



Welcome back to the summer term. Despite the chill in the air, St Luke's community is back and enjoying the warmth of one another's company once again. We started our week learning about Thomas in the gospel. He was someone who needed evidence to be sure of Jesus's resurrection. We know that belief in our faith can sometimes be challenging, especially at times when we are faced with difficulties. Our last year has certainly offered us challenge but it is clear to us that St Luke's children accept that challenge and continue to thrive.

Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"Like the apostle Thomas, let us accept mercy...And let us show mercy ... for only in this way will we build a new world."

- Pope Francis



Year 6 Class Mass with Father Bernard

Caritas Curriculum: As we begin the summer term all classes are beginning a new topic in our exciting Caritas Curriculum. Our theme for the whole school is Love and understanding what the Common Good means. Do go to your class page on the [website](#) to find out about what your children will be learning in the new topic.

Home Learning: Each class has some Home Learning activities for you to do at home to enrich your child's understanding in their new topic. These are available on their class page on the [website](#). The tasks offer a variety of different skills and activities to develop interest and excitement about the learning. Once completed please send photographs of them to our home learning email (homelearning@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk) so that the class teacher can celebrate them in class. We look forward to seeing them.

Pupil of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Gavin
Year 1 – Assiah
Year 2 – Emanuelle
Year 3 – John-Isaac & Max E
Year 4 – Reuben
Year 5 – Tez
Year 6 – Lucy



House Points: Well done St Bernadette who win this week with 89 points!

St Bernadette – 89
St Francis – 81
St Paul – 74
St Theresa – 86
St Thomas More – 68
St Anne Line – 75

The Big Pedal: St Luke's will be taking part in The Big Pedal which starts on Monday 19th April until Friday 30th April. We will be competing with other schools to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. Please help support the school with active school journeys. More information [here](#).

Please also have a look at the Bikeability [website](#) for great resources, support, safety, hints and tips on cycling as a family.

Clubs: Music lessons and Karate club have now restarted on site at St Luke's. You will have received information of these through your Arbor account, please contact the school should you require any further details.

Frozen Friday's: The PTA will be selling ice creams in the school playground each **Friday after school** starting on 23rd April. *Parents MUST social distance whilst queuing and leave the school grounds immediately after your purchase to avoid a build up/gathering of people.*

Uniform: Now we are in Summer Term school dresses, shorts and short-sleeved shirts may be worn. Please ensure students have the correct uniform – black shoes, black trainers, one small discrete hair bow in school colours, no lines or designs in haircuts – [full uniform details](#).

Happy Smiles Project: Community Dental Service is working in partnership with Essex County Council, Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service, Harlow District Council and Essex Local Dental Council to promote the importance of good oral health, encourage early attendance at the dentist and help to decrease the number of children in Harlow with dental decay. Please find a range of resources available [here](#).

ACL Essex – Community & Family Learning: ACL is offering a number of online learning opportunities for parents. For more information, visit [ACL website](#), or view the online [information pack](#).

Nursery Applications: There are currently Nursery spaces available for September. Please complete an application form available on the school [website](#) should you require a place.

