



It can be quite easy to help and support our friends when everything is going well, but it can be quite tricky to be honest with a friend when we think they have made a mistake. This week the children focused on ways to do this in a caring way. God wants us to keep our friendships and grow and flourish. To achieve this we must listen without judgement and support one another. As the children settle into the new year they have really supported one another to do this. -**Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"This is the heart of the Christian faith: God, who is love, has drawn near to you in His Son Jesus, and wants to share in your life, your work, your dreams, and your thirst for happiness." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:
Reception - Obed
Year 1 - Amelia Year 2 - Sharon
Year 3 - Rome Year 4 - Dawson
Year 5 - Anthony N Year 6 - Shaun



House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More** this week's winners with **77** points!

St Bernadette - 71
St Francis - 59
St Paul - 43
St Theresa - 51
St Thomas More - 77
St Anne Line - 43

Year 6 St Mark's: On Monday, our Y6 pupils spent the day at St. Mark's. They had a tour of the school and met lots of ex-St. Luke's pupils. They also had a science and history lesson. Science was a particular favourite - they got to use microscopes and the teacher even demonstrated a mini controlled explosion!! The children all had a fantastic day!

Mass: On Tuesday we welcomed Fr Bernard who led us in our beginning of the year Mass. Year 6 led us in the readings and the children sang beautifully as we reflected on our theme of friends and how we can support one another in the new year.

Please see the Key Dates link for a full list of this term's masses and class prayer services.

Flu Immunisations: On Friday 29th September the West Essex Immunisation will be coming to St Luke's to administer the Flu Immunisation for Reception to Y6. A consent form for you to complete will be sent out closer to the time. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect

more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. **The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children.** If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact the phone number sent out with the consent forms.

Online Safety: On **Wednesday 4th October (8-9pm) ONLINE**, we have arranged for the Two John's to deliver an important online safety workshop for parents. The Two John's have visited us several times and their events are always **exceptionally informative and well attended**. Please keep this date and time free so that you can attend. A link will be sent to all parents ahead of that time.

E-Safety: If someone has acted inappropriately towards you online, or to a child or young person you know, you can report this through the CEOP button link on our websites (found under safeguarding) - this can be used for anyone - not just those connected with our school. [St Luke's Make a CEOP report](#)

New Caritas Topics: Last week we launched our new topics in the Caritas Curriculum. Children are really excited about their new learning. Do go to the [class](#) page to find out more of what they are learning about this term.

Headlice Please check your child's hair for headlice as we have had some reported cases. Please see the NHS advice on how to treat headlice [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

House teams: On Wednesday all the children came together with their House team lead to focus on who their saint is and why their life is important. Our Year 6 have been busy applying to be the new house captains and we were pleased to announce them in assembly today.

Secondary Applications for September 2024:

Year 7 applications for September 2024 are now open. Applications can be made online via [Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#). Please note that for St. Mark's secondary school a SIF will need to be completed alongside your Essex application. [St Marks-September 2024](#).

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 18th September will be week 1.

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 18th September: KS2 afterschool clubs start
Thu 21st September: Y3 & Y4 Multiplication Virtual Parent Talk 4pm
Fri 29th September: Flu Immunisations Reception to Y6
Fri 29th September: Macmillan Cake Sale 3.15pm
Tue 3rd October: Y3 Prayer Service

Please see the link for key dates within the [Autumn Term \(updated weekly\)](#)
[Key Dates: 2023-2024](#)

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)
<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

