



How to be convincing. This was our challenge this week. Jesus is said to have spoken with great conviction as a teacher and we reflected on how this then inspired others to follow him. As we spend time this week considering what aspirations we have for our futures we thought about how we must convince ourselves of what our dreams are and then transform this into speaking with confidence and conviction to achieve those aims. We have had such an exciting week finding out about the many possibilities that our future can hold. - **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 – Noah A

Year 1 – Oskar

Year 2 – Abena

Year 3 – Gavin

Year 4 – Beaux

Year 5 – Anthony

Year 6 – Chinaza



House Points: Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with 82 points!

St Bernadette - 35

St Francis – 23

St Paul – 19

St Theresa – 62

St Thomas More – 31

Aspirations Week: It has been an exciting week where the children have talked and learnt about so many possible roles that they may wish to do in the future.

We have had many people from our local community here in Harlow and from parents who have visited us and spoken to the children about their roles.

See below for just a glimpse of some we have heard about;

Year 1: Architect

Year 2: Optical Consultant- *She was very good at explaining her job and how she became it. We learnt lots about eyes.*

Year 3: Care Home Lead

Year 4: Referee- *On Wednesday Year 4 were lucky enough to speak to a real referee! We learnt all about how to train to become a referee and we even got to see some of the equipment that is used in a real football game. It was very interesting and inspiring.*

Year 5: Librarian- *On Thursday Ruth from Essex libraries came to talk to Year 4&5 about the different parts of a librarian's job. They learnt about the different roles within the library but also about other opportunities working with the community and schools. The children even took part in a quiz*

Year 6: University Lecturer - *Year 5 & 6 had a 'virtual' visit from Jonathan, a University Lecturer, who works at Bristol University. He lectures in entrepreneurship. He discussed his*

role as a lecturer and the differences between university and school.

On Thursday on our Take over day- lots of the children dressed up and took on roles in school.

They had a wonderful time learning what kind of skills they required.

Year 4 Mass: It was lovely to have a beautiful mass on Monday with Year 4 on the power of inspiring others. The children thought of saints and people who had influenced them to help and support others to be the best we can be.

Mr Shelley: It is with great sadness that this week we shared the news that Mr Shelley passed away at the weekend. Mr Shelley was caretaker at the school for many years and had retired in 2019. He was an integral part of the St Luke's community and he left his mark with so many children and their families. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers and thoughts at this time.

Playground: Please can we ask that all children, including siblings not yet part of the school community disembark from their scooters when they enter the playground. While we appreciate drop off and pick up time is a great opportunity to walk your dog, 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.

Boots and Hair Band: We are asking that parents follow the guidelines set out in the parent handbook and don't send their children into school with boots, trainers or brightly coloured hairbands.

Supervision of Children: We normally have adults available before and after school near the gates. May I remind parents we are there to meet and greet and answer any questions you may have. We are not security guards and we are not supervising your children. Please ensure your child is fully supervised until they enter the classroom. Year 6's with permission may come to school on their own,

all other children must be escorted to the classroom.

Parking: Again we have received a number of concerns from residents regarding inconsiderate parking. Please park respectfully and not across other people's drives, even if it is just for a minute.

Nursery: Due to the current high amount of interest in our Nursery, we are not be able to accommodate children from 2 years old inline with the Government's extension of funding from April 2024. Any applications received will continue to stay on our waiting list until the term after the child turns 3 years old.

Big School's Birdwatch: **This is the last weekend to count the birds** you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park **for one hour** Please return your completed forms back to school by **Monday 5th February**.

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

Happy Birdwatching!

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 5th February will be Week 2.

Next 2 weeks:

Tue 6th Feb: Y6 Class Mass 2.30pm

Thu 8th Feb: Y1 Class Workshop

Tue 13th Feb: Y2 Class Workshop

Wed 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass 10.55am (All Parents Welcome)

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

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/>

