



We often talk about the candle being a symbol of light, reminding us that God is the light of the word. Yet in the Gospel this week Jesus says we are the light of the world. Our light shines on others and spreads the message of God with our good deeds and kind works. We watched the candle burn in the darkness in assembly and thought how our light will start to shine on all in our community. As we pray and remember all those in Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake. -**Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"This is the mission of every Christian: lumina pandit – to spread the light and to tell the world of God's love." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Miruna

Year 1 – Ryan Year 2 – Ada

Year 3 – Aalim Year 4 – Jordan

Year 5 – Dionis Year 6 – Luke



House Points: Well done to **St Theresa** this week's winners with **144** points!

St Bernadette – 106

St Francis – 133

St Paul – 113

St Theresa – 144

St Thomas More – 124

St Anne Line – 129

Online Safety Week: This week the children have been reflecting in further detail on how to stay safe online. Please see additional resources attached.

Book Week: On Thursday 2nd March 2023 we will again be celebrating World Book Day - a day where we can explore and experience all of the wonders that books have to offer us. This year our theme will be bedtime stories. On the day we would like the children to come in their pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story with them to share. The children will take part in some lovely activities connected with some of our favourite stories.

Year 5 Mass: Thank you to year 5 and Mrs McNaughton for sharing a beautiful mass on the theme of leadership. The children reflected on their own leadership within school and of our church leaders the bishop and pope. The children

were able to share their RE books with their parents afterwards.

PTA: Thank you all for your support at the PTA events. So far, we have raised £602.60 from the

- Bags 2 School
- Toy Sale
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- Film Night.

£500 of this is being donated for outdoor games.

Please see the attached poster for details on our next Bags 2 School collection.

After School Welcomes at Harlow

Library: The next session will be held on **Wednesday 15th February**. Using games that the whole family can get involved, in these fun and interactive tutor-led sessions are designed to make learning fun and give you and your child skills to use at home! Family food time and free snacks are also include, please find further information and bookings [here](#).

World Events: When the world seems an uncertain place or world events are frightening, our children look to us for reassurance and advice. Sometimes knowing just what to share with them or how to answer their questions can be confusing for parents and carers. Please find support on this from [BCCS website](#).

Show Some Love to your Library this

"Love your Library Day": Love your Library Day will be making its 2023 debut on **Saturday 18th February 2023**, with a focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing. All libraries across Essex will have lots to offer, from colour and creating, to crafts and story times. We'd love for as many of

you to join as possible celebrating together as a community. We also have book lists for adults, young adults and children, which you can find on the [Essex Libraries website](#).

Dinner Menu: Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 20th February is week 3

Change to Menu week commencing the 20th February.

Monday: No Change

Shrove Tuesday: Pancakes for dessert

Ash Wednesday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake

Thursday: Savoury Minced Beef or Savoury Minced Quorn

Friday: Cheese whirl and new potatoes.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 20th Feb: All children return to school after half term.

Wednesday 22nd Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass 11am (Parents Welcome)

Friday 24th Feb: Y2 Class Assembly 9.05 (Parents Welcome)

Monday 27th Feb: School Photo Day

Tuesday 28th Feb: Year 4 Mass 2.45pm

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March: Year 1 prayer service 2.45pm

Wednesday 8th March: Oral Health workshop 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th March: Year 2 Prayer Service 2.45pm

Friday 24th March: Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05

Thursday 30th March: Year 3 & Year 4 Easter Play 2.15pm

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

