



The gospel tells us this week that to truly enter the kingdom of God we must give up all our possessions and follow God's rules. Whilst this lesson seems very hard the children have shown this week how very generous they are. The donations for our food bank have been marvelous. Thank you for all your support in encouraging our children to build a caring community.

- Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us." - **Pope Francis**

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

- Reception – Gionni
- Year 1 – Miyah
- Year 2 – Nathanael & Ollie
- Year 3 – Emmanuelle
- Year 4 – Harry
- Year 5 – Andrew
- Year 6 – Cooper



House Points: Well done to St Paul this week's winners with 169 points!

- St Bernadette – 154
- St Francis – 144
- St Paul – 169
- St Theresa – 138
- St Thomas More – 151
- St Anne Line – 164

Memorial Service for Mrs Kidby: A year after her death we were able to invite Mrs Kidby's family into school and have a service of remembrance. The children led us in prayer and read and sang beautifully. They really were a credit to you. I know Mrs Kidby would have been listening to such beautiful singing. We now have a beautiful bench to enjoy dedicated to her in our playground (see above).

House Team Meeting: This week we had our second house meeting the year 6 captains led their groups in teaching their team all about their saint. See the saints listed [here](#).

Harvest Festival: This week our Mini-Vinnies have been promoting the Harlow Food Bank. As you can see from the school [website](#) we have collected a vast number of items to send and help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Reading Books: Due to the inconsistency of schooling over the last two years school reading books have reduced in number. We would really appreciate it if you searched your shelves to see if you have any school reading books at

home. Please do send it in as we are really running low and the cost of replacement is high.

Library Visits We are so pleased that the libraries are now open. Over the coming weeks our children will have the opportunity to visit our local library once more. We are encouraging children to take their library cards to the library with them, so please ensure that they bring them along on their library day. If your child does not have a library card, then you can complete a 'joining the library' letter which will be sent home with your child before their visit to the library

Active Learn and Teams: If you have any IT issues with regards to gaining access to your child's accounts Mr Wood is available after school on Monday 18th October to assist. Please come to the front office. We will also have some laptops available at our face-to-face Parent consultation session on Tuesday evenings if parents have any queries.

Attendance: The Academy is continuously focusing on attendance and punctuality. It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school day counts. We expect children's attendance to be above 97% for the academic year and need your support to ensure we hit this important mark.

Gate Opening Times:
8:45am – 8.55am (8:40am on wet days)
3.15pm
Children's learning starts at 8.55am, please ensure you allow plenty of time for your morning school journeys to ensure your child arrives on time.

Covid-19: Please be reminded that any child presenting one of the stated symptoms will be sent home for you to arrange a PCR test. The government documentation states the following - "If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice." Please also note: If you or any member of your family test positive for Covid, there is not a need for your child to isolate. Children only isolate once they test positive.

However, NHS Track and Trace could direct a class or school closure, if the numbers of positive cases rise – please be aware that you may still need to collect your children at short notice. Please do let the school know if you or a family member contract Covid 19, then we can be extra vigilant around the school.

Parent Consultation: Reminder that parent consultations will be taking place next week and are required to be booked in advance through Arbor. If you have booked a Teams meeting, you will be sent the link for this on Monday. If you are attending a face-to-face meeting, it is preferred if you can take an LFT test before attending.

Year 7 applications: If you would like further information on how to apply for St Mark's, see the school's [website](#). If you have done a SIF form for St Mark's please note you must also still apply through the website below. Remember applications for year 7 must be completed by: **31st October** follow this link to apply: [Admissions - Essex County Council](#)

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 18th October) we will be on Week 3.

Attending larger school events: As you will see in the list below, we are allowing parents to join us at some communal events. We would like to see proof of a negative Lateral Flow Test when you attend.

Upcoming Dates:

18th October- St Luke's Feast Day Mass 11am (Parents welcome)

21st October: 2.45pm – Gruffalo tea Party (Reception parents only)

Friday 22nd October: 9.05am year 5 class assembly (parents of year 5 only)

Monday 1st November: 11am Mass for All Saints Day (Parents welcome)

4th November: 2.45pm -3.10pm -Phonics Workshop for Reception, year 1 and year 2 parents

Friday 12th November: 9.05am year 6 class assembly (Parents of year 6 only)

Friday 19th November: School closed staff training day

