



Christ the King is the theme for this week's gospel and so the children discussed what made a good King. They shared the importance of service, respect and understanding, something Jesus shows in all his actions. Throughout this week the children have thought about how they serve one another in class in school and at home. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." **Pope Francis**

#### Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:  
Reception – Alex

Year 1 – Mia      Year 2 – Max  
Year 3 – Adanna      Year 4 – Tristan  
Year 5 – Liam      Year 6 – Stella



**House Points:** Well done to **St Paul's** this week's winners with 107 points!

St Bernadette – 105  
St Francis – 77  
St Paul – 107  
St Theresa – 89  
St Thomas More – 91  
St Anne Line – 75

**Year 5 Mass:** Thank you Year 5 and Mrs McNaughton for a lovely Mass on the theme of loving one another. They shared some beautiful ways they can look out for others at home and beyond.

**Year 4:** This week Year 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from Livewire. We played lots of drama games which helped us to develop confidence in performing. We then had a go at singing sirening and using our voice and seeing how we could it to make it sound different. We had lots of fun and are very thankful we had the opportunity to meet Sam and Rosin. Thank you!

**The Big Ambition:** The Children's Commissioner has asked all children what they think about their communities, family life and the wider world. She has sent a questionnaire and information to all children for them to complete, so their voice could be heard. Look [here](#) for further information and to support your children to complete the survey.

**Clubs:** This week was the last session of our teacher led clubs. Thank you to the teachers and Mr Hampson for giving freely of their time to enhance our children's experiences across and beyond the curriculum. The school council have been busy creating a survey this week to ask what things the children enjoyed most and what would they like more of.

**Reception Craft Afternoon:** Reception enjoyed a fun filled afternoon making Christmas crafts. Thank you to all the parents who came along.

**Pet Therapy:** Next week we will be inviting in "Woody" a trained therapy dog to listen to some of our children read. We are hoping this will become a regular visit. Woody is a Cockapoo, which means he is allergy friendly.

**PACT Coffee Morning:** We are pleased to invite you to a coffee morning at 9.30, on 5<sup>th</sup> December being held at St Alban's Catholic Academy on First Avenue. This is being led by **PACT** who do amazing work with children who are experiencing social communication difficulties and/or neurodiversity (e.g. Autism/ADHD). They will explain more and welcome any questions or advice. Please come along – no diagnosis required.

**Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day:** Next week we have our Christmas Dinner day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper that day- instead of their school jumper. We are looking forward to having a lovely day with lots of activities to keep us busy. **All meals were pre-ordered for this, and no other school meals will be available on this day**

**After School Club:** Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the after school club survey. We will be updating you next with more information on the actions we are taking following the survey.

**Parent Governor:** Our school is looking to appoint a Local Governor to support the ongoing improvement in our school. We are particularly looking for people with skills in strategic leadership and business support. If you feel you can help, please speak with our Head of School, who can give you a little more information and who will then arrange a meeting with Mr Kendal.

**Advent and Travelling Crib:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** This week the information share is just for parents! We have been asked to share information on how to stay secure online - for example when shopping. There are a lot of different areas you can click on to find out more here: [Cyber Aware - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 4<sup>th</sup> December will be week 3.

#### Next 2 weeks:

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: Advent Assembly 9.05am  
Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: PACT Coffee Morning @ St Alban's  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nursery Craft Afternoon 2.15pm  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Last school readiness morning this term. (Nursery Parents)  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y3-6 Carols & Reading service 9.30am  
Tues 23<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y4 Saxon Workshop  
Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.15am  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y2 Class Trip

**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](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/>

**Trust Vacancies:** The Trustees of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Multi Academy Trust wish to appoint for the following vacancies within the Trust.

| Position         | School    | Interview Date |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Midday Assistant | St Luke's | TBC            |

For further details please visit  
[www.ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk)

