



Jesus is often referred to as the Lamb of God. The children reflected that lambs are part of a large group, in amongst the crowd and moving together. Jesus led his ministry amongst the common people, he wanted to understand and guide them in just the same way. As a flock, the sheep and their lambs are protected and safe by their shepherd (another analogy of Jesus). Within our flock, here at St Luke's, we too work together and guide and care for one another. Our caritas theme for this term is "Happiness is..." I know that through our learning here our children will discover that happiness through our community.- **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Dear young people, never get tired of being instruments of peace and joy among your peers!" **Pope Francis**

#### **Pupil of the Week:**

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Elizabeth

Year 1 – Dylan

Year 2 – Max

Year 3 – Jack

Year 4 – Gabrys

Year 5 – Frank

Year 6 – Khadeja



**House Points:** Well done to **St Paul's** this week's winners with 164 points!

St Bernadette - 154

St Francis – 142

St Paul – 164

St Theresa – 138

St Thomas More – 146

St Anne Line – 153

**Year 6 respect workshop:** Our Y6 pupils had a visit from Neil, who works for Essex Police and Fire Service. They learnt about the importance of showing respect to ALL members of our community, no matter who they are. The main message they took away from the session was: "Treat others how you would like to be treated."

**New Topics:** Last week our teachers launched some new and exciting topics in every class. Do take time to look [here](#) on the website and find out more. All children have a knowledge organizer that helps to give you a taster of the knowledge and skills that they will learn over the spring term. Do take time to ask your child what they have been learning. There is also a menu of home learning topics- I have already seen some amazing learning completed at home and shared with the class.

**OFSTED Report:** We were very pleased to share our recent Ofsted report with you this week which truly shows what wonderful community of learners we have here. This is now available on our [website](#).

**New dates for new year:** On our website you can find this years term dates and next years (Sept 2024-Aug 2025). Please take the time to look at these and plan your family holidays around them. [St Luke's Catholic Academy - Term Dates](#)

**Aspirations Week:** We are still looking for parent volunteers for this years Aspirations Week. We are asking if any parents can support us by giving up their time week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January **to come into school** and share their work with the children. If you are able to support us please complete [Aspirations Week Parents Form](#). Aspirations Take Over Day will be **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** when the whole school will celebrate their aspiration with a dress up and take over. Children are invited to wear clothes and costumes related to jobs and careers (however creative!).

**After School Club:** Please be reminded that the After School Club has started and runs Mon-Fri until 5.30pm. We are accommodating and aware that last minute problems arise, therefore if you are having difficulty collecting your child on the day, feel free to call the school office to see if there is space in the club. Bookings can be made via Arbor and if you would like assistance making books please contact the school office.

**Reading Champions:** Thank you to Mrs McNaughton and our wonderful reading Champions who are always finding new ways to help us choose different books to read. They have produced this marvellous tree, whose branches help us to find other authors that maybe like someone we have already read. Whilst the weather is a little chilly, why don't you snuggle up with a great book and escape to a different place!

**ACL:** Harlow Adult Community Learning are offering some workshops for our school. In this e-mail is a link to a short form if you may be interested in these. We are also

working with ACL to find out if we may have any interest in Parents Ambassadors - please do see the attached posters on these.

**Big School's Birdwatch:** Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for **one hour between now and the 5<sup>th</sup> February**. You are all invited to take part and recording sheets can be requested from the class teachers. Recording sheets should be returned by 7<sup>th</sup> February.

For help identifying a bird you can use the following link [RSBD - Identify a bird](#)

Happy Birdwatching!

**E-Safety:** : The NSPCC is holding a workshop about keeping children safe while gaming online as part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival in February 2024. The workshop, for families and professionals working with children, takes place on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Full details available [here](#).

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> January will be Week 3.

#### **Next 2 weeks:**

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Y5 at St Mark's watching Annie.

**Change of date:** Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y4 Class Mass 2.30pm

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Aspirations Take Over Day

**Key Dates:** Please see the link for [class assemblies, Mass/Prayer Service, 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](http://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/>

