



This week our gospel told us the story of the walk to Emmaus by some of Jesus' disciples. They fail to recognise that their new companion is Jesus as he reveals to them the messages and lessons, he had taught them. The children reflected on how we sometimes do not believe the truth- even when it is right in front of us. Sometimes we need proof, yet God asks us to believe no matter what. A clear reminder that he is always by our side as we travel our journey of life.- **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Ninad

Year 1 – Sharon

Year 2 – Lena

Year 3 – Shaun & Bobby

Year 4 – Mila

Year 5 – Christian

Year 6 – Lucas

House Points: Well done to **St Paul** this week's winners with 121 points!

St Bernadette – 95

St Francis – 87

St Paul – 121

St Theresa – 91

St Thomas More – 101

St Anne Line – 82

Writing Workshop: Beaux and Adrian visited Freshwaters school this week and joined in with a marvellous poetry workshop with the poet Neal Zetter. They read, listened, and composed some marvellous writing of their own, which we enjoyed in assembly today. Great work to both of you.

Mini-Vinnies: Mini-Vinnie have once again been busy. On Monday they shared Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church with St Alban's team to remember St Vincent de Paul's birthday. Afterwards they had some time sharing ideas with them and took part in activities that they could do to spread their message of See, Think, Do.

Bike to School Week: Next week is bike to school week. We would very much like as many of our children to safely bike to school. It is safe and environmentally friendly. Don't forget to wear your helmets. Throughout the week children will be doing activities in school to raise awareness of how beneficial it can be.

Road Safety Day: As 26th April was road safety day our school had a special visit from the road safety team from Essex. They met with Reception children and parents and shared an important song to help us remember the rules of the road: Stop, Look and Listen. They then delivered a workshop for Year 5, who spent some time out on our busy road finding safe places to cross. Please use the links here if you would like to talk to your children about road safety at home: [Safer journeys anthem – THINK!](#) [Tales of the Road – THINK!](#)

Coronation: Next week the nation celebrates the Coronation of King Charles III. As a school we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children. We will be celebrating with a street party lunch and all children are invited to red, white and blue in exchange for a £1 donation.

Laudato Si Prayer Garden: Our prayer garden is starting to look rather beautiful. Mini-Vinnies and a few other helpful volunteers have helped Mrs Pokusinska and Mrs Kendal get it ready for the summer sun! Weeding, planting and watering has all started and it is really beginning to look beautiful and ready for lots more visits.

Abbot Care Home: At Christmas some of our children visited Abbot care home. They have very kindly invited any member of our community to join them on their special coronation on Monday 8th May. Do see the invitation for all attached.

Mobile Phone Settings Advice: Use The Two Johns advice to learn how to turn GPS and Location Services on or off for individual apps and mobile devices. [Settings-Advice for online safety](#)

Dinner Menu: Our NEW School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 2nd May is Week 3. Dessert Changes Next Week: Tuesday- Biscuit Wednesday- Ice Cream Thursday – Chocolate Crispy Cake

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 1st May: School Closed for Bank Holiday

Tue 2nd May: Year 5 Mass 11am. Parents Welcome (*Please note NEW time*)

Tue 2nd May: School closed to **Year 4** due to strike.

Mon 8th May: School Closed for Bank Holiday

Tue 9th May: Year 4 Mass 2.30pm. Parents Welcome

Fri 19th May: Y3 Class Assembly 9.05am

Tue 23rd May: Sports Day

Thur 25th May: Relationship Education Meet 5pm – Virtual

Mon 26th June: Year 5 PGL talk 5pm – Virtual.

Please see the link for **updated key dates within the Summer Term** [Key Dates 2022-2023](#)

