



This week we talked of special events in our lives that leave us with lasting memories. Things that we look forward to and how these emotions of excitement remain with us for a long time. The Transfiguration story of Elijah and Moses appearing to the disciples is also one of these moments that the disciples treasure and remember. The story helps us to think how we are changed by these moments and this change helps us to be better people. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Lent is an opportunity to be simple and true." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Lena

Year 1 – Bradley Year 2 – Whole Class

Year 3 – Fiona Year 4 – Alfie

Year 5 – Tinaye Year 6 – Maryetta



House Points: Well done to **St Bernadette** this week's winners with **148** points!

St Bernadette - 148

St Francis – 130

St Paul – 146

St Theresa – 96

St Thomas More – 113

St Anne Line - 74

Air-up bottles: Please can we remind you that children should not be coming into school with expensive water bottles such as air-up bottles. This is as they can easily be broken or lost with in school, especially when not labelled.

Year 3 Class trip: On Monday 26th February we went to Colchester Castle Museum. This trip was perfect and it was such fun. It was amazing to find out so much about the Romans, Colchester Castle, which once was a Roman Temple, and how it was destroyed by Boudicca. Everybody loved the trip. We all had fun and would love to go back.

By Valerie [Y3 Class Page](#)

Year 2-Assembly: Thank you to Year 2 for a marvellous assembly about the Great Fire of London. The children acted, sang and explained how and why London was destroyed so quickly in the summer of 1666! It really was fantastic and we are very proud of you all Year 2.

Year 5 Mass: On Tuesday year 5 celebrated a mass about following in Jesus' footsteps. It was lovely to hear of the ways we can get closer to God through building our relationship with God in prayer. Thank you parents for joining us- it was lovely to share our books with you afterwards as well.

Rory Davis Visit: This week Year 4 were very lucky to have a visit from Rory Davis. He talked all about Harlow Playhouse and his job as director there. It was very interesting and we learnt lots.

Dan Swords Visit: On Wednesday, Year 6 had a visit from Dan Swords who is the lead councillor for Harlow. He spoke to the children about his role, which is all about making improvements to our local area. He also told us about his time working at the Houses of Parliament and 10 Downing Street. His main message was: don't give up on your dreams! It was a really interesting session.

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March is World Book Day, we are celebrating with a book sale at the end of the school day (Please bring change), a special lunch and by dressing up as a book character. There is no need to buy a costume, children can also wear their brightest clothes. See Mrs McNaughton's letter attached.

This Saturday 5.30pm – Family Mass: On Saturday 2nd at 5.30pm you are invited to join the Holy Cross community for a special family mass. All families as part of the Holy Cross parish are invited to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

CAFOD Club Board Game Night: Tickets are now on sale for the CAFOD clubs board game night, we hope to see lots of families there.

Essex Activate: Easter holiday clubs go live to book on Monday 4th March at 12pm midday. Run by locally trusted organisations, eligible school aged children (4-16yrs) will receive a holiday activities voucher via email with a unique booking code. The funded activity clubs provide children with enrichment sessions, food education, a nutritious meal and enjoyable physical activity to support their wellbeing! **If your child/ren are not on benefit based free school meals and you feel that they would benefit from attending one of the**

clubs, you must contact the club directly to book on.

School Photographs: The school photographer visited the school on Thursday 29th February for individual and sibling photos, we will keep you updated on when these are due to be received.

E-Safety Instagram safety checklist update: SWGfL have updated their Instagram checklist for helping keep profiles in control. Whilst Instagram is rated at 13+ so primary children would not be expected to be using it, it could be the checklist is useful to you as adults or for older children. It includes **Account Privacy, Blocking Users, Reporting Content, Managing Comments and Messages, Addressing Inappropriate Comments and Account Deletion.** The checklist is attached here.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 4th March will be Week 2.

Next 2 weeks:
Wed 6th 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.
Mon 11th Mar: Y4 Class Trip
Tue 12th Mar: Y3 Prayer Service 2.30pm
Fri 12th March: Red Nose Day Non-Uniform

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/>

