



We started our week with our beautiful advent service when the year six children decorated our tree and retold the important messages and meanings behind Advent and this time of waiting. It is lovely to reflect and focus on the true meaning of this special time and consider how we can become closer to God through prayer and understanding. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others...”

**Pope Francis**

**Pupil of the Week:**

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Julian

Year 1 – Isabelle

Year 2 – Mei-Xin

Year 3 – Dawson

Year 4 – Leona

Year 5 – Jaime

Year 6 – Elizabeth



**House Points:** Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with **136** points!

St Bernadette – 116

St Francis – 91

St Paul – 114

St Theresa – 129

St Thomas More – 132

St Anne Line – 136

**Christmas Dinner:** Next week we have our Christmas Dinner day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper that day- *instead of their school jumper*. We are looking forward to having a lovely day with lots of activities to keep us busy.

**Last Clubs:** Please be reminded, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November was our last night for afterschool clubs this term. Clubs for KS2 will return on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January and new clubs will be sent to you early next term.

**Year 3 Safety Talk:** On Tuesday, our children in Year 3 had a lovely visit from Essex Fire Services. They had the opportunity to learn about fire safety and how to protect themselves from harm and take responsibility for their own and others safety. This presentation covered areas such as fire safety, smoke alarms, escape plans and what to do in an emergency, including calling 999.

**Year 1 Prayer Service:** Thank you to Mrs Paget, Mrs Daltrey, Miss Turner and the

wonderful year one team for a lovely prayer service on the theme of ADVENT. The children shared all the things they are waiting for and linked it to their learning in preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Beautiful singing and prayers; thank you Year 1.

**Poetry Recital:** As part of poetry week this week- every class has learnt a poem to recite to the school. We really enjoyed the many different types. Do see your child's class page to listen to their poem. If you would like to hear more poems please go to: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

**PTA Toy Sale:** Our PTA have been very busy sorting and pricing the toys that you kindly donated to school. We look forward to seeing you after school in the hall to buy some bargains ahead of Christmas and raise some money to support the school.

**Pantomime – Dick Whittington:** We really enjoyed a fabulous performance of Dick Whittington on Thursday. I think the children's screams could be heard as far as the town centre! It was great to have a cultural experience together as we prepare for Christmas.

**Travelling Crib:** There is still time to put your name down to take our nativity crib into your home for one night. There will be a candle, song, prayer and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib (these may be displayed in our school too). The crib scene will then need to be carefully packed away and taken back to the school office the next day so that it can visit another family's house. If you would like to take part, please email the School Office.

**Your Essex:** Please find a [special newsletter](#) which gives information on help and support available for families across Essex who are struggling with the rise in the cost of living. Further information can also be found at [Helping you with the cost of living - Essex County Council](#)

**PTA:** Any donations for the Christmas hamper can now be brought in. They have also sent out information about an Encanto film night they have planned.

**Reception School Admissions:** Applications for Reception 2023 school places have opened and must be completed by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Applications can be made online via [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#). **All applications to St Luke's will additionally require a SIF form to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the School Office.**

**Dinner Menu:** Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). W/C 5<sup>th</sup> December is week 3.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Reconciliation Service. 9.30am (Parents Welcome)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nursery Craft Afternoon 2pm.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y3-Y6 Carol Service 9.15am.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity 2pm.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.15am.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** PTA film night

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y2 Theatre Trip

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last Day of term 1pm Finish

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

