



“Actions speak louder than words” a proverb we often hear and I which I frequently see around school. Our actions show us as we are. The children’s ability to be kind and considerate and helpful to all in our community shows me that they care. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us once more of sons who are asked to do something for their father. One agrees and then does not do the tasks and one says no, but then does complete the task. As Jesus reminds us, it is the son who completes the task the one who we should follow, even if there was refusal to start with. For that reason we continue to live by the proverb: Actions speak louder than words.

Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

“May Mary, mirror of holiness, help us be sincere Christians” **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception - Clara

Year 1 – Stanley

Year 3 – Adam

Year 5 – Olivia

Year 2 – Nora

Year 4 – Gracie

Year 6 – Eros



House Points: Well done to St Paul’s this week’s winners with 111 points!

St Bernadette – 103

St Francis – 80

St Paul – 111

St Theresa – 93

St Thomas More – 82

St Anne Line – 85

School Council: School Council have now announced their annual art gallery competition. The theme is God’s Garden and should be made from recycled materials. Entries are 50p and there will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Entries need to be returned Thursday 12th of October 2023 at the latest.

Rosary: As we start the month of October we have begun the Rosary. The rosary is dedicated to Mary and whilst we pray this we remember times in Mary’s life as the mother of Jesus. This week the Chaplaincy team led us in prayer focusing on the Glorious Mysteries. If your child has a set of rosary beads, do bring them in so they can share their prayer in class.

Parents Evenings Y1-Y6: If you haven’t already done so, appointments can be booked via Arbor until midnight on Sunday 15th October. In addition to the class teacher appointments there will be a limited number of appointments with the Inclusion Lead. If you would like to book in for one of these slots, you will need to contact the school office via email.

Uniform: To help your child keep track of their uniform please ensure it is all clearly labelled with their name on it.

Two John’s E-Safety: On Wednesday we were very pleased to have the Two John’s once more to talk to our children in Key Stage Two. The children asked excellent questions but it was clear to us all that the children know a huge amount of information from what they see on the internet. We hope that the evening session was also really helpful for you, so that you feel more knowledgeable in understanding how important it is to know and understand how to monitor your child’s experience of the internet. If you missed the parent talk a link is being sent out later today and can be viewed for the next 27 days. Do remember if you have any concerns the CEOP [button](#) on our website can help you make reports.

Poetry Day: Thursday 5th October was National Poetry Day. This year the children read poems based on the theme of refuge and how we can find safe and peaceful spaces when we need it. The children then enjoyed writing their own poems based on the ones they had read.

St Luke’s Feast Day: We celebrate our feast day on Wednesday 18th October. Do join us to celebrate mass at 10.50am on this day.

E-Safety: Snapchat have a guidance page for reporting concerning content: [How to Report Abuse or Illegal Content on Snapchat – Snapchat Support](#)

First Holy Communion: Holy Cross will start their First Holy Communion programme after Christmas. If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross please complete the enrolment form to show your interest. Forms need to be complete via this link below by the Friday 17th November. [First Holy Communion Form](#)

MacMillan Cake Sale: Thank you so much for contributing home baked and bought cakes and attending the MacMillan cake sale. The Mini-Vinnies are pleased to tell you we raised

£261.44, which will be sent to MacMillan Cancer Support. This will help families who have been affected by Cancer.

Facebook: [St Luke's Catholic Academy](#) has its own official Facebook page. This will be updated weekly with events and school news including children’s school activities and photos.

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](#) and will close on [31st October 2023](#). 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](#).

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 9th October will be week 1.

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 9th October: Y6 Residential Week

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 2.30pm

Thu 19th Oct: Y5 Class Assembly 9.05am

Fri 20th Oct: Inset Day

Mon 30th Oct: Child Return from Half Term

Fri 17th Nov: Family Quiz night 6-7.30pm (Details to follow)

Please see the link for key dates including [class assemblies, performance and other school events](#) [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/>

