



This has been an incredibly busy term and I am continually amazed at how our children have developed and grown in such a short time. The learning they have shared and their consideration for all within our community is wonderful. Thank you parents and carers for being our partners in all the children's successes. As we prepare for the excitement of Christmas I pray that all families throughout St Luke's community, Harlow and beyond in our wider world may find some peace and love this Christmas. **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

House Points: Well done to **St Paul's** this week's winners with 62 points!

St Bernadette - 59

St Francis - 52

St Paul - 62

St Theresa - 47

St Thomas More - 39

St Anne Line - 56

Year 2 Class Trip Year 2 had a fabulous time on their trip at Harlow Play House watching the Great Christmas Cake Off. They behaved brilliant and even enjoyed a special visit. Thank you to all the adults that supported and made the trip a success.



Year 6 Carol Singing On Monday, Year 6 sang some beautiful Christmas Carols at the Hub. We were so pleased to be spreading the Christmas joy with our community!



Reception Road Safety Talk Reception children and parents were lucky to have a visitor on Monday to help remind them how to stay safe when they are outside.

PTA Raffle Thank you to the PTA for organising another successful Christmas Hamper raffle.

Christmas cards for the hospital Thank you to all the children who have made beautiful large cards to send to all the wards at the Princess Alexandra hospital. They really are beautiful and I know they are very much appreciated at this time of year.

Prayers Please keep in your prayers Mr Shelley our past caretaker of many years who is ill at this time.

Chaplaincy team Thank you to the chaplaincy team who have spent the last month making lovely cribs for the Nursery. Today they have re-told the story of Christmas and then shared their cribs with the children. What great role models and teachers they are. See here for [photos](#).

Travelling Crib Thank you to all the families who have hosted the travelling crib- it has been lovely to see so many children take the Christmas story into their home. See above some prayers and art work done by the families who had the travelling crib this year.

Road Traffic Last Friday there was an accident on the road outside the school as children arrived. This continues to be a real concern for the school. I have once again written to our local Councillor Michael Hardware to alert him, as we have been assured that a traffic survey will take place. I would urge all families to park safely and cross with caution on this busy road. Councillors do have surgery's every second Saturday of the month at Great Parndon Library, if you wish to raise this yourself. See link [here](#).

Community Embrace Community Embrace collect and distribute donated and surplus food and supplies through their community

pantry and outreach programmes. Attached are the list of dates they are open over the Christmas Break. The service on 24th December is a FREE service that anyone can attend. [The Pantry - Community Embrace](#)

After School Club: Our After School Club launches on **Monday 8th January**. Do see the e-mail sent on the 4th December for more details, alternatively the School Office have paper flyers on how to sign your child up.

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](#). Friday 5th December will be week 1.

Upcoming Dates:

Children return to school: Friday 5th January.

Tue 9th Jan: Epiphany/Baptism of our lord mass. 10.55am

Tue 9th Jan: Y6 SATs virtual parents' workshop 5pm

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/>

