



We are reminded to be "Ambassadors of Christ" by St Paul in our Mass on Ash Wednesday and this is echoed in the Gospel from Sunday, where Jesus chooses to seek all those less fortunate to help and cure. During this lent we have set our own challenges to seek the rejected and excluded and ensure they are not forgotten. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Let us not forget: God never tires of forgiving us!" **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Cristian

Year 1 – Jasper

Year 3 – Alex

Year 5 – Mila

Year 2 – Trisha

Year 4 – Jayden

Year 6 – Michael

House Points: Well done to **St Francis** this week's winners with **129** points!

St Bernadette - 114

St Francis – 129

St Paul – 82

St Theresa – 121

St Thomas More – 108

St Anne Line - 122

Half Term: School has now finished for half term. Children return back to school on **Monday 26th February.**

Chaplaincy team: Look here on the [website](#) to see lovely pictures of the teaspoon prayers they have made to help our community pray during Lent.

Ash Wednesday Mass: Thank you to all the community for joining us for a beautiful Mass on Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The children's singing and behaviour was excellent and helped us prepare and commit our hearts and minds to our Lenten almsgiving.

Water Bottles: Please can we ask that over the half term you take the time to label your children's water bottles. Can we also ask that the bottles you send your children in with are not of an expense ([such as air up bottles](#)) as they can easily be broken or lost with in school.

School Photographs: The school photographer will be visiting the school on Thursday 29th February for individual and sibling photos.

Scout Day- Founders Day: This year Scout's Founders Day and Guides Thinking Day fell during half term. To celebrate all our children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Air Cadets, Sea Cadets and other such uniform groups, we invite them to wear their uniforms in school on Monday 26th February. We look forward to seeing them in their smart uniform.

CAFOD Club Board Game Night: CAFOD club are pleased to announce their Board Game Night. See the attached poster for details, tickets can be purchased through Arbor.

Year 5 and 6 PCSO visit: On Wednesday, Year 5 and Year 6 had a visit from our local PCSO's. We learnt about road safety and stranger danger. He reminded us that when we are crossing a road, we should not be on our phones, as our full attention should be on the road and traffic. It was a really informative session.

Year 2 Workshop Year 2 had a lovely visit this week from a very naughty baker. They learnt so many interesting and wonderful things about The Great Fire of London and even share lots of their knowledge to.

School Bags: Children are required to have a plain navy-blue book bag or small rucksack this can be purchased from Top Form. Other similar sized and [royal blue](#) bags are permitted. Please send your children to school with the smallest possible bags (containing packed lunch etc.). The PTA do have a small selection of bags to sell, please e-mail the school office with what you require.

Library: Do take the time to visit the library over the half term holiday. Also have a look at their [website](#) for upcoming events. "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – Walt Disney

Year 3 Pizza's: Year 3 made pizza's as part of their Bella Italia Topic, have a look at their creations on the [Year 3 Class Page](#).

"Internet Safety and more!": The NSPCC have shared the following link as they say 'You don't get instructions for being a parent. We know that there are overwhelming, and often contradictory, messages about **how to manage family life and what's best for children.**

*This is why our campaign aims to remind everyone that **we've got advice and support for all their parenting concerns.*** This page has information for many aspects of parenting including digital life - but more!

[Support for parents | NSPCC](#)

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 26th February will be Week 1.

Next 2 weeks:

19th Feb-23rd Feb: *Half Term*

Mon 26th Feb: Y3 Class Trip

Tue 27th Feb: Y5 Class Mass 2.30pm

Thu 29th Feb: School Photo's

Fri 1st Mar: Y2 Class Assembly 9.05am

Tue 5th Mar: Reception Prayer Service 2.30pm

Wed 6th Mar: Nursery Mothers Day Breakfast 9-9.30am

Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day – See attached letter.

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/>

