



Our gospel this week reminds us to accept the invitation that God sends us to always be part of his kingdom. We explored some emotions as to how we may feel about this and sometimes we are fearful of the unknown and we may be unsure of how well we will do. God will continue to invite us even when we are feeling this way because he wants the best of us all the time. **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Let us make room for God in our lives so that we may enter into everlasting joy and communion with Him." Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Martin

Year 1 – Presley & Anastasia R

Year 2 – Kevin Year 3 – Freddie

Year 4 – Harper Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Jeremy

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

School readiness for Nursery Parents: From Friday 3rd November every Friday Harlow Council's school readiness team will be holding free Reception preparation sessions for parents of Nursery age children. Please see the attached fly for more details. Please note there will be no session on Friday 10th November.

Nursery Storytime: Nursery parents are invited to join their children for a story time on Wednesday 1st November at 8.55am

Year 5 Assembly: thank you to Mrs McNaughton and year 5 for a fabulous class assembly on their topic Into Africa. We learnt about the geography of the continent and the ancient history of the remarkable people there. Despite a few gruesome aspects of mummification we all really enjoyed it. Thank you for sharing your learning beautifully with us.

St Luke's Day: On Wednesday we celebrated our feast day. It was lovely to welcome parents to our mass in honour of our patron saint. We have learnt that amongst many of his great achievements was that he was an artist. In the afternoon all classes teamed up and shared and created some beautiful images of Mary replicating ones that St Luke painted. The children had a small treat go home to celebrate their feast day. Happy feast Day to all.

Gruffalo Tea Party: Reception had a grrreat Gruffalo Tea party on Wednesday afternoon where we performed our Gruffalo dance and got to eat our Gruffalo sandwiches we made.

All Saints Day: Do note we have Mass to celebrate All Saints Day on the 1st November at 10.50am. Parents are welcome to join us.

Parents Evening: It has been lovely to meet all parents as they have attended our consultations this week. It is so important that we can share your children's great achievements and identify areas that you can support your child to really be their best.

Bag 2 school: Bag's went out for our next PTA Bag 2 School collection. Please return your full bags on the morning of Wednesday 1st November. Please see the poster for a list of what can be donated.

Film Night: I am pleased to say that we have had some volunteers step forward to support out our PTA as they move forward. Thank you for giving up your time for this. The children were very lucky to have a fabulous film night this week.

CPG Books: CPG produce some easy to use books to help support your child at home. These are now available to buy at a reduced cost via Arbor. Do follow the link under clubs to order your copies by Thursday 1st November.

Family Quiz night: Please be reminded tickets can be purchased on arbor for our family quiz night on 17th November. Join us for an evening of community and fun.

Harvest: Thank you for all your contributions to Mini-Vinnies cry for support with the local food bank. See [here](#) on our website to what we have collected.

Firework safety: During this week Kirsty from the fire service delivered an assembly about keeping safe during firework night. The

children had excellent answers and will enjoy sharing their knowledge with you.

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](#)

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 NEW school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 30th October will be week 1.

Upcoming Dates:

Fri 20th Oct: Inset Day

Mon 30th Oct: Children Return from Half Term

Wed 1st Nov: Nursery Storytime 8.55am (Parents Welcome)

Wed 1st Nov: All Saints Day Mass 10.50am

Tue 7th Nov: Y6 Class Mass 2.30pm

Friday 10th Nov: Y6 Class Assembly 9.05am

Fri 17th Nov: Family Quiz night 6-7.30pm

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/>

