



As we reached the fifth week of lent we started to think about how we have travelled on this journey to Easter. We learnt about St Joseph, who had his feast day on Tuesday and is the patron saint of fathers. The children were able to see all the values that Joseph shared in his life on our own school value tree and have worked very hard to use them in all their interactions through out this week. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"God always has patience." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Annabelle Year 1 – Francesca

Year 2 – Marvin Year 3 – Talia-May

Year 4 – Lucio Year 5 – Paulo

Year 6 – Shalom & Ameliah



House Points: Well done to **St Bernadette** this week's winners with **85** points!

St Bernadette - 85

St Francis – 67

St Paul – 83

St Theresa – 70

St Thomas More – 81

St Anne Line - 60

Last Clubs: All staff run clubs have now finished for the Spring Term.

Clubs for KS2 will return on Monday 23rd April and new clubs will be sent to you early next term.

Reception Trip: On Tuesday, Reception had a lovely time visiting and petting the animals at Pets Corner. We were also very lucky to see the new baby lambs.

Year 6 Crucial Crew: On Tuesday, Year 6 spent the afternoon at Latton Bush Centre for their Crucial Crew session. They learnt about how to keep safe in certain scenarios, for example water safety, road safety, the dangers of exploitation and healthy relationships. It was lots of fun and very informative.

Easter Mission Afternoon: On Thursday School Council were joined by Mission Teams from other local schools to celebrate all their hard work. They shared the Easter story, designed cards, ate some Hot Cross buns together and even wrote and shared prayers. It was a really lovely event well done for all your hard work.

Service of Reconciliation: On Tuesday Fr Bernard joined us for a service of Reconciliation. Children paused to reflect on time when they had made mistakes. We reflected on scripture and prayed together to heal the hurt that we may have caused others. Children who have received the sacrament were then able to see Fr Bernard afterwards.

Skipping Challenge with the PTA: Today Reception to Year 6 took part in a sponsored skip to celebrate National Skipping Day. Please can any sponsorship money be returned on Monday. [National Skipping Day](#)

Mini-Vinnies: The mini-vinnies are busy preparing for when we return after Easter. Have a look on the [website](#) - what they are up to.

Year 1 Assembly: Thank you for Year one and their marvelous team for sharing the wonders of fairy tale land and all the adventures that occur in castles. Your assembly was great, with lovely loud voices sharing their learning.

Year 6- Workshop: On Friday, Year 6 had a resilience workshop. They learnt about techniques to use when feeling stressed and anxious. They thought about positive affirmations about themselves which they practised saying aloud. They also learnt breathing techniques to use when feeling worried.

E-Safety: Advice on how to support your child in using a games console safely and responsibly is available here: [Games Consoles - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Hair: Please be reminded that shaven patterns and designs are not allowed as part of our uniform policy. Please see the link [here](#) (p10) to the parent handbook for any queries on any of our expectations.

In addition to the above please can we ask girls hair ties are in school colours, this includes the discreet bows they are allowed to wear.

Year of Number: Something for Everyone! The Essex Year of... app is FREE and full of engaging educational content and activities for all ages. It offers important opportunities for your pupils and their families to read for pleasure and have fun using numbers.

Illness: Please don't knowingly send your child into school with a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea. Please see the attached guidelines for illness. It is vital this is followed for the wellbeing of other children and staff.

Holy Cross Church Youth Group: The next meeting will be Friday 19th April 6pm-7:30pm. Please bring £1.50 to cover cost of snacks and activities. Youth group is for children Year 4 and above.

Nursery Applications: If your child turns 3 before September 2024, January 2025 or April 2025 and you would like them to attend the Nursery next academic year please make an application to secure a place on the interest list. [Nursery Admissions](#)

PTA's Easter Egg Competition: All entries for the PTA's easter egg competition need to be returned by Monday 25th March, thank you to everyone who has entered so far.



Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 25th March will be Week 2. The new menu after half term can also be found on the website.

We will be having a special Easter lunch on Wednesday, see the attached poster for details and allergens.

Next 2 weeks:

Mon 25th Mar: Stations of the Cross 9.05am (Parents Welcome)

Tue 26th Mar: Y3 & Y4 Easter Play 2.15pm

Wed 27th Mar: Reception Ugly Bug Ball 2.45pm

Thu 28th March: Reception-Y6 1pm finish

Nursery 11.45am finish

Children return to school: Mon 15th 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

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/>

