



Our week began with the story of forgiveness in The Prodigal Son. The children knew the importance of forgiveness and understood that saying sorry and accepting that forgiveness can be really hard. It is through this journey that we are shown our weaknesses but God reminds us he is there by our side ready to walk with this, even in the difficult times. I wish you a restful Easter, I hope you enjoy special time with your families. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness." - **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:



Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

- Reception – Nora
- Year 1 – Fletcher
- Year 2 – Ariana
- Year 3 – The Whole Class
- Year 4 – Jaime, Michael and Whole Class
- Year 5 – Keyshia Year 6 – Leo Z

House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More** this week's winners with **277** points!

- St Bernadette – 198
- St Francis – 234
- St Paul – 262
- St Theresa – 181
- St Thomas More – 277
- St Anne Line – 218

Great News! We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Hawkins is expecting twins in September. I am sure you will all wish to congratulate her on her exciting news.



CAFOD "Walk Against Hunger":

Well done to all children for walking and working hard to gain sponsors. So far, we have

raised £316 for this worthy cause- please continue to add to our pledge page over the holidays. [St Luke's Catholic Academy - Walk Against Hunger CAFOD](#)

Year 3 and 4 Easter Play: We have been marvelled by the moving play performed by year 3 and 4 this week for the school and parents.

It was a wonderful way to start our journey towards Easter, reminding us of the journey

Jesus made on that week. There was beautiful singing and acting from the children. Thank you for sharing your talents and to your teachers who have worked hard to develop them.

Mid Year Reports: This week you will have received your child's mid-year report. I am sure you are as proud as we are of their many achievements over the last two terms of the year. Do send your replies to the class teacher, as feedback is very important to us.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you to the House Captains who organised an Easter Egg Hunt for all classes on Thursday. The children had a brilliant time and brought home a little easter treat to enjoy.

Summer Uniform: When the children return in the 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 – please see parent handbook for details.

Road Crossing Petition: As you know our road can become very busy and dangerous at drop off and pick up times. Speeding continues to be a great concern for us. One of our parents (Miss Burns), has sought advice from our local counsellor and MP- Rob Halfon to start a petition to put in a safe crossing for pedestrians outside our school. If this is something that you would like to sign, do seek her out on the playground or ask Mrs Kendal or Mrs Hampson to direct you.

The Assumption of Our Lady church: Based on previous success they are offering special Stations of the Cross for 'Children' on Good Friday at 10am.

COVID-19: From next week, parents and carers of all 5 to 11 year olds will be able to

book a COVID-19 vaccination for their child. The [national booking service](#) will open for this age group on Saturday 2 April 2022, with the first appointments available from Monday 4 April 2022 onwards.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are seeking an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick: This is a residential role to begin in late summer and involves working alongside the existing staff team help to form the volunteer team and lead retreats for schools and parishes across the diocese. All information can be found on [Vacancies - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service \(bcys.net\)](#) The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 22nd April 2022.

New Dinner Menu: Our NEW school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note Wednesday and Thursday's options will be swapped on our first week back.

In the summer term we are looking forward to welcoming parents to class Masses and Prayer Services once more. Do keep an eye on forthcoming dates so you are able to attend these special celebrations.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday 19th April:** Inset Day
- Wednesday 20th April:** Children return to school
- Thursday 28th April:** Y3 swimming lessons start.

Holy Cross, First Communion key dates:

- Break for Easter**
- Saturday 30th April 9.30-12.30:** Final lesson and Reconciliation
- Friday 20th May:** First Communion Rehearsal
- Saturday 21st May 11am:** First Holy Communion Mass

