

It is with great sadness that we hear the news of Our Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's passing.

Her Monarchy has been a constant in our lives and she has been a role model for service and duty.

We made time to reflect on Queen Elizabeth II's special life in Assembly this morning and will mark her reign here at school further in the coming days.

Our thoughts and prayers are with His Royal Highness King Charles III and all her family.

*Eternal rest grant unto Queen Elizabeth II, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.  
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
rest in peace.*

*Amen*





This week's gospel reading theme is forgiveness. We heard the story of the Prodigal son. He made many mistakes, but he asked for forgiveness and his father was overjoyed to welcome him back. God, as our father is the same. Whenever we make mistakes he understands- we ask forgiveness, and he is there to welcome us back. As we mourn our Queen, we remember the many great values she displayed in her life of service to her country. May she rest in peace. **-Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"The Gospel calls individual Christians to live lives of honesty. Integrity and concern for the common good." **Pope Francis**

#### **Pupil of the Week:**

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception: Oskar

Year 1 – Pola

Year 3 – Maya

Year 5 – Jeremy

Year 2 – Freddie

Year 4 – Owen

Year 6 – Lacey



**House Points:** Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with **166** points!

St Bernadette – 106

St Francis – 111

St Paul – 135

St Theresa – 104

St Thomas More – 124

St Anne Line – 166

**Mike Mullen :** We were very pleased to welcome Mike [Mullen](#) back to St Luke's this week. Mike teaches FLEARNING. This is failure is learning! The assembly and workshops he delivers help children to understand the importance of resilience and growth mindset. Our children had a fabulous time watching him perform some great tricks and year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed improving their own cycling tricks!

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Our new Mini-Vinnies Team will be running the annual Macmillan cake sale on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September after school. So get your baking hats on and try out some new recipes that you can share with us on that day.

**House Captains:** Today we announced our new House Captains (see in photo above). Children in year 6 are all encouraged to apply for this important role, and we had some really great applications. Our captains and vice captains are great ambassadors for our school and lead the other children across the school. All children in year six have great roles of leadership and responsibility across the school. This week they have all been fabulous buddies to our new Reception children. They have helped and played with them at lunch time. What a fabulous way to start our year.

**Mass:** On Tuesday we shared a beautiful Mass together to remember her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth and mark the start of a new academic year. Year Six led the readings beautifully and the children sang very well. Thank you to the parents who joined us. It is lovely to remember and pray as a community.

**HRH Queen Elizabeth:** At school we have opened our own special book of condolence. The children have been busy creating sharing prayers and messages to her family. They have also prepared a thoughtful display of their memories. Nursery and Reception painted pictures of Lily of the Valley- her favourite flower. See [here](#) on the website. As a mark of respect we will be closed on Monday, the day of her funeral.

**Mission Teams:** Our Mission Teams are already meeting weekly and learning more about their roles.

Do keep up to date with their news on the website:

[Chaplaincy](#) Team

Mini-Vinnies Team

CAFOD Club

#### **Secondary Applications for September**

**2023:** Year 7 applications for September 2023 are now open. Please note that for St. Mark's secondary school a SIF will also need to be completed found [here](#).

Applications can be made online via [Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#)

**New Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 12<sup>th</sup> September will be week 3.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** KS2 after school clubs/ Karate start.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year 5 Mass 2.30pm (Parents Welcome)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** MacMillan Cake Sale after school

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 6 Mass 2.30pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** St Luke's Feast Day Mass 10.45am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am (Parents Welcome)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov:** All Saints Day Mass 10.45am

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 3 prayer service 2.30pm

See the link for further key dates within the academic year. [Key Dates 2022-2023](#)

