



Our Caritas Theme has been Happiness is... During this term our children have learnt and aspired to many things that make them happy. As we completed this term we noticed that to have happiness we must also have sadness. We understand happiness when we know what it is to be sad and vice versa. We linked this understanding to the Easter story where through the sadness of Christ's death we are lifted by the resurrection and reminded that God is always with us; in life and death. I wish you a happy and holy Easter and look forward to celebrating Christ's resurrection with our community on your return. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Only in the silence of prayer can we listen to the voice of God." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

- Reception – Ilinca
- Year 1 – Nathan
- Year 2 – Whole Class
- Year 3 – Miyah
- Year 4 – Lucio, Nena & Jude
- Year 5 – Whole Class
- Year 6 - Daniella

House Points: Well done to **St Bernadette** this week's winners with 108 points!

- St Bernadette - 108
- St Francis – 102
- St Paul – 87
- St Theresa – 68
- St Thomas More – 73
- St Anne Line - 72

Stations of the Cross: On Monday we welcomed parents to join us for our final stations of the cross, where our children shared their prayers and reflections on Jesus final journey to Calvary. It was a beautiful reflection. Thank you parents for joining us.

Year 3 and 4 Easter Production: Thank you to our wonderful children and their team in Year's 3 and 4 who shared a really beautiful re-telling of "The Three Trees." A legend that teaches us that God's love changes everything and like it changed their lives, he too changes ours.

CAFOD Club Board Game night: On Friday, CAFOD club hosted a very successful family board game night with a marvelous raffle. Thank you to all those who attended and to CAFOD club for organising it. We raised £235 for CAFOD!

Reports: Annual reports have come home this week. Please do complete the response that is enclosed with them so that we have your feedback. It is really important to us.

PTA Easter Egg Hunt/Competition: Thank you to the PTA for providing the treats for us to have an Egg Hunt. All the children had a marvelous time. We have also had wonderful painted eggs sent in by many children. We really loved looking at them and all winners have been announced at our final assembly on Thursday. Well done to:
Oliwia Y3
Mattias Y1
Miruna Y1

If you are having a spring clean over the Easter break, see that attached poster for what can go into the PTA recycling bin. Look out for the PTA newsletter next term when they will be launching their Summer events and let you know how much your donations raised this term.

Summer Term Key Dates: Please be reminded to take a look at the key dates link at the end of the newsletter each week. Next term's key dates have been updated.

Reception's Ugly Bug Ball: Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reception's ugly bug ball. The children performed a wonderful bug song for their adults during the Ugly Bug Ball.

Holy Cross – Stations of the Cross: On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 visited Holy Cross church to listen to the Stations of the Cross. It was a time for us to reflect on the journey that Jesus took, leading up to his death and resurrection.

E-Safety: This week we share a games console guidance link for supporting safe use. [safer internet - games consoles](#)

The Big Listen: The OFSTED big listen is an opportunity for them to hear from the people they work for: parents, carers, children and learners. Have your say here [OFSTED The Big Listen](#)

School Readiness: Julie Cochrane, our school readiness provider, is running a free arts and crafts workshop in the school holidays. Please see the attachment for details about how to book. The School Readiness programme will return on Friday mornings, for Nursery age children after the Easter Holidays, we look forward to welcoming you back.

Holy Cross Church Youth Group: The next meeting will be Friday 19th April 6pm-7:30pm. Please bring £1.50 to cover cost of snacks and activities. Youth group is for children Year 4 and above.

Nursery Applications: If your child turns 3 before September 2024, January 2025 or April 2025 and you would like them to attend the Nursery next academic year please make an application to secure a place on the interest list. [Nursery Admissions](#)

Dinner Menu: We will have a NEW menu when we return after the Easter Holiday. Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 15th April will be Week 1.

Next 2 weeks:
Children return to school: Mon 15th April.
Wed 17th April: Y4 Swimming Lessons Start
Mon 22nd April: Y5 Class Mass 2.30pm

Key Dates: Please see the link for [class assemblies, Mass/Prayer Service, 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/>

