



St Alban's Catholic Academy Newsletter

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This week each student was given a seed to plant. I hope that as they care for it and see it grow, it will remind them of the Gospel about the Mustard Seed – a parable told to help understand God's Kingdom and how it may grow. The tiny mustard seed grows into a huge tree; God's kingdom grows from actions of love that pass to others who then also show love to more people. This links well with the theme of today's Feast of St. Alban – thinking of others before yourself. Year 6 lead the prayers, supported by the Chaplaincy Team who helped to prepare the service.

I would like to receive pictures of the growing seeds – even through the holidays – to the home learning email. Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith" - Pope Francis

We are on CAFOD news!

St. Alban's have been featured on a CAFOD blog for our work on learning about Care for our Common Home and supporting CAFOD, lead by our CAFOD Club.

Well Done everyone!

If you would like to read the article, please click [here](#)

Online Safety: The UK Safer Internet Centre offers a [Parents Guide to Technology](#). As well as sharing information about devices, it has top tips, highlights safety tools and answers questions for each device type. You read this guide by clicking the link above.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are holding a Relay 100 and are inviting families to join in. Please see their attached newsletter for details.

Sun Safety: With the hot summer weather soon arriving please take a moment to have a look at Sun Safety with your child. A great video and information can be viewed on the CBeebies website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids?collection=out-and-about-with-cbeebies>



Please remember sun cream should be applied before school on sunny days and children should have an appropriate sun cap with them. Sunglasses are not allowed in school.

Pupil of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Mateusz
Year 1 – Elaina
Year 2 – Milosz
Year 3 – Lara/Alexius
Year 4 – Shreena
Year 5 – Nichola / Isabel
Year 6 – Dominic



House Points: Well Done to St Bernadette!

St Bernadette – 157
St Francis – 125
St Paul – 116
St Theresa – 135
St Thomas More – 129
St Anne Line – 139



Reading Champions

More children receive awards today for their love of reading. They spoke with Mrs Black about the books they are reading and have read. One student said "My favourite book is the Bible"

Reception - Hayden
Year 1 – Jo-Simeon
Year 2 – Shakira
Year 3 – Summer
Year 4 – Lyann
Year 5 – Samuel
Year 6 – Leanita



Mass

Masses are available to attend at both Our Lady of Fatima Parish and The Church of the Assumption in Old Harlow. If you haven't been to Church for a while and are wondering how the services are running during these times, do speak to Mrs Black on the gate who is happy to answer any questions.

The Mass times are:

Saturday	6.00pm	OLF
Sunday	8.30am	STM

	10.00am	AOL
	10.30am	OLF
	12.15pm	OLF (Polish)
	6.00pm	AOL

OLF Our Lady of Fatima Church CM20 2NS
STM St Thomas More Church CM20 1NW
AOL The Assumption of our Lady CM17 0HA

Pre-School Applications: If you require a pre-school place for your child please complete an application form available on the school [website](#).

School photos: Individual have been booked for **Wednesday 23rd June**. Please note, no sibling or class photos will be taken this year.

Nearly New uniform

On one afternoon in the last week or so of term, we would like to have a Nearly New Uniform sale. If you have any nearly New uniform you would like to donate for this, please hand it items to Mrs Black on the gate before Friday 2nd July. We can accept PE wear, coats, trainers, plimsolls and bags too!

Upcoming Dates: Due to the delay in easing restrictions across the country we are unable to hold the Strawberry Teas that we had planned and some of our transition events. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

Other dates:

Tues 29th June St Peter and Paul Mass (virtual)

Thurs 1st July Transition Day for whole school

Weds 14th July – last day for preschool

Fri 16th July Last Day of Term - Term ends at 1pm.

Through God's love we learn together, grow together and achieve together.

