



As we reflected on Mother's day on Monday we thought of the unconditional love our mother's give us. Children thought of all the small acts of kindness that mother's do to nurture their children. We then linked this with the reminder in John's gospel this week that God loved his people so much, he gave his only son. We remembered how our value of kindness should always come first and it is in the small acts of kindness to all that we build our community. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful Brings us to God." **Pope Francis**

**Pupil of the Week:**

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:  
Reception – Noah M

Year 1 – Sophia      Year 2 – Francesca  
Year 3 – Naomie      Year 4 – Kaiden  
Year 5 – Phoebe      Year 6 – Max H



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

St Bernadette - 78  
St Francis – 89  
St Paul – 75  
St Theresa – 88  
St Thomas More – 48  
St Anne Line - 69

**Year 4 Trip:** On Monday, Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Hertfordshire Zoo. We had a great day looking at all the animals including lions, tigers and penguins! We watched an amazing bird show where we saw Cara Caras and an impressive Rock Eagle Owl do tricks and fly above us. We also had lots of fun exploring the dinosaur park and playing on the giant pirate ship!

**Stations of the Cross:** On Tuesday the mission teams led us in the stations of the cross with images from Cafod of those that live all over the world. We walked the journey to Calvary with Christ, remembering his pain and burden and considering how we can use his example to make our lives better.

Our final stations of the cross is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.05am, where we will all walk this journey once more. Parents are very welcome to join us.

**Year 3 Prayer Service:** Thank you to Year 3 who led us in a prayer service focusing on the mass and how we give thanks. We prayed, sang and listened closely to the word of God and were able to share some of our beautiful RE work. Thank you to the many parents who came to worship with us and take the time to have a look at all the wonderful RE learning the children have completed.

**CAFOD Club Board Game Night:** The Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. See the attached poster for full details.

**First Holy Communion:** If your child is currently enrolled in a church programme preparing for their First Holy Communion, please indicate on the form. We would like to support them in school on their journey. [Holy Communion Form](#)

**E-Safety:** Internet matters have guides for enabling Parental Settings on nearly every phone should you set this up. Here is the link [Parental Controls on Smartphones & Other Devices - Internet Matters](#)

**School Bags:** Children are required to have a school navy-blue book bag or small rucksack this can be purchased from Top Form. Similar sized navy/royal blue bags are permitted. Please send your children to school with the smallest possible bags (containing packed lunch etc.).

The PTA have a small selection of bags to sell, please e-mail the school office with what you require.

**Road Safety:** We have had complaints from residents about parents parking on double yellow lines and turning around in the roads. Please be respectful of residents and members of our school community while on the school run. While the temporary traffic lights are there, you may find it easier to avoid Pyenest Road and utilise the car parks off Holly Field or Woodwards.

**British Science Week 2024:** This year's British science week was focussed on time. This covered all aspects of time: Science through the ages; daily time; recording of timings; changes over time and growth and development. In class the school looked at two different investigations. Key stage one looked at what materials were best to make a boat. They looked at which material allowed their boats to stay a float for longest and whilst holding the greatest weight. Key Stage 2 tried to answer the question does longer legs mean you run the fastest. All the children had great fun getting hands on with science trying to problem solve and hypothesis and then being able to run the investigation to solve problems. I hope all the children had a fantastic time experiencing science this British science week.

**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.

**Illness:** Please don't knowingly send your child into school with a temperature. We have had a bug go through school this week, and have been told on more than one occasion the child had temperature before school. Please see the attached guidelines for temperatures. It is vital this is followed for the wellbeing of other children and staff.

**PTA:** The PTA have a range of activities taking place this half term, please see the attached poster for details.

**SEND Roadshow:** The West Essex Local Offer Roadshow for parents and carers of children with SEND will run from 9-11.45am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at The Harlow Hotel. There is no need to book. Details about the exhibitors who are attending can be found here: [Send Roadshow West Essex](#)

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 18<sup>th</sup> March will be Week 1.

**Next 2 weeks:**

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: Reception Class Trip  
Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Mar: Y6 Class Trip  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar: Y1 Class Assembly 9.05am  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Stations of the Cross 9.05am  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y3 & Y4 Easter Play 2.15pm  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Reception Ugly Bug Ball 2.45pm  
**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> March: Reception-Y6 1pm finish  
Nursery 11.45am finish  
Children return to school: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

**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/>

