



We are told this week in the gospel that Jesus is the shepherd who knows his sheep and cares for them. We are his flock and he knows us all by name. The children understand this metaphor well and know their role as part of his flock is to seek and care for all. This understanding has been complemented in our new topic in PSHE, where we have also been looking at how we build relationships. As we continue this term the children will be looking at opportunities to grow and strengthen this team work.- **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Humility, gentleness and patience lead to peace." Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Leandro

Year 1 – Julian

Year 3 – Oliwia

Year 5 – Joash

Year 2 – Ryan

Year 4 – Lucas

Year 6 – Massimo

House Points: Well done to **St Paul's and St Bernadette's** this week's winners with **99** points!

St Bernadette - 99

St Francis – 91

St Paul – 99

St Theresa – 78

St Thomas More – 88

St Anne Line - 40

Mini-Vinnies: On Wednesday the Mini-Vinnie's were invited to Holy Cross to celebrate their founders day with St Alban's. The children learnt about their founder and the values that Mini-Vinnies all over the country live by. After a lovely drink and cake the children had time to talk to the other teams about what they do to support their communities and write a prayer.

Year 5 Class Mass: On Tuesday, Year 5 shared a wonderful Mass on the theme of peace with the readings and prayers linking to their Caritas theme of how to be peacemakers. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came to join us.

Lunch Time and After School clubs: Our teachers and adults give very generously of their own time to run clubs during lunch and after school to enhance and excite children about all different aspects of learning. As a school we do our best to meet the requests of the children as fairly

as possible. If your child has been allocated a place and they do not plan to attend, then do let us know as we do hold waiting lists for those who were disappointed.

School Council: The School Council have another exciting project and have entered into a rock competition with Baker Ross. All pupils will be given a rock to design and are able to submit their entry if they return it to school. Children will have the opportunity to complete in school or at home with parents.

During lunch time next week children also have the option to go to the Music room and work with Miss Gifford and Mrs Tucker to complete it then to. We can't wait to see what the children do and thank you for your support in this.



Bike to School Day: Friday 3rd May
Students are encouraged to cycle or scooter to school on Friday to support Bike to School Day. It is a good form of exercise and eco-friendly. We will keep a tally and hope to beat last year's percentage. Of course, students are welcome to cycle or scooter on other school days too!

Caterpillars' Journey: We have had some good news this week in Nursery and Reception, we have some new friends. We are looking closely at our new caterpillars lifecycle. They have grown so big already this week and we can not wait to see the next stage of their journey.

Parents Contact Details: You can update your contact details through Arbor when ever you need to. Please take the time to make sure your work number, mobile number and other contact details on arbor are up to date.

If you are having problems accessing Arbor please contact the school office.

E-Safety Chats: If your child uses chat enabled games or apps, do you know who are they chatting with online? It is important to have regular conversations with your children about this. If they refer to a friend, you can check who this is and have you met them. There is further signposting support on this on our website [St Luke's Catholic Academy - Supporting your child](#). Chat function can also be turned off. Do speak to the Head of School if you would like more information on this.

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](#)

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) W/C 29th April will be Week 3.

Next 2 weeks:

Friday 3rd May: Bike to School Day

Friday 10th May: Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

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/>

