



"Practice what you preach" Jesus reminds us as he tells the pharisees that sometimes they can be hypocrites. If we tell others to do things then we too should be doing the right thing and making the right choice. As we started another busy week we have reflected this week on how important it is to show who we are through our actions. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Carry peace with you to give it to others with your life, with a smile, with works of charity."

Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Ariya	Year 1 – Stanley
Year 2 – Lucas	Year 3 – Fletcher
Year 4 – Bobby	Year 5 – Jordan
Year 6 – The Whole Class	



House Points: Well done to **St Francis** this week's winners with 97 points!

St Bernadette – 68
St Francis – 97
St Paul – 59
St Theresa – 56
St Thomas More – 96
St Anne Line – 64

Poppies and Remembrance: Thank you for all your contributions towards the Poppy appeal. As we are not together in school on the 11th we did have a 2 minutes silence on Friday, so that the children were able to honour the dead. Throughout the month of November, Chaplaincy team maintain a school book, where we place the names of those we would like to remember.

Year 6 Mass: Thank you to Year 6, who prepared a beautiful mass on remembrance this week. We prayed for peace at this challenging time.

Year 6 Assembly: We had a reflective and informative year 6 assembly this morning. Their topic PEACE looks back at history and how we can keep the peace. Through their caritas theme of Building the Kingdom of God they shared ways people have struggled and survived in war times and what we have done to resolve and establish peace. Thank you year 6 for such a beautiful assembly.

NSPCC week: This week the children had special NSPCC assemblies and completed some reflections within their class. All details were sent to parents last week with some really useful links. Do check your emails. Please remember if you have any concerns or questions all our information on safeguarding [here](#) on the webpage. This week we share a link to some activities for children to do at home [here](#)

Reading challenge There is still lots of time to complete the Reading Challenge launched by the Reading Champions last week. Each pupil wanting to complete the challenge needs to read a book that matches each of the ten categories written by the Reading Champions. Each book completed gets a sticker, with a prize available for those who complete it!

Dog Walking: We appreciate drop off and pick up time is a great opportunity to walk your dog. Please can we ask all dog walking families to be respectful of others around them and that their dog is kept on a lead by an adult. Please also be reminded dogs are not allowed on the school grounds and should remain outside of the school gates with a responsible adult while you collect your child.

Attendance: As a school we know the impact regular attendance has on a child's learning and well-being; and that having good attendance is directly linked to raising achievement and developing skills for life. The national expectation for attendance is 95%, and we ask you as parents to work with us to ensure that your child is meeting this expectation, to better help them achieve their full potential.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 17th November

This Friday we will host a non-uniform day (no theme). We will be taking donations on the gates for NSPCC one of the Children in Need's supported charities.

Wednesday Word: Please find attached the Wednesday Word which is an invitation to share this week's Gospel at home as a family. We hope to send this out now each week with the newsletter

School Drop Off: Please be reminded that only Year 6 are allowed to arrive at the classroom door without an adult in the morning. All other children must be supervised by a responsible adult until safely in the classroom, please do not drop children younger than Year 6 at the school gates.

Great Pardon Library Homework Club Our local library is running a FREE tutor led homework club. The club is for parents/carers and grandparents of primary school aged children. Focused mainly on KS2 (years 3-6) it will also

cover the KS1. Free drink and snacks are also provided. [Great Pardon Homework Club](#)

Daily After School Club: We would like to gauge parents interest in a daily after school club held at the school. Please complete the [After School Club Survey](#) to help us do this.

Christmas Dinner Day 6th December: Don't forget to pre-order your child's Christmas Dinner Day choice. Please complete the form by Wednesday 22nd December. [Christmas Dinner Day Form](#)

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.



Reception 2024/2025 Applications: From 6th November 2023 you can apply online for your child's Reception school place. Information on this can be found [here](#) on the Essex website.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 13th November will be week 3.

Next 2 weeks:

Tue 14th Nov: Y1 Prayer Service 2.30pm (Parents Welcome)
Tue 14th Nov: Y5 Virtual PGL talk 4.30pm (See e-mail for link)
Thur 16th Nov: Y3 Class Trip
Fri 17th Nov: Y1 Class Trip
Fri 17th Nov: Non-Uniform Day
Fri 17th Nov: Family Quiz night 6-7.30pm
Mon 20th Nov: Reception Parent Road Safety Talk 9am

Key Dates: 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/>

