



You cannot be the slave of God and money says the Gospel this week. We are reminded that whilst money is essential – our focus should be on how we can be good people like God taught us. It is the love of money that sometimes can distract us from this task. As we reflect on the events of the last week we too remember that it is the values that we display as a human that is the most important thing in all we do. **-Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

“Accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, for Jesus says that life does not consist in what one possesses (Lk 12:15). It depends, instead, on good relationships – with God, with others, and even with those who have less.” **Pope Francis**

**Pupil of the Week:**

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:  
Reception: Bradley  
Year 1 – Peppe    Year 2 – Bontay  
Year 3 – Jude    Year 4 – Adrien  
Year 5 – Ryan    Year 6 – Ta’Naye



**House Points:** Well done to **St Paul** this week’s winners with **172** points!

- St Bernadette – 106
- St Francis – 114
- St Paul – 172
- St Theresa – 79
- St Thomas More – 115
- St Anne Line – 89

**House Meetings:** This week our children met with their new house captains and teacher lead. They learnt about their Saint and how their life inspired us to be better people. Thank you to the house captains for taking on this new role so responsibly.

**Reading Surveys** Reading is an essential skill for children to have so that they are able to learn. Our curriculum is filled with lots of exciting books for the children to experience. Each topic starts with a Hook with a Book. See the list here for all our hooks this term!

- Year 1 The [Lighthouse](#) Keeper’s Lunch
- Year 2 [Henry](#) the Explorer
- Year 3 Pebble in my [Pocket](#)
- Year 4 Bill’s [New](#) Frock
- Year 5 [Secrets](#) of a Sun King
- Year 6 [Goodnight](#) Mr Tom

We would really like to know what books you like to help us support your children in becoming life long readers. Please take a few

minutes to complete it as it will really help us to support your child in school.

[Our School Reading Survey](#)  
[Pupil Library Survey](#)

**Tours for Reception Intake 2023:** If your child will be Reception age for September 2023 we are running tours of the school on the following dates and times. Do contact the office if you would like to book a place. 01279423499

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9am
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am

**Come and See:** As part of our distinctive Catholic Curriculum we use a scheme called Come and See to teach Religious Education. The newsletter for the term is attached today for you to see the topics and themes we cover as well as the special feast days we celebrate over this term.

**School Governor:** Our school is appoint a Local Governor to support the ongoing improvement in our school. We are particularly looking for people with skills in strategic leadership and business support. If you feel you can help, please speak with our Head of School, who can give you a little more information and who will then arrange a meeting with Mr Kendal.

**School Council:** Today our new school councillors were voted in by their classes. (See above) Miss Gifford will be working with them on projects throughout the year. I know they will be marvellous leaders and we look forward to them enhancing our community.

**Jigsaw Theme -Being Me in my World:** Each half term in our Personal Social and Health education lessons we have a set theme. The current topic is: Being Me in my World. Each week all the children throughout the school reflect on an area that they can see in their

everyday behaviours. Our focus this week we are celebrating people who: Think about everyone’s right to learn.

**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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> September will be week 2.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- 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 11<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 4 Mass 2.30pm
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Reception Class, Gruffalo Tea Part 2pm (Parents Welcome)
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** St Luke’s Feast Day Mass 10.45am
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 1-6 Face to Face Parents Evening (More details to follow)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 1-6 Virtual Parents Evening (More details to follow)
- 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](#)

