



As we return to a summer term we reflected on how we will be witnesses to the Easter message. Children explored in gospel assembly the meaning of the word witness and even tried out how accurate they were watching and noticing others. Throughout this term we will continue to share and find ways we can be witnesses of our faith in all our actions. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

*"How beautiful is a Church that can run through the streets of our world with the desire to bear the joy of the Gospel to everyone. That is what we are called to do..." Pope Francis*

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Imari

Year 1 – Emerald

Year 3 – Dion

Year 5 – Elis

Year 2 – Isabelle

Year 4 – Ollie

Year 6 – Dionis

**House Points:** Well done to **St Paul** this week's winners with **103** points!

St Bernadette - 52

St Francis – 59

St Paul – 103

St Theresa – 61

St Thomas More – 50

St Anne Line - 64

**Mini-Vinnies:** This week we have delivered our beautiful prayer gardens to all our classes so they can enjoy the wonder of new life. See [here](#) for a picture.

**Caritas Topics:** Our new theme for our caritas topics is The Common Good. Along with all the subject learning this term, children come to know and understand the importance of understanding our responsibility to others and the world in establishing a happy, safe and sustainable future. Do look closely on your child's [class page](#) for details of their new topic, the topic organiser and suggestions for exciting new home learning projects.

**Nursery Children:** Welcome to all the new children who have joined us in our Nursery this week. It is lovely to have new members to St Luke's

**Parking:** Please be mindful of our neighbours when you park to collect your child. The ECL need their car park and entrance way left free for their staff at all times, it should not be being used by our parents.

**Staff Led After School Clubs:** Staff led after school clubs start Monday. The staff are excited to share their knowledge on the chosen clubs this term.

**Summer Term Key Dates:** This term's class masses, sports days and other school events can be found by following the key dates link at the end of the newsletter.

**Breakfast Club:** Charges have now increased for our Breakfast Club:  
Late Session price is £1.75  
Early Session price is £4.00



**Bike to School Day:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Students are encouraged to cycle or scooter to school on Friday to support Bike to School Day. It is a good form of exercise and eco-friendly. We will keep a tally and hope to beat last year's percentage. Of course, students are welcome to cycle or scooter on other school days too!

**Summer Uniform and Water Bottles:**  
Children can now wear Summer Uniform, reminder here in our [Parent Handbook](#) on this.  
Please check that uniform items are still clearly labelled with your child's name as these can wear off over time  
Please try to ensure children have a labelled water bottle every day (no air up bottles). As the weather gets hotter please can the children have sun cream applied before coming to school.

**Parent Ambassadors:** Are you a Parents/Carers who is looking for a voluntary role or you feel you would be a great Ambassador to liaise between your school and ACL to help support families by promoting the Fantastic Free Family Learning courses that ACL offers? If you are interested in the Parent Ambassador programme, please speak to your Head of School.

**E-Safety from Essex Police:** Keeping your child safe online is not always an easy task. New technology, regular updates or upgrades can change how things work, sometimes making it difficult to keep up. Here are five top tips to help keep you and your child safe when online.

1. Protect your identity. Do not share personal information.
2. Think before you post. Once posted it's no longer yours.
3. Check your privacy settings.
4. Games and Apps have age ratings for a reason.

Make use of the parental controls.  
[Click our link](#) for some simple things you can do to make your child's online devices safer.

**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:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> April will be Week 2.

**Next 2 weeks:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: staff Led After School Clubs Start

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Y5 Class Mass 2.30pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Bike to School Day

**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](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/>

