



St Luke's Catholic Academy Newsletter

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This week we have had many events to signal the close of another academic year and to celebrate all members of our community. We say farewell to year 6 and wish them all the best as they start in secondary school. We pray that our mission statement continues to strengthen and grow within them as they develop. I know I see it in each and every individual within our community. I wish you all a restful and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Through God's Love we learn together, grow together and achieve together. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"The witness of the elderly units the generations of life... The alliance of the elderly and children will save the human family". **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Whole Class Year 1 – Whole Class
Year 2 – Dion & Whole Class Year 3 – Kaiden
Year 4 – Priscilla Year 5 –Olivia
Year 6 – Whole Class

House Points: Well done to **St Francis** this week's winners with **70** points!

St Bernadette – 62

St Francis – 70

St Paul – 47

St Theresa – 43

St Thomas More – 54

St Anne Line – 61

Leavers Mass: On Tuesday evening we celebrated a beautiful mass for our year 6 children. The children sang beautifully and shared their memories of their time at St Luke's. We followed this with some beautiful awards and a shared buffet. Thank you to the PTA for supplying a tasty cake.

PTA Disco: Thank you to all who helped and supported our PTA disco on Thursday. I know the children had a marvellous time. We are very grateful to our PTA, they are only a small group of parents- but they have achieved much this year and been able to give some lovely added extras to our children throughout the year.

Water Safety Assembly: On Tuesday, we had a visit from Trevor from the Essex Fire and Rescue Service. He spoke to the children about how to keep safe in and around water. The children learnt the importance of 'Stop and Think!' before entering a pool, river or the sea. They also know never to enter water on their own - always have an adult with them or watching them from close by. It was a fun yet informative assembly!

Reading Challenge: The Summer Reading Challenge is taking place in your local library over the holidays. The challenge this year is called Ready, Set, Read. You'll receive a special pack when you join the challenge at the library. Just go along to your local library and ask to take part. If you are not already a member you can join at the same time. If you manage to read 6 books during the holidays you will receive a special certificate with your name on and a special medal. This year we are also trying to raise money for Read for Good by having a summer readathon. You can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge whilst also raising money. You will be given a special card where you can collect your sponsorship. People sponsoring you can pay here [Readathon - Sponsor a pupil](#). The money raised helps to buy books and storytellers for children in hospital. As well as this WE will receive some money to buy new books for the school. So get reading, get sponsored and let's get some new books!

Facebook: [St Luke's Catholic Academy](#) is launching its own official Facebook page from September. This will be updated weekly with events and school news including children's school activities and photos. Please check your Arbor permission is correctly completed. This can be located under your child's Profile in Arbor. Please scroll down to Consents section and relating consent is ***Photo consent for Social Media**. Please contact the school office if you would like to withdraw consent.

Parent Handbook: Do see the NEW [Parent handbook](#) posted on our website here so that you can be ready for the new year.

School Meals: The price for pupil school meals will increase in the new academic year starting on our return in September. The new school **dinner charge will be £2.50 a day**. Please ensure Arbor accounts are topped up accordingly in line with the new pricing.

Medication: All medication kept at school is being sent home with your child today. Please check any expiry dates over the school holidays and return all medication needed on the first day of term. New forms will need to be completed for all medication kept in school. If your child no longer requires medication kept at school please update their arbor account.

What is digital wellbeing? With the online world being such a huge part of young people's lives today, it's very important that we help them to understand how to use it safely, sensibly and with an awareness of how it can impact on them. [Digital Wellbeing - eSafety Training](#)

Dinner Menu: Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 5th September is week 2.

Free School Meals: Automatic entitlement to free school meals finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3. An application for your child to receive a free school meal must be made [here](#) or by calling 0345 603 2200.

September 2023: See here for **next years** term dates [Term Dates 2023-2024](#) Please note there is an additional inset day on Friday 20th October.

Y1-Y6 return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Nursery and Reception return as individually communicated.

Mass Times:

Holy Cross Parish Mass Times are:

Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 9am and 11am
holycrosschurchharlow.co.uk

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are:

STM Church **Sunday 8.30am**

OLF Church: **Saturday 6pm**

Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)

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