



We are told in the gospel this week Jesus is the Lamb of God, but what does this mean? This is hard for children to understand, as a lamb-God gives his life for us. He is willing to give up everything for our happiness. He wants us to live in a world with love and care for all. We looked at a short animation of a story where children disagree and soon realise that their world is not a happy place if they are unable to compromise or understand one another. Through all we do at St Luke's our children are taught to seek compromise to listen and to understand one another better so that we can live in this happy world God envisages for us. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

*"Let us pray for peace and let us bring it about, starting in our own homes"* **Pope Francis**

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

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Nidhi

Year 1 – Abena

Year 3 – Lucio

Year 5 – Miley

Year 2 – Fletcher

Year 4 – Miguel

Year 6 – Ano

**House Points:** Well done to **St Francis** this week's winners with **167** points!

St Bernadette – 96

St Francis – 167

St Paul – 77

St Theresa – 124

St Thomas More – 130

St Anne Line – 103

**Aspirations Week 30th January:** You will have received full details on events this week via Arbor on 12<sup>th</sup> January. **Please contact Mrs Kendal if you are able to support by coming into school to share your work with the children.** Reminder dress up/take over day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

**Books Marks for Sale** The winning bookmarks from our St Luke's loves reading competition from before Christmas will be on sale from next week. Children can choose from either of the winning designs and they cost just 50p. Please bring money in an envelope to give to the class teacher.

**Year 3 Trip:** Yesterday we went to the Colchester Castle Museum. We all would like to go back because it was so much FUN. The trip was really hands on. We could play with a lot of things like: roman shields, helmets, clothes and we were able to build a round house and a roman villa. Visiting dungeon was a bit cold and scary. We also managed to escape the prison before Miss locked us in...

**KS2 School Clubs:** Tuesday afterschool clubs and lunchtime clubs started this week. They will run until 24<sup>th</sup> March. If your child attends a Tuesday afterschool club, please ensure they are collected promptly at 4.15.

**Masses and Prayer Services:** Fr Bernard will be joining us during this term for various prayer services and masses. Parents are invited to join us, where we will have the children's RE books available for you to see their work. Services are at 2.30 or 2.45 so that it is easier for parents to attend. We look forward to sharing these with you.

**Year 6 SATS meet:** For those parents who were unable to attend the Y6 SATs virtual meeting this week, please click on the following link where you can access a Sway presentation which explains everything that was shared at the meeting. [SATs Presentation](#)

**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. As per our attendance policy found [here](#) we may move to fine, if a child's attendance falls below the expected standard.

**Oral Health:** We are holding an oral health workshop on **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 2.30pm** in the school hall. Please see attached poster and advise your class teacher if your able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Big Garden Birdwatch:** Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for **one hour between 16<sup>th</sup> and 29th January 2023**. You are all invited to take part and students will have brought forms home to assist with counting. For help identifying a bird you can use the

following link [rspb birds and wildlife guides](#)  
**Please return forms during the first week of February.**

**Breakfast Club:** Our Breakfast Club provides childcare and breakfast for children from Reception to Year 6. We offer two options,

- Early Session from 7.30: £3.50
- Late Session from 8.15: £1.50

Breakfast club can be booked through Arbor, however due to increased interest we ask that you make sure you are pre-booking by 4pm the day before. We are limited to how many children are allowed to attend and if a session is not available on Arbor it may be because it is fully booked.

**Dinner Menu:** Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January is week 3.

To Celebrate Chinese New Year, we will have a change to Monday's Lunch Choice  
**Sweet & Sour Chicken with egg fried rice**  
**Or**  
**Sweet & Sour Quorn with egg fried rice.**  
**Rabbit shaped vanilla biscuits.**

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan:** Young Voices Choir singing at the O2.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 6 Mass 2.30pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 5 visit to St Mark's to watch Matilda

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:** Nursery Prayer Service 2.45pm.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Oral Health workshop 2.30pm

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Aspiration week dress up day.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year 5 Mass

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Ash Wednesday Mass 11am

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year 4 Mass 2.45pm

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

