncomfortable about something they see online. They were encouraged to check their privacy settings on all of the apps they use on their devices. It was an extremely informative discussion.

Home Safety- Year 3: Essex Fire service came and talked about keeping safe from a house fire. We also talked about what can catch on fire like a candle oven, toaster and lighter. We talked about what to do when there is a fire in your house and about making a plan. We got to make a triangle which of oxygen, fuel and heat. We will remember to 'Get out! Stay out!' . - Blake & Adam Y3.

National Youth Sunday: This Sunday, the feast of Christ the King, is nominated Youth Sunday. It reminds us of how important our young people are in changing the world for the better. During assembly on Friday, we watched [this](#) short film to remind us just how much our voices count.

Advent and Travelling Crib: Monday 4th December at 9.05am we will be having our Advent Assembly. All parents and members of our community are very welcome to join us for the dressing of the tree in readiness for this waiting time of advent. Throughout Advent we will be once more sharing our travelling crib. This is an opportunity to take home the Christmas crib to your home and share a prayer and reflection about the Christmas story. If you would like to borrow the crib for an evening, do complete the attached slip and e-mail to the School Office.

E-Safety: As part of a healthy digital life, the Children's Commissioner advocates time to switch off too - take a break and get creative or active. As we have been thinking about talents, gifts and skills this week, perhaps it is

a good opportunity to have planned break slots where new skills, or current, can be explored and developed. [Digital 5 a day | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

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

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.

Facebook: We are updating our Facebook page regularly, do have a look at the wonderful learning the children have been doing. [St Luke's Catholic Academy](#)

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 27th November will be week 2.

Next 2 weeks:

Mon 27th Nov: Last KS2 Afterschool Club

Tue 28th Nov: Y5 Mass 2.30pm

Fri 1st Dec: Reception Parents Craft Afternoon 2.30pm

Mon 4th Dec: Advent Assembly 9.05am (Parents Welcome)

Wed 6th Dec: Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Fri 8th Dec: Nursery Craft Afternoon 2.15pm

Fri 8th Dec: Last school readiness morning this term. (Nursery Parents)

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/>

