



Being the winner feels great, however in this week's gospel message Jesus challenges our understanding of this. He says: "The first will be last and the last will be first". Together we explored what makes a winner. We said practice, determination, learning and listening are all so important to achieve our aims. What Jesus is saying is - life is like a race- but it is not just about who comes first it is the way we live it that matters. **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception - Ada

Year 1 - Hamna

Year 3 - Nathaniel

Year 5 - Ysabelle

Year 2 - James

Year 4 - Aalim

Year 6 - Evie

House Points: Well done to St Bernadette this week's winners with 127 points!

St Bernadette - 127

St Francis - 94

St Paul - 55

St Theresa - 50

St Thomas More - 71

St Anne Line - 74

Macmillan Cake Sale: Thank you to everybody who baked and bought cakes for our sale today. The Mini-Vinnies really enjoy helping our local community and this has become a great favourite. We will let you know as soon as possible how much we have made.

School Council: Thank you to all the children who applied for School Council. The applications were brilliant and the teachers were really proud of all of you. Congratulations to the following children:

Year 2 - Shepard, Isla

Year 3 - Olivier, Miyah

Year 4 - Nathanael, Maya

Year 5 - Owen, Olivia

Year 6 - Shalom, Ameliah

Reading Champs: After some fabulous applications, our new Reading Champions have been chosen for the year. They will be responsible for looking after their class libraries as well as supporting Reading for Pleasure across the school with book recommendations, competitions and displays. Well done to all those who applied.

Great Open Door Assembly: This week we had a visit from the Great Open Doors Assembly where we learnt that we should try to make a difference in the world by being ourselves and not following a crowd. We learnt about the

story of Zacchaeus the tax collector and how Jesus changed his life and encouraged him to change the world by being kind.

Languages day: During this week our children have been learning and celebrating all the different languages in Europe. We are so lucky to have many within in our community who can speak more than one language and the children are always teaching on another.

Flu Immunisations: If your child didn't received the immunisation in school and you would like them to be vaccinated, please contact the main immunisation hub on 0300 7900597 to book into a clinic session.

E-Safety: Do visit the 5-a-day guide from the [children's commissioner](http://childrenscommissioner.org.uk) which has suggestions for a healthy digital life.

E-Safety Parent Meeting: "The 2 Johns" will be running a virtual online safety session for our parents on **Wednesday 4th October at 8pm**. John and John spent many years working as Police Detectives in various covert roles tackling Online and Offline Child Exploitation. The '2 Johns' are regarded as experts in their field. **Please save the date to attend this crucial parent support event.** They will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, didn't grow up in. The parents' workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it and will look at solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.

Please see attached document for links and joining instructions and note this is a parent only event and children should not be watching.

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](http://Secondary.school.places-Essex.County.Council). Please note that for St. Mark's secondary school a SIF will need to be completed along side your Essex application. [St Marks- September 2024](http://St.Marks-September.2024).

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located here. W/C 2nd October will be week 3.

Try a school dinner day: Thursday 5th October is "try a school dinner day". Please encourage your child to try a school dinner on this day, remember, school meals are delicious and nutritious at just £2.50 for KS2 children. Children in KS1 with a packed lunch will be encouraged to try something on this day. Our menu this day is:

Beef Burger and wedges

Veggie Burger and wedges

Jacket Potato

served with Cheese, Beans or Tuna toppings

Salad Bar also available

Fruit or Yoghurt

Upcoming Dates:

Tue 3rd October: Y3 Prayer Service 2.30pm

Wed 4th October: Virtual Parent Online Safety Workshop 8-9am

Mon 9th October: Y6 Residential

Tue 17th Oct: Face to Face Parents Evening Y1-Y6

Wed 18th Oct: Virtual Parents Evening Y1-Y6

Wed 18th Oct: St Luke's Feast Day Mass 10:50am (Parents Welcome)

Wed 18th Oct: Reception Gruffalo Tea Party 2.30 pm

Please see the link for key dates within the Autumn Term (updated weekly)

[Key Dates: 2023-2024](http://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/

Trust Vacancies: The Trustees of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Multi Academy Trust wish to appoint for the following vacancies:

Position	Closing Date	School
Midday Assistant	04/10/2023	St Alban's
Midday Assistant	04/10/2023	St Luke's
Cleaner	04/10/2023	St Alban's

For further details please visit

www.ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk

