



Fishers of men, that is what God asks us of this week in the gospel. We explored this in assembly by thinking about how Christians can go out and spread our message to everyone in our families and our own community. The children reflected on how our school values of kindness, forgiveness, respect and encouragement all contribute to the way we present ourselves to who meet every day. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"We receive God's graces to share them with others." **Pope Francis**

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

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Melissa

Year 1 – Nidhi & Ninad

Year 3 – Valerie

Year 5 – Alexandra

Year 2 – Cezar

Year 4 – David

Year 6 – Demi

**House Points:** Well done to **St Theresa's** this week's winners with 89 points!

St Bernadette - 75

St Francis – 54

St Paul – 61

St Theresa – 89

St Thomas More – 61

St Anne Line – 69

**Year 5- Annie** On Tuesday Year 5 were lucky to be invited as part of the first audience to watch St Mark's production of Annie. We enjoyed the fabulous acting, singing and dancing that was on show.

**Road safety:** On Thursday Year 5 learnt about how to keep ourselves safe when walking along and across roads. They learnt about safe places to cross and to use the Green Cross Code of Stop, Look, Listen and Think to help us. They even got to test out their new knowledge in the local streets.

**School Uniform:** Uniform is an integral part in helping our students feel part of our school community. Please ensure your child has all the correct uniform including the correct footwear (no boots or trainers). See [Uniform Regulations](#). If the cost of uniform is a barrier for you, please don't hesitate to contact the school office who may be able to help.

**Punctuality and Late collections:** It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school

day counts. Children's learning starts at 8.55am, please ensure you allow plenty of time for your morning school journeys to ensure your child arrives on time.

Please make every effort to collect children at 3.15 and be mindful that if your child is not collected by 3.30 they may be put into After School Club and you may be charged.

**Aspirations Take Over Day:** The whole school will celebrate their aspiration with a dress up and take over day on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Children are invited to wear clothes and costumes related to jobs and careers. There is no need to buy a costume, pupils could make small additions.

**Mini-Vinnies:** Mini Vinnies have been busy creating God's Eyes this year. They remind us that God is always there at our side to protect and care for us and can see everything- see [here](#) on website.

**Hot Packed Lunches:** During these winter months we know a hot packed lunch can be a nice change to a sandwich. Please ensure hot packed lunches are stored in suitable food thermoses. Please be mindful that hot food left in lunch boxes can be a breeding ground for bacteria.

[Food Standards Agency](#)

**Big School's Birdwatch:** : Please remember to 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** and return your completed forms back to school. For help identifying a bird you can use the following link [RSPB identify a bird](#)



Happy Birdwatching!

**E-Safety:** Did you know there is a restricted mode for YouTube Kids? To help keep all safe, the UK Safer Internet Centre provide [guidance here](#)

#### **Autism Central - Support Provided by Families/Carers for Families/Carers**

Autism Central offers information, group online sessions and 1:1 support via telephone or Teams. A diagnosis is not needed to access this free service.

Upcoming events include:

· Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2024 - Supporting After-school Distress

· Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 - Supporting Sleeping

· Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 - Holiday Survival

[Autism Central for Parents and Carers](#) | [Autism Central](#)

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

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

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

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

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y6 Class Mass 2.30pm

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y1 Class Workshop

**Key Dates:** Please see the link for [class assemblies](#), [Mass/Prayer Service](#), and [other school events](#) [Key Dates: 2023-2024](#)

**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.

#### **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/>

